

December 1 & 2, 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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First Sunday in Advent

Divine Service Setting Four page 203.

Welcome

FIRST SUNDAY: Hope for Those Who Wait

Responsive litany (please rise)

P: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time

C: How Long, O Lord, how long?

P: For those who are waiting for answered prayer

C: Grant your steadfast patience.

P: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

C: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

P: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

C: Grant a glimpse of Your glory in our wounded world.

P: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

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.

Candle Lighting by the Acolyte

Closing Prayer (All)

God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our lord. Amen

(All Sing)

Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

(Sit)



Opening Hymn #441 "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

Confession and Absolution p.203

(please kneel as you are able)

Psalm 25:1-10 (in front of Hymnal) Said responsively, (by half verse) All Say: "Glory be to the Father..."

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Gloria In Excelsis p.204

Salutation and Collect of the Day p.205

Jeremiah 33:14-16(ESV) ¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13(ESV) ⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Rise for Alleluia

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Luke 19:28-40(ESV) ²⁸And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

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

Nicene Creed

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★ ★ *Children Come forward for the message: A New Branch is Growing* (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

(Ushers collect Prayer Requests and bring them to Pastor)

Hymn of the Day **442 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

Sermon **“Speech Directions”** – (Luke 19:28 – 40)

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

Reception of Offering [Please sign the black Friendship book, pass it on to the next person in the pew and return it to the end of the pew when finished.]

Offering

Preface to Holy Communion p.208ff

★ ★ Distribution Hymns **813 & 346**

Nunc Dimittis p.211

Post-Communion Collect p.212

Benedicamus and Benediction p.212

Closing **Hymn 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"** [Verses 1-2]

Announcements

★ ★ *Join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following the service*

★ ★ Sunday Only

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

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: The family of Lloyd Fritz

EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK

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| MON | 9:00am | Weekly Women's Bible Study |
| | 5:00pm | Board of Elders |
| | 7:00pm | Board of Evangelism |
| TUES | 9:00am | Pastors' Circuit Meeting at St. Paul's in Royalton |
| | 6:30pm | Board of Education |
| WED | 5:45pm | Hand Bell Practice |
| | 6:30pm | Jr. Confirmation |
| | 6:30pm | Choir Practice |
| SAT | 6:30pm | Worship |
| SUN | 9:00am | Worship |
| | 10:15am | Sunday School |
| | 11:15am | Creative Worship |

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Topic for today is, "*Reality Therapy*" Next week, "*Redeemer with a Capital R*"

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))

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN DECEMBER

*Women's Weekly Bible study will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays, **December 3 (#10)** and **December 10 (#11)** to continue our study, "1 Corinthians: One in Christ." All women are invited to join us in the Fireside Room for this hour of study. **There will not be Bible study on December 24 or December 31.**

*The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, **December 17** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The study, "The Shepherd's Peace," can be found on page 16 of the LWQ Winter 2018 issue. Join us for this special Christmas study.

*The ZLW will not have a meeting in December. See you on **January 21**.

*Women's Day Out will be on Monday, **December 17** at Perkin's in Little Falls. We will meet there at 10:15 a.m. Contact Bev Messinger at 360-0518 if you are able to attend. We will be celebrating December birthdays. **Please note the change of time.**

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

Annual Report time is around the corner. Barb is getting a head start on the Church Directory. Please update your address if you have moved, your phone numbers if you have new phones or have eliminated your home phone. Many of the phone numbers we have are no longer working numbers.

HAND BELL PRACTICE

Will begin on Wednesday **December 5** at 5:45 p.m. Peggy and I thought we would pick a couple two octave simple songs for Christmas. We will only have 3 rehearsals (**Dec 5, 17 and 19**) so it is important for everyone to be at them. If you cannot make practice or especially if you will not be here from **Dec 23 – 25**, please let us know. I believe these are our members now. Amanda, Bev, Jim, Nancy, Lois, Marci, Peggy, and Carol. If you know anyone else who is interested, please let us know that too!

VOLUNTEERS?

If you are interested in delivering Poinsettias to some of our shut-ins, please see Bev Messinger. Meet at Zion on Tuesday, **Dec 11** at 9:30 a.m. "

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – December 2

For the next several weeks, the Sunday School students will be using the Sunday School hour to practice for the upcoming Christmas service.

***Mark your calendar! The Sunday School and Adult Choir Christmas Service will be on Sunday, **December 23** during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. It will be followed by a Birthday Party for Jesus during fellowship hour. There will not be Sunday School on **December 23 and 30**.

Friday, December 14th@ 1:00pm

Opioids Crisis in Morrison County

**Speakers: Kathy Lange, Nicole Kern,
Jason McDonald and others.**

**Community
is invited**



Support our Church Youth Projects

"Lutheran" shirts & "Cook Books" Make great Christmas Gifts!



LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR SOMEONE?

We have quilts. There are baby quilts, lap quilts, and those for your beds. The sizes vary and so do the prices. Baby quilts are \$25.00, lap quilts are \$30.00 - \$45.00, and those for your bed (twin to queen size) \$50 - \$200.00. Contact one of the quilters and they will show them to you. Deb Cermak, Judy Drewlow, or Marlyn Poppen.

Would you like to help our quilters? We are in need of people who would like to cut fabric. We will furnish the fabric, we just need you to cut it for us. They are just squares of 4 or 5 inches. Contact a quilter and we will get you the fabric and the template.



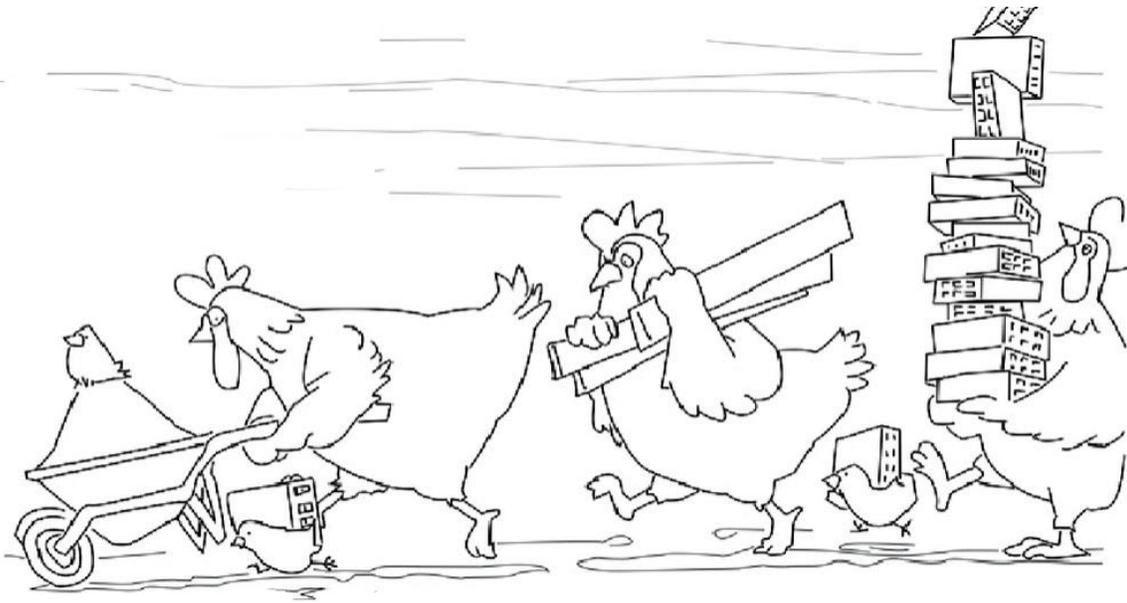
Christmas Cards
at the Greeting Card stand.

\$1 per card
\$4.00 per box of cards

Questions? Julie Doucette (320-749-2289)

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CHICKS FOR BRICKS



Tuesday, December 11

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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**Chicken – Ham – Mashed Potatoes – Stuffing –
Gravy – Vegetables – Rolls – Dessert – Beverage**

Proceeds go to our new Fellowship Hall – \$8.00 per person suggested

Family Ministry / Outreach Announcements

DECEMBER 2, 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Children Message: A NEW BRANCH IS GROWING!
- Our children are practicing for the Christmas program during the Sunday School hour. This year the program will be held on Sunday, December 23 at 9:00am. Invite your family members to attend.
- JOIN US AT 11:15AM EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FOR THE NEW "KID'S PRAISE" CREATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE. This service is filled with songs children will love to sing. Join us today, invite your friends.

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. The youth will be baking and selling Christmas cookies as a fund raiser.
- COOK BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE - \$10. It isn't too early to think about Christmas gifts for friends and relatives. Make your shopping easy... buy your books today.
- WE HAVE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE – DISCOUNTED NOW ONLY \$10 EACH. Limited sizes youth through adult. Bright, fall colors, perfect for gifts. Talk to DCO Peter to purchase a shirt.

ADULT / FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

- SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS: IN NEED OF A LEADER
- FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/zionlf
- STAY INFORMED ON OUR WEBPAGE: www.zionlf.com

OUTREACH

- FRIENDSHIP CLUB: We have arranged for members of the Morrison County Drug Task Force to speak at our next Friendship Club gathering – Friday, December 14 at 1pm. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! Find out how this group has made significant changes in our community to help those who are addicted to life threatening drugs. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS TO COME.
- INFANT KINDNESS KITS – See list in bulletin for items needed. Place in tote in coat room.
- CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Join us on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30am. We will be going to assisted living homes in Little Falls.

NEW CREATIVE "KID'S PRAISE" WORSHIP SERVICE – EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:15

- Upbeat music, informal, kid's praise songs, and coffee for parents.
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO WORSHIP WITH US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

BRING IT HOME

- Week 10 – Reading List for December 3 thru December 9 is on the ministry desk. Pick up a copy as you leave church today. Follow the suggestions for engaging your family in daily devotions.

DCO PETER KEYES CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Phone (call / text) 320-232-3108 or email mrpjkeyes@yahoo.com

Saturday December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

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| Gary Hendrickson | Pastor | Gary Hendrickson |
| Peter Keyes | DCO | Peter Keyes |
| Chris Roe..... | Elders..... | Jerry Knafla |
| Carol Prozinski | Organist..... | Carol Prozinski |
| Marie Holey & Jennifer Hanson | Ushers | Dennis Hollermann & Eugene Doucette |
| Jennifer Hanson | Readers | Dan Stover |
| Marie Holey | Visitor Hosts | Julie Doucette |
| | Acolyte..... | Patrick Holtz |
| | Choir Director | Jerry Knafla |
| | Handbell Directors..... | Peggy Dolney & Carol Prozinski |

Saturday December 8, 6:30 p.m.

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

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| Gary Hendrickson | Pastor | Gary Hendrickson |
| Peter Keyes | DCO | Peter Keyes |
| Greg Rausch..... | Elders..... | Mike Gohl |
| Peggy Dolney | Organist..... | Peggy Dolney |
| Mark Hengenmuhle | Ushers | Harvey Axel & Marcel Bellefeuille |
| Colleen Duncan..... | Readers | Katie Schumann |
| Paul Gulsvig | Visitor Hosts | Darlene Axel |
| | Acolyte..... | Jordan Stumpf |
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