

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

January 1, 2023

Name of Jesus



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We were “Christ-ened” at the font. Bearing Christ's name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Little Drummer Boy

Arr. Roed

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of life,

C: **you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises

through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #269

Once in Royal David's City

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27

P: ²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

P: ⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 2:15-21**

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

P: ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Kristen Zimmann

HYMN Red hymnal #276

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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 #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.

BLESSING

P: God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.
C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #290

Go Tell It On the Mountain

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

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

P: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Arr. Albrecht

In Helpful Service

Guest Speaker

Kristen Zimmann

Greeter

Covert Holley & Bill Miller

Reader

Chuck Drake

Usher

May Fischvogt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

"Little Kindness" is our Mission of the Month for January. Pam Hale (sister of Terri Darrah) heads up this non-profit. Little Kindness sends care bags to hospitals and churches for those going through chemotherapy. During the Covid shutdown, Pam also sent encouraging cards to neighbors and food pantry participants, nurse appreciation gifts, Welcome Back to School gifts and cards for teachers as well as providing lunch for middle and high school teachers. In the lounge at the back of the sanctuary, you will find a small Giving Tree with ornaments hanging from it. Please take one or more tags and purchase the item(s) and return them to the tree by the end of the month. "Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed."

List of items requested: journal, fuzzy socks, puzzle book, lip balm, body moisturizer (all natural), reusable water bottle, hand sanitizer, chocolate, hard candy, tissue, knit hats.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up. Any envelopes after this week will be placed in the individuals box.

POINSETTIA PLANTS need to be picked up by January 8th.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

Saturday: January 28, 2023

Sunday: January 29, 2023

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Monday, Jan. 2	Office closed	
	7:00 pm	Property Committee
Tuesday, Jan. 3	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA (basement)
Wednesday, Jan. 4	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Jan. 7	5:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	Family Fun Night (fellowship hall)
Sunday, Jan. 8	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Women of Zion

Staff

Dale Schaefer. Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*