

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 29, 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 Prayground 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

The Bells of Christmas

ELW #298

Vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE & GREETING (*please stand*)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*please be seated*)

WORD

HYMN	<i>Love Has Come</i>	ELW #292
DECLARATION OF THE PROPHETS		
THE POINSETTIA		
HYMN	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	ELW #272
THE EVERGREEN BOUGH		
HYMN	<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	
THE NATIVITY SCENE		
HYMN	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	ELW #276
THE CHRISTMAS TREE		
HYMN	<i>O Christmas Tree</i>	
SIMEON AND ANNA		
HYMN	<i>Peace Came to Earth</i>	ELW #285

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED	<i>(please stand)</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH	God of Grace, receive our prayer.	
SHARING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERING	<i>(please be seated)</i>	
OFFERING HYMN	<i>Let All Together...</i>	ELW #287 vs. 1,5,6
OFFERING PRAYER	<i>(please stand)</i>	

THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD		
CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING		ELW, pg. 219
LORD'S PRAYER		

SENDING

BLESSING		
SENDING HYMN	<i>Let Our Gladness Have No End</i>	ELW #291
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 Zach, Sandra, Everett, and Eloise Anderson wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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

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 29

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Fellowship

MONDAY—December 30

Year-end donations due

1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY—December 31

Office open 9 AM—12 PM

10:00 AM Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY—January 1

Office closed

THURSDAY—January 2

1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY—January 5

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Fellowship

10:30 AM Faith Explorers

10:30 AM Undecorate church

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Welcome & Caring | January 6 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Mission & Outreach | January 6 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Allevity 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

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!

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.

YEAR-END DONATIONS—Just a reminder that all end of the year donations you would like counted in the 2024 tax season need to be in the church office by 3 PM on Monday, December 30.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL NEW YEAR'S PARTY—

There will be a New Year's party for middle and high school youth on Sunday, January 12 @ 1:00 PM in the Zion Youth Room. We will play some Minute to Win It games with prizes, snacks, and more! Join us for a time of celebration and fellowship with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

FORUMS—There will be two forums held ahead of the annual meeting. These forums will be held on January 12 and January 19 at the beginning of fellowship time. Please be sure to bring any questions you have to these sessions, including questions about the proposed constitution and

bylaw changes.

2025 OFFERING

ENVELOPES—are out on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take time to find yours and keep them in a safe place until next week when you can begin using them.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION

TAKE DOWN—Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season at Zion. Following worship and fellowship on Sunday, January 5th, decorations will need to be taken down and put away. Many hands make light work, so please plan to stay for the men's pancake breakfast and clean up following at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary.

WINTER VENDOR FAIR—

Zion will be hosting the annual Winter Vendor Fair on Saturday, February 1, starting at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. If you would like to have a booth at the event, please call the church office at 225-6755. Cost is \$30.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Leading: Sandra Anderson

Sound: Steve Ottenbacher

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Ushers: Jeremy & Nicole Schutter

Pianist: Sue Gates

Altar Guild: Trudy Anderson; Judy Albl

Coffee Hosts: Ken & Ruth Cordingly; Zion Fellowship

Lector: Kathy Heffernan

Van Driver: Lester Harty