

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15, 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

OPENING SONG ***Come On, Ring Those Bells*** (children only)

GATHERING LITURGY

PROGRAM BEGINS

SONG ***People Look East*** **ELW #248 vs. 4**

THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGEL

SONG ***The Angel Gabriel Came...*** **ELW #265**

THE PRESENCE OF GOVERNMENT OPPRESSION
THE PRESENCE OF JOSEPH AND MARY
THE PRESENCE OF BABY JESUS

SONG ***Away in a Manger*** **ELW #277**
(Children vs. 1; congregation vs. 2&3)

THE PRESENCE OF THE SHEPHERDS (AND ANGELS)

SONG ***Angels We Have Heard on High*** **ELW #289**
(Children sing refrain; congregation sing verses)

THE PRESENCE OF THE GOD

SONG ***Awesome God*** (Children only)

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (*please be seated*)

OFFERING SONG ***Christmas Offering***

OFFERING PRAYER (*please stand*)

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LITANY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION SONG ***Messiah***

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

SENDING SONG ***Go Tell It on the Mountain***
(Children sing refrain; congregation sing verses)

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:
Delbert Rohrbach, Lois Leicht, Gladys Melcher, Bernice Schock

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, Dale Golz

ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Zion's Worship & Music/Altar Guild committee in celebration of the blessed members, loved ones, and visitors who share in the Good News of Jesus' birth, with songs of joy.

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)
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 15

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

MONDAY—December 16

1:00 PM Quilters
5:30 PM Table of Plenty meal

TUESDAY—December 17

Newsletter Deadline
10:00 AM Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY—December 18

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

THURSDAY—December 19

1:00 PM Quilters

FRIDAY—December 20

6:00 PM Girl Scouts

SUNDAY—December 22

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Christmas Eve services | December 24 @ 4 & 7 PM |
| • Office Closed | December 25-27; January 1 |
| • Allevery Fun Night | January 6 from 6-9 PM |
| • MS & HS New Year's party | January 12 @ 1:00 PM |
| • Annual mtg forums | January 12 & 19 |
| • Annual meeting | January 26 after worship |
| • Winter Vendor Fair | February 1 from 9 AM—2 PM |
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **tomorrow**.

BREAKFAST POTLUCK—There will be a breakfast potluck following worship this morning in the fellowship hall. Please plan to stay and enjoy some delicious food and fellowship together as a faith family!

MIDWEEK WORSHIP—Join us for our last midweek Advent service on this upcoming Wednesday the 18th. The Worship & Music committee will be serving Dennis Hanson's famous chili.

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.

CMAS EVE—Join us for worship at 4 & 7 PM on Christmas Eve. Services will feature Holy Communion and candlelight.

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.

TREE OF SAINTS—This year, our youth will once again be putting up a Tree of Saints to remember all 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. Sales will conclude on Wednesday the 18th. All proceeds benefit the group attending the Mission Trip.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Sandra Anderson

Van Driver: Tom Bretsch

Sound: Zach Anderson

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Communion: Steve Ottenbacher; Chastity Madsen

Ushers: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lenny Berger

Greeters: Lester Harty; Rose Wiedrich

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

Altar Guild: Judy Albl; Trudy Anderson