

December 26, 2021
Second Sunday of Christmas

INTRODUCTION

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Once in Royal David's City

Arr. Wold

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

P: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. + In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #288

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Saw Three Ships* Rachel Sebastian—clarinet solo

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

R: ¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

R: ¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one

another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal page 103

C: **Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is **Luke 2:41-52**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

P: ⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them.

⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Kervyn Mach

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer ...

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #815 (verse 1)

C: I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus the Word made flesh.

C: **Amen.**

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Angels, from the Realms of Glory

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: “Serving Christ through serving others.”**

P: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Arr. Burkhardt

Prayer concerns for Zion’s prayer chain may be submitted using a ‘Prayer Request’ card from the pew rack.

In Helpful Service Today

Leader	Kervyn Mach
Reader	Kervyn Mach
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

Total Attendance 12/18 & 12/19: 161

Unified Giving: \$10,219.60

Building Fund: \$300.00

TREASURERS REPORT: Month of October 2021

Unified Giving: \$18,495.20

Expenses: \$22,381.02

Building Fund Giving: \$3,492.03

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$24,242.46

If you desire more detailed financial information there are copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of October 2021, on the table as you

leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH / DECEMBER: Good Samaritan Fund assists individuals with utility bill help, rental assistance, gas, an emergency hotel stay, etc. No cash is given to the individual. We help in the form of a check to the a utility or rental company. A gas card only good for fuel is given when needed by an individual. For a hotel stay we work out an agreement with the person in charge. For food assistance we refer them to the Food Pantry. We do keep a list of individuals and their request in order to control repetitive requests.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the back of the church. Please pick up your box of 2022 envelopes as you leave worship. Please do not use these envelopes until Jan. 1 and Jan. 2, 2022.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning in January, there will be an opening for the adult Sunday School teacher. If anyone is interested, please contact Jessica Dorn or Linda Holt. Linda is planning to begin a 6 week course titled "The Miracles of Jesus" in February.

CALENDARS

2022 Wall Calendars are available. Beautiful sturdy calendars with NIV Bible verses and scenery for \$7.00 each. All proceeds go to the Zion Youth Gathering Fund.

FLOWER CHART

The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write you name under "presented by". You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Altar flowers are ordered from Always Blooming Flowers of Tipp and are \$40.00 for two vases. Color preference may also be requested. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (**please designate under other "altar flowers"**).

Available dates: Jan. 2,9,30—Feb. 20—Mar. 6—Apr. 3—May 1,8,22,29—July 10, 24—Aug. 14,28—Sept. 18—Oct. 9,23—Nov. 6—Dec. 11, 18.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

12/31/21—New Year's Eve—office closed

1/1/22—Happy New Year! - office closed—No 5:00 pm Worship

1/3/22—10:00 Worship—No Sunday School

1/8/22—5:00 pm Worship

1/9/22—9:00 am Sunday School, 10 am Worship

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 2 & Jan. 8 & 9

- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel next to the elevator. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- ◆ **Thank Offering** will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Faith. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

Staff:

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