

December 22, 2018

Zion Lutheran Church

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As We Gather

A warm and hearty welcome to you! It's a privilege and honor to worship the Crucified, Risen, and Ascended Jesus with you today! The believers of Zion are a caring community, and we're glad to have you here! As always, please make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ.

Service Notes . . .

In Preparation for Worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is on the back of this page. You may want to take a few minutes to look it over and place a ribbon on the Psalm assigned for today as well as the Divine Service Liturgy we'll be following in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. May God seriously bless your worship with us this day...a new day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes kneeling or standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to kneel, stand, or sit. All are appropriate! So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

THE OFFERING: If you are our guest today, you are not expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at Zion...you are our guest! Please remember to fill out the Friendship Book (located at the end of the Pew) and sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.



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Fourth Sunday in Advent

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Welcome

Fourth SUNDAY: Hope for Those Who are Wounded

Responsive litany (please rise)

P: Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P: For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P: For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P: For relationships left in decay and neglect:

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P: For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Closing Prayer (All)

Merciful God, Advent reminds us that You left heaven's majesty to walk among wounded people in a broken world. We thank you that your love knows no boundaries or limitations. No wound of this earth is greater than the wounds You came to heal. For all who suffer this day, light the way, O Lord, towards the promise of healing and wholeness made known in You. Amen.

(Sit)

Opening Hymn 798 "The God of Abraham Praise" (vs 1-4)

Confession and Absolution	p.203
(Please Kneel as you are able)	

Psalm 80:1-7 (in front of Hymnal Spoken responsively by half verse)

All Say: "Glory be to the Father..."

Kyrie	p.204ff
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Micah 5:2-5a(ESV)

Scripture Readings

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace

R: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Hebrews 10:5-10(ESV)

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” ⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

R: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Rise for the Alleluia

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Luke 1:39-45 (ESV)

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be^f a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You, O Christ**

Apostles' Creed

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(Ushers collect Prayer Requests and bring them to Pastor)

Hymn of the Day 357 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Sermon: “**Christ The Savior Is Born**” (Luke 2:11)

Our Prayers: Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Opportunity for Offering: Please record your attendance and communion participation in the black Friendship book. Return book to the outside of the pew.

Offering

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus & Benediction

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Closing Hymn 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (Verses 1-2)

Announcements

December 22, 2018

WELCOME VISITORS! We wish to welcome all visitors and guests to worship the Triune God with us. May He go with you during the week, and we invite you to worship with us again. Our restrooms are located near the East entrance door – across from the church mail boxes.

“OUR PURPOSE IN ZION is to be a growing, caring, community of believers in Christ who help strengthen one another through prayer and fellowship in Word and Sacrament to bring others to Christ”

A NURSERY is provided on the lower level of the education unit for families with infants and small children; a television is available in the nursery, so you may listen and watch the worship service. There is a Changing Table located there.

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. We ask that the activity bags be returned after the worship service. *Thank you!*

PERSONAL SOUND RECEIVERS: If you have a hearing problem you may use Zion’s Personal Sound Receivers that can be found on the bulletin stand in the Narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS PROVIDED THIS MONTH BY:

- 12/9 Molitor in memory of Abigail Molitor
- 12/16 Marlyn Poppen in memory of Gloria Wolters
- 12/23 Sue Prozinski



“PRAYER CHAIN” contact person is Gloria Irwin. Call her at 632-8044 or Lydia Posch @ 632-6228 for any prayer concerns or questions.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Art Saulter and Eve Koehler

EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK

MON	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
TUE	9:00am	Christmas Day Service & Communion
SAT	6:30pm	Worship
SUN	9:00am	Hymn Sing
	10:15am	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11:15am	NO Creative Worship

PLEASE NOTE . . .

*Women’s Weekly Bible study will **not** meet on **December 24** or **December 31**. We will meet again in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, January 7**, to do lesson #12. Blessings to each of you during this Christmas season!

HAND CHIMES WILL BE PLAYED:

Christmas Eve for Prelude “Away in a Manger” & Christmas Day prior to readings “Away in a Manger”.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY ~ December 15 & 16, 2018 (22/92/7) = 121)



Current	\$2,710.00	Building Fund.....	\$219.00
Loose	\$71.00	Building Memorial	\$150.00
Mission	\$40.00	Youth	\$5.00
.....		Youth Cookies.....	\$20.00
.....		Door Offering.....	\$240.66
TOTAL OPERATING:.....	\$2,821.00	TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS:	\$634.66
NEEDED FOR EXPENSES:	\$3,185.00		
Building -Memorial in memory of Lloyd Fritz.			
Door Offering for St. Otto's Care Center			

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Topic for today is, "The King's Strength!" Next week, "A Long Good-bye"

Sermons can be heard on Sunday at:

6:05am @ WCCO 830AM

7:05am @ KFML 94.1FM

6:10am @ KLTF 960AM

5:00pm @ KCFB 91.5FM

6:30am @ KEYL 1400AM –

(Sermons are posted on our church website (worship/music page)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – December 23

We are so glad that you are able to be here today for the Sunday School and Adult Choir Christmas Service. It is always a special blessing to hear the story of Christmas told through the voices of children, and this year, through the voices of the adult choir, too. Please join us, following the service, for cake and ice cream in the Fellowship Hall, as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. There will not be Sunday School today or on December 30. Sunday School will resume at 10:15 a.m. on **January 6, 2019**.

KEITH FELLBAUM'S NEW ADDRESS

Highgate Senior Living

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Billings, MT 59102

His phone number remains the same: 320.632.6368

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2019 offering envelopes are in your church mailbox. Please do not use them until after January 1st, 2019. Thank you.

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LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

The deadline for subscribing to the monthly Lutheran Witness magazine is February 1st. If you would like to receive this magazine, please contact Barb in the office by phone, email or a note on the desk. The cost for the magazine is \$22.56 for the year. Please make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and note that it is for the LW magazine subscription.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

- > Children Christmas Program – The children will tell the story of Christ’s birth.
- > Stay for Jesus’ birthday party after worship in the fellowship hall.
- > “KID’S PRAISE” CREATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE will resume on January 6 at 11:15am.

YOUTH MINISTRY --- Fund Raising and Support !!!!!!!THINK CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

- > We currently have two youth and two adults who are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in July 2019. They are raising support through the following items...
 - COOK BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE - \$10. Get a last minute Christmas gifts for friends and relatives. Make your shopping easy... buy your books today.
 - ZION LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE – DISCOUNTED NOW ONLY \$10 EACH. Limited sizes ... youth through adult.

ADULT / FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

- > “NEW” Adult Bible Class: “How To Manage Your Money” (Larry Burkett) led by DCO Peter Keyes. Starting January 10 - Thursday evenings at 6pm – 7pm. Sign up for class on ministry table.
- > FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/zionlf
- > STAY INFORMED ON OUR WEBPAGE: www.zionlf.com

BRING IT HOME

- > Week 13 – Reading List for December 24 thru December 30 is pinned to the community bulletin board under the BRING IT HOME poster. Take a copy as you leave church today. Follow the suggestions for engaging your family in daily devotions.

OUTREACH

- > January – Friendship Club... guest speaker will be talking about grief support for those who have recently suffered a loss in their family. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE... JAUARY 25, AT 1:00 PM.
- > FARE-FOR-ALL... We have posted the new 2019 schedule for the Fare-for-All food share program on the community bulletin board. This program provides food packages at discounted prices to help stretch your grocery budget. Open to all people, no income restrictions.
- > CENTERSHOT... What is it? How would we use it? Who will benefit? Reserve Saturday, January 12 on your calendar for an informational meeting about the program. DCE Tim Stroming from Cohasset will be our guest presenter. 10:30 – NOON --- Pizza to follow... tell others, join us.

DCO PETER KEYES CONTACT INFORMATION:

- > Phone (call / text) 320-232-3108 or email mrpjkeyes@yahoo.com
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Saturday December 22, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23, 9:00 a.m.

Gary Hendrickson	Pastor	Gary Hendrickson
Peter Keyes	Director of Christian Outreach.....	Peter Keyes
Sheldon Prozinski	Elders.....	Jerry Knafla
Peggy Dolney	Organist.....	Peggy Dolney
Paul Gulsvig	Ushers	David Dickmann & Harvey Axel
James Rebischke	Readers	Jerry Knafla
Judy Drewlow	Visitor Hosts	Karen Dickmann
	Acolyte.....	McKenzie Bates
	Choir Director	Jerry Knafla
	Handbell Directors.....	Peggy Dolney & Carol Prozinski

Christmas Eve, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m.

Gary Hendrickson	Pastor	Gary Hendrickson
Peter Keyes	Director of Christian Outreach.....	Peter Keyes
Chris Roe.....	Elders.....	Jerry Knafla
Carol Prozinski	Organist.....	Peggy Dolney
Wayne Ganz.....	Ushers	Alan & Nick Prozinski
Jerry Knafla	Readers	Melissa Prozinski
Carolyn Ganz.....	Visitor Hosts	Sue Prozinski & Ruth Strochein
not assigned.....	Acolyte.....	not assigned
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