

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2023**

PRELUDE

Canon de Noel

Arr. Martin

Away in a Manger Linda Holt—Cornet Arr. Mitchell-Wallace & Head

A Celtic Christmas Overture Arr: Shackley

Silent, Night, Holy Night Kristen Zimmann—Flute Arr: Ore

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

HYMN Red hymnal #283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Susie Gray *Carol for the Advent*
Music: Don Besig & Nancy Price
Flute: Kristen Zimmann

READING FROM Isaiah 9:2-7 / Reader

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 / Pastor Dale Schaefer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #276

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

RECEIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Generous God, You have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of Your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use Your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

CAROLS DURING COMMUNION

Red hymnal #279
#270

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Linda Holt - Flugelhorn

Mary, Did You Know?

CANDLE LIGHTING

A READING FROM John 1

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

HYMN Red hymnal #281

Silent Night

C: Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts . . . sing, alleluia! Christ the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Your birth, Jesus, Lord, at Your birth.

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: Grace from God's own heart, peace from the + Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #267

Joy to the World

DISMISSAL

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. Mitchell-Wallace & Head
Linda Holt—Trumpet

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Dan & Linda Holt in memory of loved ones.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Reader	Tim Rambeau
Greeters	Ginger & Dale Schaefer
Usher	Tim Rambeau

Total Attendance 12/16 & 12/17:121
Total Unified Giving: \$7,475.26

Staff

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIAS may be picked up after the worship service tonight. All Poinsettias must be picked up no later than December 30th and 31st.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Food Pantry Collection is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel in the Walnut Street entrance. 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 Zion. 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *ELCA GOOD GIFTS*

On the Christmas tree in the lounge area, you will find ornaments that have pictures of animals and other needed items for those in need throughout the world. For example, you may pay for ten chicks for \$10, honeybees for \$20, seeds and gardening tools for \$50, a clinic visit for a child for \$10. You can also donate any amount of money and the Women of Zion can put the money toward a more expensive animal - like a goat for \$50!

Please take an ornament and return it with a check made payable to Women of Zion. Please place your check in the basket on the table in the lounge.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order and can be taken home today. **Please do not use the envelopes UNTIL the first Sunday in January , the 7th.** New numbers have been assigned to some of the boxes.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, December 25	Office Closed	Merry Christmas
Tuesday, December 26	10:00 am 8:00 - 9:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA
Wednesday, December 27	No Choir	

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia's are given to the honor and glory of God by

Anonymous in honor of all 16 choir members: Bill & Kim Jones, Susie Gray, Lori Sebastian, Bob and Deb Keppel, Gary & Kathy Groth, Ginger Schaefer, Lil Nichols, Erma Swanson, Joyce Luther, Carla Frame, Mitch Tayse, Felicia Young, Doug Jacobs.

Susan Coon in memory of Gary Coon & in honor of my children & grandchildren

Susie Gray in memory of Allen & Lodema Gray.

Gary & Kathy Groth in honor of our 6 grand children: Shelby, Gavin, Bailey, Abby, Caden & Emery.

Brad & Jamie Kennedy in memory of Dean Kennedy, Sandy Workman and Mary Jenkins.

Bob & Deb Keppel in honor of our grand children: Hannah, Marissa, Harrison and Calvin.

Bob & Deb Keppel in honor of the Weprin Family.

Jill Patzek in memory of my mother, Jackie Fourman and in honor of my grand children: Remy, Maria & John.

Dale & Debbie Rudisill in memory of Clyde & Lucille Rudisill and Clifford & Grace Bowsher.

Ruth Stollmer in memory of Bob and loved ones.

Chuck & Erma Swanson in memory of our parents and family members that have passed.

Randy & Debbie Turner in memory of our daughter Leslie M. Turner.

Tom & Babs Wesbecher in memory of Norm & Marianne Barnhart and Babs' brother, Bill Bessire.

Felicia Young & Wayne Fronczak in memory of loved ones.



PLEASE JOIN US for worship on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday mornings at 10:00. Sunday School is offered for adults and children at 9:00 am.

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