

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve
Service of Lessons and Carols



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this evening be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps, and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Excite us to song and praise on the eve of the birthday of the Christ whose gift the Holy Spirit brings to us by faith, causes us to love, and sustains us by hope of His appearing, dear Heavenly Father, that You may know our gratitude for Your gift; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

Pre-service Music

**Away in a Manger
From Heaven Above**

**Catherine McMichael
arr. Kevin Hildebrand**

Stand

Processional Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten
(St. 1 Vocal Solo; St. 2-5 Congregation)

LSB 384

- 1 *Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see Evermore and evermore.*
- 2 **Oh, that birth forever blessèd, When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face Evermore and evermore.**
- 3 **This is He whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.**
- 4 **O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring Evermore and evermore.**
- 5 **Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory Evermore and evermore. Amen.**

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Invocation and Collect of the Day

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Luke 1:1-25

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among

us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LSB 347

(A brief interlude will be played between each stanza.)

1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over."

Interlude

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed. She hath suffered many_a day,
Now her griefs have passed away; God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.

Interlude

3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here. O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way; Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Interlude

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign. For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad, And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

Second Reading

Luke 1:26-56

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Paul Manz

Third Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Hal Hopson

Lights are turned off, candles are lit. You are encouraged to hold the candle up beside you so the candlelight can fill the sanctuary.

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response:

Silent Night

LSB 363

St. 1 – Vocal Solo (in German)

St. 1-3 -- Congregation (in English)

*1 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

**1 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.**

**2 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!**

**3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

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Fifth Reading

Luke 2:8-20

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Mary, Did You Know?

Jack Schrader

Sixth Reading

John 1:1-18

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 were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who

were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.’”) For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Noel, Noel

Carl Schalk

Candles are extinguished, Lights are turned on.

Seventh Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.”” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response

We Three Kings of Orient Are

**1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. Refrain**

Refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Refrain**

**3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. Refrain**

**4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain**

**5 Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain**

Sermon

All Is Well

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Special Offering Music

All Is Well

(Gloria Peterson, soloist)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Holy God, in the manger, despite appearances, we find Immanuel, “God with us,” to deliver us from sin. Open our eyes by faith to find this same Savior with us in Your Word and Sacraments shared in Your house for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Holy and gracious Lord, Your Son became flesh with heart and hands to bear our sins to the cross, that our hearts might be pure and our hands clean before You. As we give thanks for Your Son’s incarnation, strengthen our faith with the remembrance that He is born to save us by His life, death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, You have given Your Son, born of Mary, to be the Savior of the world. Send Your Spirit and abide with us, that we might confess that Jesus is the Savior of the world and abide in Your love until He comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

- 1 **Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

- 2 **Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the_incarate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

- 3 **Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

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Sit

Postlude

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lloyd Larson

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



THANKS TO ROBERT COREY FOR THE COVER ARTWORK

The bulletin cover for this evening was designed by Robert Corey. The theme of the service tonight is light overcoming the darkness, as described in John 1:4-5, 9: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." This is also captured in the song, "All Is Well," as the text describes, "For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light." Robert has depicted the light of Christ shining out from the stable and piercing the ominous darkness of the world around, with the light from Christ forming a cross. Thanks to Robert for this visual representation of our theme!

THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS

Thank you to our musicians for this evening. Rosemary Peterson and Abigail Clayton, violin; Gloria Peterson, viola; Bjorn Peterson and Cecily Peterson, cello; Josh Peterson and Leif Peterson, trumpet; Abby McDaniel, horn; Bob Eldridge, Daniel Johnson, Luke Lara, and Jon Robinson, trombones; Nathaniel Clayton, baritone; and Johnathan Clayton, tuba.

KEEP THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE GOING

Keep the true spirit of Christmas going in your homes this evening. The religious celebration of the birth of Christ should not be confined within the walls of the church. After opening presents this evening, before sending children off to bed, have a Christmas evening devotion with the family. You could read a devotion book available to you, you could read a Christmas Arch Book, or a family devotion could be as simple as reading Luke 2:1-20 from the family Bible (or reading it from this bulletin) and then praying the Lord's Prayer together before sending the children off to a good night's sleep. If you are not in the habit of spending time together for family devotions, start tonight. Don't end the celebration of Jesus' birth when you leave church tonight. Have devotions with your family.

TAKE A JAR, BAKE SOME BREAD

Are you looking for some homemade breads? Take a jar of a baking "Master Mix" from the cart in the narthex. Chris Hatcher has assembled and donated these jars of "Master Mix" along with copies of recipes to use with the mix. Choose which recipe you would like to use, add the additional ingredients to the amount of "Master Mix" specified on the recipe, and bake. Recipe options include Strawberry and White Chocolate Bread, Cranberry Apple Bread, Maple Nut Loaf, Apple Cinnamon Nut Bread, Pumpkin Pecan Bread, and more. Please take one and enjoy!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN GOD'S HOUSE

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the wonderful news of God's gift of a Savior, the Baby born at Christmas. The best way to prepare for Christmas is not buying presents and going to parties and concerts but hearing God's Word in God's House. Here are the opportunities we have to gather together to hear God's Word and receive His gifts this Advent and Christmas season!

Sunday, December 24, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Morning Divine Service

Please mark all of these opportunities on your calendar and join your brothers and sisters in faith in all of these services, as God comes to us to bless us and strengthen us! Being together in worship is the most important preparation for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you!

TWO BIG THANK YOUS

A BIG thank you to Mike and Blake Twenhafel for preparing Zion Preschool's hall for painting during the busy holidays. The walls and ceilings of the entire hall are now painted as well as the steel doors. Also, thank you to the anonymous donor for donating the money to accomplish this project. Thank you for your blessings to Zion. AND thank you to everyone who donated to the food panty this December. A large load of food was taken from our church to the food panty prior to Christmas Day. The Food Pantry thanks all of you!!

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex. Thank you, Finance Board.

COMMUNION FREQUENCY UPDATE

The Elders have decided not to change the overall Communion frequency at Zion, with Communion being offered on the Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays, along with Festivals such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc. Also, for the benefit of those in the congregation who desire more frequent Communion, we will be offering the Lord's Supper after the service on the First Sunday of each month, starting in January of 2024. On First Sundays, the service will progress through the Benediction and Postlude, and after the greetings in the narthex, those who desire Communion may either remain in the Sanctuary or return to the Sanctuary to receive the Lord's Supper.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION'S NEW OFFICERS

At the Voter's Meeting held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, the following people were elected to offices at Zion Lutheran Church: Chairman, Mike Twenhafel; Vice Chairman, Jon Robinson; Council Secretary, Jean Kemezys; Board of Elders, Dan Eads and Ray Kemezys; Sunday School Superintendent, Anna Pannier; Asst. Sunday School Superintendent, Dawn Corey; Board of Trustees, Andy Sax, Carl Sherrill, and Lionel Timmerman; Board of Education, Bob Eldridge, Linda Hoskins, and Cary Robinson; and Board of Finance, Deb Heck and Cheryl Sax. Thanks to all those who allowed their names to be considered for elections. We pray God's blessings for diligent and Godly leadership as we look into the future. Please extend your congratulations and thanks to these individuals for being willing to serve in the Lord's church. We would like to say a big "thank you" to those who are finishing their terms in office, including Jon Robinson, Council Secretary; Tom Sax and Jeff Fick, Board of Elders; Marianne McDaniel, Sunday School Superintendent; Dan Eads and Greg Hoskins, Board of Trustees; and Jenny Kneschke and Amy Kolweier, Board of Finance. We thank and praise God for the dedicated people He provides to give guidance and leadership in His church.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC SPRING SEMESTER OPENINGS

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg has openings for private music lessons and for "Mini Music Makers" classes for the spring semester. Lessons are available for youth and adults. Weekly 30 or 60 minute lessons are offered on piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, organ, and voice. To register, email Hannah@TheAcademyOfMusic.org or call 618-353-3322. "Mini Music Makers" classes are offered on Monday or Tuesday morning. For more information about the "Mini Music Makers" classes, email Jenny Patterson at jenny@TheAcademyOfMusic.org or call or text The Academy (618) 353-3322. More information can be found online at theacademyofmusic.org.

WANTED: CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE AT LCMS INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSIONARY ORIENTATION

LCMS Missionary Winter Orientation is coming up at the International Center in St. Louis, Missouri and God has blessed us with a number of new missionary families! While the parents receive their orientation to prepare them for life as an LCMS Missionary, an age-appropriate orientation for the children is critical to a successful deployment. The LCMS International Center is looking for qualified individuals to serve our missionary families in the following capacities: Activity Coordinator, Day Care Lead Teacher, Day Care Assistant, and Middle School and Elementary Assistant Teachers. The Missionary Orientation Dates are January 29 – February 2 and March 18-22 with future dates over the Summer. The hours are 7:30 – 5:30 (morning and afternoon shifts available). Pay is provided at an hourly rate. If you are interest in serving, please contact Mark Wolfram, 314-556-7589, Mark.wolfram@lcms.org.

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS EVENING

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Isaiah Clayton, William Huth, & Ryan Hinton (crucifer)
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 31

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey
Acolytes: Brady Twenhafel & Rylan Ganey
Altar Guild: Becky Wachtman
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols	6:00 PM
Mon.	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
	Worship Hymn Setting Divine Service w/communion	10:00 AM
Tues.	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Wed.	<i>No Choir or Hand Chime Rehearsal</i>	
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	No Confirmation Class	
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS IV w/communion	10:00 AM