

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Mascoutah, Illinois**  
**December 28, 2025**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**



*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 morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.*



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## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Ascended Lord, who as Word came to dwell among us, that we might know the love of the Father, lead us ever deeper into the Scriptures – under the blessed guidance of the Holy Spirit—that we learn again and again of the freedom from sin and the Law that Your Gospel has brought us, and that we increase more and more in the life lived to Your Glory through willing service to our fellowman; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

## LSB p. 184

## Confession and Absolution

### *The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sins*

Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must "take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt" (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He "had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'" (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing "his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses" (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. "He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them" (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we "receive adoption as sons" in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: "Abba! Father!" (Gal. 4:4-6).

Prelude

Away in a Manger

Van Denman Thompson

Hymn

What Child Is This

LSB 370

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!**
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!**
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!**

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1*

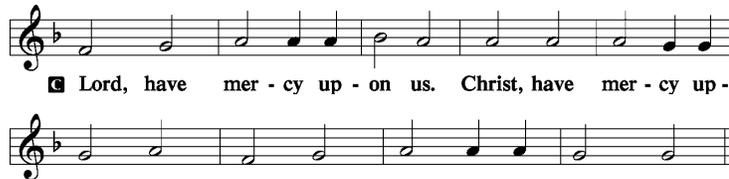
- P** When Israel was a child, I loved Him,  
**C** **and out of Egypt I called My Son.**  
**P** Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
**C** **lamentation and bitter weeping.**  
**P** Rachel is weeping for her children;  
**C** **she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”**  
**P** Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from weeping,  
**C** **and your eyes from tears,**  
**P** for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,  
**C** **and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.**  
**P** There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,  
**C** **and your children shall come back to their own country.”**  
**P** When Israel was a child, I loved Him,  
**C** **and out of Egypt I called My Son.**

### Gloria Patri



## Kyrie

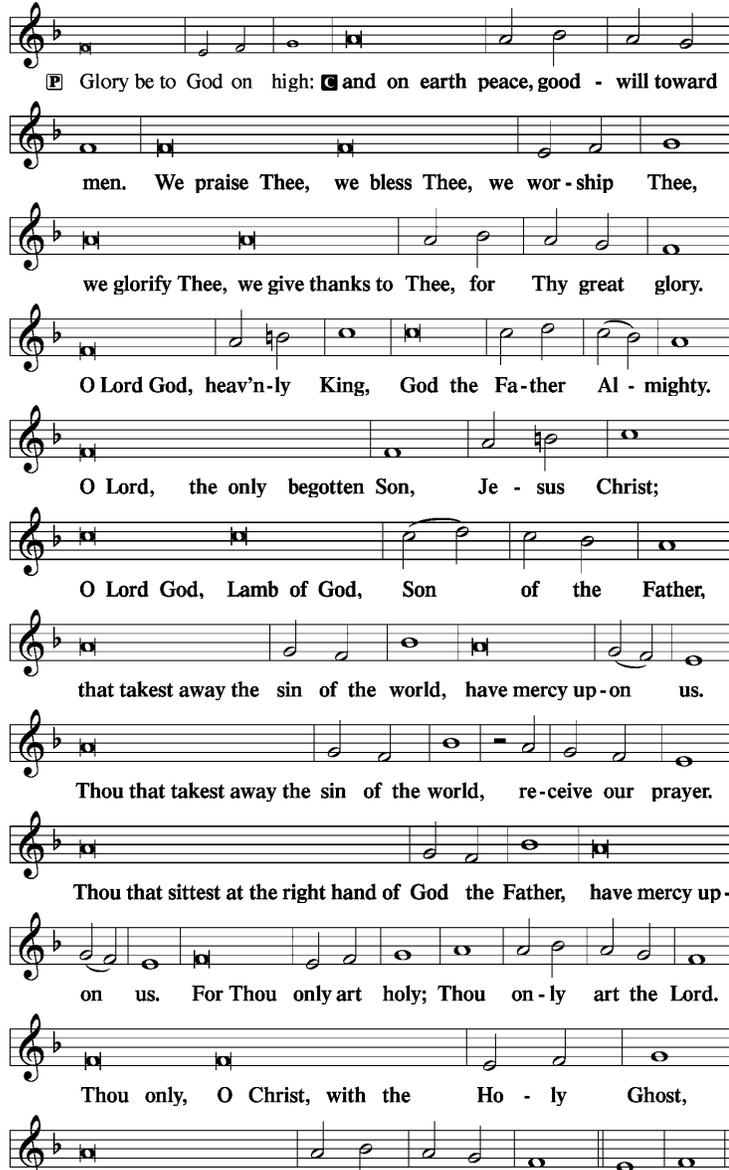
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with Thy spirit.

**P** O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made

Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,  
the praises of the Lord,  
according to all that the Lord has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that He has granted them according to His compassion,  
according to the abundance of His steadfast love.  
For He said, “Surely they are My people,  
children who will not deal falsely.”  
And He became their Savior.  
In all their affliction He was afflicted,  
and the angel of His presence saved them;  
in His love and in His pity He redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.  
But they rebelled  
and grieved His Holy Spirit;  
therefore He turned to be their enemy,  
and Himself fought against them.  
Then He remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and His people.  
Where is He who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of His flock?  
Where is He who put in the midst of them  
His Holy Spirit,  
who caused His glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for Himself an everlasting name,  
who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.  
So You led Your people,  
to make for Yourself a glorious name.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*Galatians 4:4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:13–23*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- 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.

*Stand*

- 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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*Sit*

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

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

Lord, we are the people of Your promise, to whom You have revealed Your Son as Savior and Redeemer. Bless Your Church, that we may enjoy the gift of good and faithful ministers. Prosper Your Word and bring to fruition its proclamation in every place and time. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You give us the gift of each other. Renew our fellowship as the Body of Christ. Grant all things beneficial for husbands and wives, the single, those who desire marriage, and the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friends and family. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants You have perfected Your praise. Silence the enemy and the avenger. Turn the hearts of all who, like Herod, would despise children or destroy the unborn for selfish gain. Show Your forgiveness to those who are penitent. Give Your comfort to all women who mourn the loss of infants, and fix our eyes on Christ, who for a time was spared but has shed His blood for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You appoint leaders and give the responsibility of authority. Protect our nation and its leaders. Grant them wisdom in their pursuit of justice. Bring Your gift of peace in the world, and give relief to those who suffer oppression. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, You are the Great Physician. Grant healing in accordance with Your will for the sick and those who suffer. Give strength to those who give aid and care for the sick. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in Holy Communion You unite us in the body and blood of Your Son. Enable us to receive this Sacrament with faith and be strengthened by it. Bring soon, O Lord, unity of faith and doctrine so that all divisions may cease and we may be fully one at the altar. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, all that we have comes from You. Give us grateful hearts, that we may receive Your gifts with joy and use them wisely for Your glory. May our worship this day be pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You are the bringer of true joy. Grant Your Holy Spirit to increase and sustain us in this joy and thanksgiving throughout the days of this Christmas season, until that day when at last Christ returns in His glory as Lord and judge of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### In Our Prayers this Week:

Sherrie Knutson, Eliza Timmerman, Mia Simon, Sadie Orr, Jennifer Rueter, Joseph Rueter IV, and Jenny Kneschke, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

Others who have requested our prayers: Cheryl Sax & Becky Allen

Hear us, O Lord, for we are the people of Your promise and the children whom You have redeemed through the salvation accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Sit*

### 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

arr. Kristin Campbell

*(Rosemary Peterson, violin)*

*Stand*

### Offertory

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

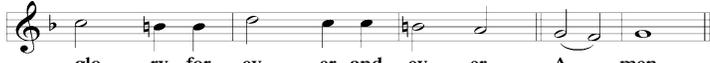
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**P** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth

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

**C** 

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*In Holy communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! As doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation, the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. For this reason, we ask guests who desire to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before service.*

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who*

*come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

**The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**

*LSB 624*

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.**
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.**
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.**
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.**
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.**
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.**
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.**

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**Hymn**

**Away in a Manger**

*LSB 364*

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

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- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

*Sit*

**Hymn**

**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

*LSB 388*

**ref** Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1** While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. Refrain
- 2** The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain
- 3** Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

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**Postlude**

**In Dulci Jubilo**

**Denis Bédard**

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## LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



### OFFERING USHERS

Please review the schedule below. If you're unable to serve on your assigned date, kindly let one of the Elders know as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful service!

- **Today: Ryan Hinton, William Huth, Rylan Ganey, & Max Lara**
- Jan 4 Lita Timmerman, Cary Robinson, Candy Andres, & Joyce Hendrix
- Jan 11 Trent & Sharon Morris, Mike & Amanda Ganey
- Jan 18 Joe & Konya Bloomquist, Mark & Chris Hatcher
- Jan 25 Kris & William Huth, Lee & Ryan Hinton

### INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS – NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>

Installation of officers for the new year will be held during the 10:00 AM worship service next Sunday, January 4, 2026. All officers and board members, please be in attendance.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION'S NEW OFFICERS

At the Voters' Meeting held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, the following individuals were elected to serve in leadership roles at Zion Lutheran Church:

- **Chairman:** Randy Thomsen
- **Vice Chairman:** Jeff Fick
- **Board of Elders:** Tony Lara
- **Council Secretary:** Lee Hinton
- **Board of Education:** Alicia Dietrich
- **Sunday School Superintendent:** Mark Krausz
- **Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:** Marianne McDaniel
- **Board of Trustees:** Frank Jeffries
- **Board of Finance:** Karen Eldridge

We thank all those who allowed their names to be considered for election and pray God's blessings upon these leaders as they serve with diligence and faithfulness. Please join us in congratulating and thanking them for their willingness to serve in the Lord's church. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those who are completing their terms of office: Jon Robinson (Chairman), Geoff Phillips (Board of Elders), Jean Kemezys (Council Secretary), Bob Eldridge (Board of Education), Dawn Corey (Sunday School Superintendent), Lionel Timmerman (Board of Trustees), and Deb Heck (Board of Finance). We thank and praise God for the dedicated people He provides to guide and lead His church. *We still have a vacancy on the Board of Education, if interested in filling it please speak with Cary Robinson.*

### LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Here at KFUE, we celebrate Christmas for all 12 days of the season! From now through January 6th, tune in for special programming featuring sacred music, Scripture readings, and greetings from missionaries and chaplains across the LCMS! As always, you can find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app.

### STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2026...

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. You can listen by phone, (618) 262-0078. You can also listen at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

### **THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR**

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Evers, in loving memory of Roland and Marcella Kniepkamp.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Sean Daenzer  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton  
Offering Ushers: Ryan Hinton, William Huth, Rylan Ganey, & Max Lara  
Acolytes: Benjamin Pannier & Cole Wambold  
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman  
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

### **THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 4**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Leif Peterson  
Offering Ushers: Lita Timmerman, Cary Robinson, Candy Andres, & Joyce Hendrix  
Acolytes: Savannah Murphy & Sean Spicer  
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

### **THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Sun.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM
Wed.	New Years Eve – Church Office Closed	
Thurs.	New Years Day – Church Office Closed	
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I	10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 21:** Sunday: 153  
Adult Bible Class: 22 High School: 1 Sunday School: 19