

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Back to Bethlehem

Arr. Ham

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Arr: Hassell

Angel Suite

Arr: Keveren

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 . . .

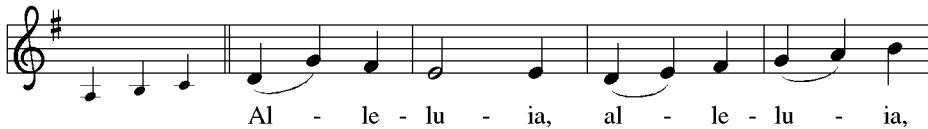
C: **Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,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

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones
Composer: Don Besig

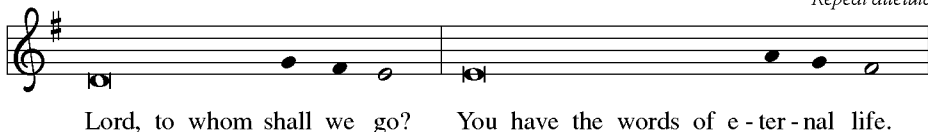
Carol for Advent

READING FROM Isaiah 9:2-7 / Reader

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 / Pastor Jaren Summers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red hymnal #279

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.**

COMMUNION PREFACE #107 & 108

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 #289
#277

*Angels We Have Heard on High
Away in a Manger*

BLESSING

P: The God of love, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy,

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Wexford Carol

The Tayse Family

CANDLE LIGHTING

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.**

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. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Grand Jesus Naquit a Noel (When Jesus Was Born at Chistmas)* Arr. Balbastre

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Communion Assist	Doug Jacobs
Reader	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	Christine & Ryan Schlater
Ushers	Judy & Rick Bailey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 weekend in January, the 4th & 5th.**
New numbers have been assigned to some of the boxes.

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.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Food Pantry Collection is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of no 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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Wednesday, December 25 Office Closed Merry Christmas

Thursday, December 26 Office Closed

Sunday, December 29 Randall Residence Outreach

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. (Not 12/29)

Staff

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

POINSETTIAS

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

Colleen Behnke

Susie Gray in memory of Allen & Lodema Gray.

Gary & Kathy Groth in honor of their 6 grand children: Shelby, Gavin, Bailey, Abby, Caden & Emery and in memory of Tom Beyl.

Linda Holt in honor of Andrew Weprin & Chuck Powder.

Linda Holt in honor of the Dorn Family.

Linda Hood in memory of Edwin Hood.

Linda Hood in memory of Bonnie Jones.

Denise & Doug Jacobs in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Denise & Doug Jacobs in memory of their parents & sister.

Kari Kennard in memory of Thomas Walker.

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

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

Bob & Deb Keppel in honor of the Sebastian Family.

John & Dianne LeGros in memory of Heather and Holly LeGros.

Lilian Nichols in memory of Larry Nichols.

Jill Patzek in memory of her mother, Jackie Fourman.

Jill Patzek in honor of her grandchildren: Remy, Maria & John.

Dale & Debbie Rudisill in memory of their parents and siblings.

Dale & Ginger Schaefer in memory of their parents.

Ruth Stollmer in memory of Robert Stollmer.

Chuck & Erma Swanson in memory of their parents.

Randy & Debbie Turner in memory of their daughter Leslie.

Pat Walker in memory of Tom Walker

Tom & Babs Wesbecher in honor of their grandchildren: Nathan, Sophia, Ada Eli, Addyson, Kayden, Cheyenne and Adriel.

Felicia Young & Wayne Fronczak in memory of their parents.

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