

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 22, 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 HYMN ***My Soul Proclaims...*** **ELW #251**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING *(please stand)*

SONG OF EXPECTATION ***Peace, Peace, Peace***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KIDS' TIME (*please be seated*)

FIRST READING **Psalm 113** Pew Bible OT, pg. 623

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

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

ELW #257 Vs. 4, 7 with Refrain

GOSPEL **Luke 1:26-45** Pew Bible NT, pg. 58

SERMON (*please be seated*)

HYMN OF THE DAY **The Angel Gabriel...** **ELW #265**
(*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*)

MUSICAL OFFERING *Zach Anderson & Zoe Kempf*

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**

I Come with Joy **ELW #482**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

SENDING HYMN **Prepare the Royal...** **ELW #264 vs. 1,4**

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, Sharon Wagemann, Sharon Paranto, Kari Brown, Dal Golz

ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Stacy and Elsie Geffre in celebration of the birth of the one that is the light the darkness cannot overcome!

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.

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: **Christmas Eve worship—December 24 @ 4&7 PM**

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 22

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Fellowship

MONDAY—December 23

1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY—December 24

Office open 9 AM—12 PM

4 PM Christmas Eve worship

7 PM Christmas Eve worship

WEDNESDAY—December 25

Merry Christmas!

THURSDAY—December 26

Office closed

1:00 PM Quilters

FRIDAY—December 27

Office closed

SUNDAY—December 29

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Fellowship

MONDAY—December 30

1:00 PM Quilters

SAVE THE DATE

- Office Closed January 1
- Allevery Fun Night January 6 from 6-9 PM
- Baptism Milestone January 12 during worship
- 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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS— Zion's Altar Guild invites members to purchase a poinsettia and bring it to the Friendship Room in the church by Monday, December 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. Your generosity in beautifying the sanctuary for Christmas Eve is greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP— Zion will be hosting two Christmas Eve worship services on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Both services will be livestreamed and will include Holy Communion and candlelight. We invite you to come and celebrate the birth of our Savior with us!

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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS—

We are working on a new worship volunteer schedule for 2025. If you would be willing to help with worship (especially usher or serve communion!) and are not already in the rotation, please visit with Sandra.

THANK YOU—Thank you to Zach Anderson and Zoe Kempf for sharing your musical talents with us this morning! They will sing “Mary Did You Know?” by Jack Schrader during the offering.

ALLEVITY FUN NIGHT—

Mark the date on your calendar—on Monday, January 6 from 6-9 PM, Zion will be having a night out at Allevity Entertainment! 10% of all sales during this time will be given to those attending the Milwaukee Mission Trip in June. **The event is open to all!** Grab some friends and family, and stop down to have some fun while supporting our trip!

QUILT RAFFLE—In January, the Women of Zion will be raffling a beautiful quilt donated by the family of Myron and Beth Walth. Tickets will be 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. Full details and a picture can be found in the January newsletter.

MERRY CHRISTMAS—From the staff here at Zion, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Many blessings of peace, joy, and love as you celebrate the season with your loved ones and begin a new year.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Brent Stanek

Sound: Zach Anderson

PowerPoint: Shelley Fischbach

Communion: Sandra Anderson

Ushers: Joel & Jane Albrecht; Bob & Pam Seyer

Greeters: Aileen Kolb; Lavina Nelson

Organist: Sonya Kempf

Altar Guild: Trudy Anderson; Judy Albl

Coffee Hosts: Trudy Anderson; Stacy Geffre

Lector: Marje Kaiser

Van Driver: Ron Kost