

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2024



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 SONG ***Prepare the Way***

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING *(please stand)*

SONG OF EXPECTATION ***Peace, Peace, Peace*** Vs. 1&2

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING (*please be seated*)

SONG OF PREPARATION (*please stand*) **O Come, O Come...**

Vs. 2 and Refrain

GOSPEL

Luke 11:13

Pew Bible NT, pg. 90

PREPARING FOR THE WORD (*please be seated*)

FOCUS TEXT

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

Pew Bible OT, pg. 921

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY ***Hungry (Falling on My Knees)***

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED (*please stand*)

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (*please be seated*)

OFFERING SONG

What Can I Give Him?

OFFERING PRAYER (*please stand*)

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LITANY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION SONG

Agnus Dei

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

SENDING SONG

Everlasting God

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

ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Joel & Jane Albrecht in memory of Jerry Albrecht and Edmund & Betty Schauer.

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.

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⁺ 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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

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

MONDAY—December 9

1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY—December 10

10:00 AM Staff meeting
11:30 AM Zion Book Club
5:30 PM Worship & Music
5-7 PM Vendor Fair fundraiser

WEDNESDAY—December 11

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

THURSDAY—December 12

1:00 PM Quilters

SATURDAY—December 14

10:00 AM Christmas program
rehearsal

SUNDAY—December 15

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Breakfast potluck
10:30 AM Council meeting

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Table of Plenty | December 16 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Newsletter Deadline | December 17 end of day |
| • Men's Fellowship | December 18 @ 8:00 PM |
| • Christmas Eve services | December 24 @ 4 & 7 PM |
| • Office Closed | December 25-27 |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING—There will be a special meeting of the congregation held **TODAY** 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! Faith Explorer youth will be dismissed and will meet in the basement following worship.

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, December 15! We will be mailing the cards on Monday the 16th.

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)!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS—

We are working on a new worship volunteer and van driver schedule for 2025. If you would be willing to help with worship (usher, communion server, etc.) or would like to drive van, and are not already in the rotation, please visit with Sandra.

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.

SNOWBLOWER TRAINING—

We are looking to train a handful of people on running the new snowblower. The goal is to have six people willing to be on call in case the sidewalks need cleared for worship. If you would be willing to be one of these people, please visit with Mike Bretsch or Pastor Nicole. There will be a training following midweek Advent services on Wed.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Sandra Anderson **Lector:** Sharon Stroschein

Sound: Kathy Heffernan

Van Driver: Jerold Gehring

PowerPoint: Noah VanderWeyst

Communion: Allen/Kirsten Nash;

Ushers: Doug & Sharlene Wanttie; Harvey & Deb Hardy

Greeters: Dennis & Julie Beusch

Praise Band: Stephanie Hawkinson, Phyllis Gab, Stacy Geffre, Garry Johnson, Vicki Carlson, Rhonda Strouckel, Mike German, Cadynce German

Altar Guild: Judy Albl; Trudy Anderson

Coffee Hosts: Sharon Paranto; Marje Kaiser