

# ***FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT***

**December 1, 2024**



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## ***ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH***

*Cultivating communities of caring and belonging as  
champions of the gospel by being rooted in faith, growing in spirit, and  
reaching out to those in need*

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## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

We are grateful you chose to worship with us. Your participation is an honor to our community, and we invite you to immerse yourself into the unique expression of Lutheran flavored faith. We love Christ deeply and believe it is He alone that saves, freeing us to respond with joy for all the creator has done, guided by the Advocate to serve the neighbor.

Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, we invite you to fill out the "Welcome to Zion" connection card, especially if you have any pastoral needs, interests in ministry, or wish to communicate with the office for support.

Small guests are invited to take and utilize the worship toolboxes and bags in the pews or immerse themselves in the Playground at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a nursery located next to the restrooms in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, along with changing stations in both restrooms for your convenience.

Your siblings in Christ,  
Zion Lutheran Church

## ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GATHERING**

GATHERING HYMN      ***Blessed Be the God...***      **ELW #250**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING *(please stand)*

HYMN OF EXPECTATION      ***Peace, Peace, Peace***      Vs. 2

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

KIDS' TIME *(please be seated)*

HYMN OF PREPARATION *(please stand)* **O Come... ELW #257**

Vs. 1 and Refrain

GOSPEL **Luke 23:1-5** Pew Bible NT, pg. 90

PREPARING FOR THE WORD *(please be seated)*

FOCUS TEXT **Daniel 6:6-27** Pew Bible OT, pg. 921

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Come, Thou Almighty King ELW #408**  
*(please stand on last verse)*

## OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

OFFERING HYMN **O Bread of Life from Heaven ELW #480**

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

## MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LITANY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION HYMN **Lamb of God ELW, pg. 154**

MUSICAL OFFERING *Sonya Kempf, organ*

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

SENDING HYMN **Comfort, Comfort Now... ELW #256**

SENDING WORDS & POSTLUDE

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS***

**As a community of faith, we are connected through joy, sorrow, and worship and called to pray without ceasing. Please pray with us for:**

Lois Leicht, Bernice Schock, Gladys Melcher

**And for those with long-term care needs:**

Alyssa Weber, Kathy Johnson, Jerry Gab, Barb Gardner, Ken Cordingley, Esther Ottenbacher, Norma Nielsen, Joy Kusler, Sharon Wagemann, Sharon Paranto, Kari Brown

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## ***ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST***

*There is no radio broadcast sponsor for today.*

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can listen along on KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM) at 9:00 AM each Sunday morning.

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## ***DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS***

Theme for the month: Presence Manifesting in the Present

*Church Ministry Focus:* Mission and Outreach & Faith Formation

*Special & Noisy Offering:* Mission Trip to Milwaukee, supporting Zion members to live as God's presence in the world

*Tangible donations:* Mission & Outreach book drive for laundromats

*Special Activities:* Advent Worships @ 6:05 PM (December 4, 11, 18)  
Congregational Meeting (Dec. 8 following worship)  
Youth Christmas Program (Dec. 15) followed by the breakfast potluck (don't forget to bring a dish!)

**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>** For support of Zion ministries please consider electronic giving. If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code, and it will take you directly to our "Giving" page on the Zion website. You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and choose your amount!



**Do you need an easy way to contribute to the church?** Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to **(844-771-9038)**. It's simple and secure.

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## ***THIS WEEK AT ZION***

### **SUNDAY—December 1**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Milwaukee trip mtg.

### **MONDAY—December 2**

1:00 PM Quilters  
5:30 PM Welcome & Caring  
and Mission &  
Outreach mtg  
7:00 PM GA meeting

### **TUESDAY—December 3**

10:00 AM Staff meeting

### **WEDNESDAY—December 4**

1:00 PM Cardmakers  
5:30 AM Advent supper  
6:05 PM Advent worship  
8:00 PM AA meeting

### **THURSDAY—December 5**

8:00 AM Dial screening  
1:00 PM Quilters  
3:00 PM Women's meeting

### **FRIDAY—December 6**

6:00 PM Girl Scouts

### **SUNDAY—December 8**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Congregational mtg  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
10:15AM Faith Explorers  
11:00 AM Education meeting  
11:00 AM Altar Guild meeting

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## ***SAVE THE DATE***

- Faith Explorer program December 15 during worship
- Church Breakfast Potluck Decemb.15 following worship
- Table of Plenty December 16 @ 5:30 PM
- Men's Fellowship December 18 @ 8:00 PM
- Christmas Eve services December 24 @ 4 & 7 PM
- Office Closed December 25-27

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## ***OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**RADIO SPONSORSHIPS**— We have no radio broadcast sponsors for the month of December and into 2025. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**MISSION TRIP MEETING**—There will be a meeting for all participants of the Milwaukee Mission Trip **TODAY @ 10:30 AM** in Classrooms A&B. If you're currently signed up for the trip, or have recently decided to go, please plan to attend!

**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING**—There will be a special meeting of the congregation held on Sunday, Dec. 8 immediately following worship. The reason for the meeting is to present proposed constitution and bylaw changes that will be voted on at the annual meeting. You'll have an opportunity to review the proposed changes and ask questions at the annual meeting forums held in January. Please plan to attend!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**—Zion's Altar Guild invites members to purchase a poinsettia and bring it to the Friendship Room in the church by Monday, Dec. 23. Please put your name on a note with a message "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone, and attach the card to your plant. You may also leave money and your note in the office if you do not have the opportunity to shop yourself. If you prefer to leave money, please do so by Friday, December 20 by 12 PM.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**—We once again will be mailing Christmas cards to our members who are not able to join us in worship. Please stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and share some holiday greetings by Sunday, Dec.15! We will be mailing the cards on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR**—Need to do some Christmas shopping? Want to take some free pictures with Santa? Stop at the Holiday Vendor Fair in the Central Labor Union Building from 5-8 PM on Tuesday, December 10. While you're there, enjoy some delicious supper and support our group that is attending the Milwaukee Mission Trip in June 2025. Supper for purchase will be sandwiches and soup for the adults and hotdogs and chips for the kids. Make sure to mark the date on your calendar, and stop by to see us (and Santa)!

**THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM**

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| <b>Worship Assistant:</b> Monica Tietz                                  | <b>Lector:</b> Marcie Andersh |
| <b>Sound:</b> Steve Ottenbacher   | <b>Van Driver:</b> Bill Arndt |
| <b>PowerPoint:</b> Shelley Fischbach                                    |                               |
| <b>Communion:</b> Marcie Andersh; Chase Hawkinson                       |                               |
| <b>Ushers:</b> Glenn Denning; Richard Martin; Lenny Tietz; Ernie Dickey |                               |
| <b>Greeters:</b> Lyle & Lois Chapin; Mary Jane Kabrud                   |                               |
| <b>Organist:</b> Sonya Kempf  | <b>Flute:</b> Sue Gates       |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b> Trudy Anderson; Judy Albl                           |                               |
| <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> Zion Men's Group                                   |                               |

# Advent & Christmas at Zion

## **Wednesdays in Advent**

*December 4, 11, 18*

5:30 PM - Supper for free will offering

6:05 PM - Advent Worship with Holden Evening Prayer  
(services will be livestreamed)

## **Advent Fair**

*December 8*

For children during the Faith Explorer hour

Middle & High School will have a Nativity escape room  
activity in the youth room

## **Christmas Program Sunday**

*December 15*

9:00 AM - Children's Christmas Program  
(as part of the worship service)

10:15 AM - Breakfast Potluck

## **Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion & Candlelight**

*Tuesday, December 24*

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (services will be livestreamed)

**Advent devotionals are available in  
the church office upon request.**

# *Advent & Christmas at Zion*

## **Wednesdays in Advent**

Join us as we wait in anticipation of our Savior's birth! Midweek Advent worship services will be held at 6:05 PM on December 4, 11, and 18; services will be livestreamed. Each service will feature music from Holden Evening Prayer and a message. There will be suppers available before worship from 5:30-6:00 PM for a freewill donation.

## **Christmas Program Sunday Breakfast Potluck**

Please join in the celebration of the children of Faith Formation following their Christmas program on December 15! The potluck will be held after the service and Christmas program. Please bring breakfast items to share, such as egg bake, French toast bake, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, rolls, donuts, hard-boiled eggs, fruit, etc.

## **Tree of Saints**

This year, our youth will once again be putting up a Tree of Saints to remember all of our loved ones during this holiday season. Ornaments are \$5 each and will be customized with your loved one's name; they then will be placed on the Tree of Saints at the back of the sanctuary and will be displayed through the Christmas season. You are welcome to take the ornaments home any time after Christmas Eve worship, but we encourage you to leave them through Epiphany. Sales will be Sunday, December 1—Wednesday, December 18. All proceeds from the ornament sales benefit the group attending the Milwaukee Mission Trip in June.