



Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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PAGEANT SERVICE

Setting three

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Please Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,

in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through + Christ Jesus,

whose day draws near.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 5-8)
ELW 257

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

Pastor: Kyrie eleison.

People: Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: Christe eleison.

People: Christe eleison.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.

As we light the candles on this wreath,

open our eyes to see your presence

in the lowly ones of this earth.

Enlighten us with your grace,

that we may sing of your advent among us

in the Word made flesh.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,

whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

(The fourth candle is lit)

HYMN “Light One Candle” (vs. 1-4) **ELW 240**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he

shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

People: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! (2 times)

Verse: Show us, Lord, Your love, and grant us Your salvation.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-45

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 1st chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

Remain Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" **ELW 239**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities (local preserves, parks, or sanctuaries may be named). Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill (especially). Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died (especially), we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

HYMN

“People Look East”

ELW 248

Please stand

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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LORD’S PRAYER *(traditional)*

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.

BLESSING

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem #279, verses 1-2

(Children sing first verse alone, Congregation joins for second)

Away in a Manger #277, verses 1-2

(Children sing first verse alone, Congregation joins in for second)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #270, verses 1-2

(Congregation sings)

Joy to the World #267, verses 1-2

(Congregation sings)

We Three Kings, verses 1-2
(Congregation sings)

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star...*

*O-o, Star of wonder, Star of night,
Star of royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign*

*O-o star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Silent Night #281, verses 1-2
(Congregation sings)

Go, Tell It On the Mountain #290, all verses
(Children sing opening, Congregation joins in on "The shepherds
feared and trembled ...")

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2024

PASTOR of Zion Lutheran SARA STALL-RYAN

CAST

BABY JESUS – *Liam Schneider*

MARY – *Juliette Srb*

JOSEPH – *Noah Krutoholow*

ANGEL GABRIEL – *Levi Srb*

ANGELS – *Kenny (McKenna) Downing, Anne Dzialo, Elisabeth Dzialo, James Dzialo, Hanna Krutoholow, Owen Krutoholow, Lizzie Schneider, Sophia Stroud, Sofie Taveras*

SHEPHERDS – *Mia Downing, Madeleine Kelsey, Teddy Kelsey, Lottie Schneider, Scarlett Srb, Eric Taveras*

STAR OF BETHLEHEM – *Colin Fitzgibbons*

WISE MAN BALTHAZAR – *Jacob Phelps*

WISE MAN CASPAR – *Sean Fitzgibbons*

WISE MAN MELCHIOR – *Tom Keser*

CAESAR AUGUSTUS – *Rick Borg*

ROMAN GUARD – *Dave Schneider*

INNKEEPER – *Donna Cote*

ANGELS' GUIDES – *Lindsey Downing, Christine Frissora, Emilie Krutoholow, Liz Taveras*

SHEPHERDS' GUIDES – *Christine Kelsey, Mike Schneider*

NARRATORS (*in order of appearance*):

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan, Sylvia LeShane, Philip LeShane, Rachel Brown, Josh Abbott, Donna Cote, Annette LeShane, Adam Stall-Ryan, Geri Pearson, Craig Brown, Chris Darby, Paula Brown, Pauline Neumann, Donna Berndtson, Rob Hanson, Bruce Gustafson, Michelle Schneider

PAGEANT DIRECTOR/SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER – *Sylvia LeShane*

PAGEANT DIRECTORS EMERITI – *Beth and Tom Keser*

MUSIC/PIANIST/ORGANIST– Sarah Dzialo

ADMINISTRATOR – Valerie Schmidt

COSTUMERS – Beth Keser (costume leader), Paula Brown, Christine Kelsey, Kate Schneider

SET – Rick Borg, Craig Brown, Tom Keser, Dave Schneider

INSPIRATION and CHEERLEADING FROM AFAR (Florida!) – Former Zion Organist Allen Hill

Zion Lutheran Church also recognizes, with gratitude, the countless members and staff who contributed their time and talents to our pageant, this year and in years past.

We also thank all who attended and hope to see you again soon!

Prayer List

For Health:	Allen H	Peter W	For Safety:
Clara W	Matthew A	Milluzzo and	Erik S
Joyce G	Bud J	Neri families	Andrew C
Bill B	Marjorie F	Joan A	Todd S
Cathy L	Jessica A	Shirley C	Michael C
Marion B	Charlotte D	Diane E	Tyler G
Lily V	Jonathan A	Dick C	Erik B
Holly N	Pauline N	Karen R	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Curt R	The family of	Evan G
Lisa A	Matthew S	Shaun M	David P
Aiden J	Lloyd P		
Helen A	Phil O		

SERVING TODAY

Howard Swanson - Lector

Donna Berndtson - Worship Assistant

Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan

- Ushers/Greeters

Altar Guild Members - Altar Guild

Sarah Dzialo - Organist

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024

December 22 - 9:00 a.m. Worship and Christmas Pageant

December 24 - 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - No Christmas Day Service

**December 29– 10:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols at
Trinity Episcopal Church
345 Main Street, Portland**



Annual Meeting Notice:

**THE ANNUAL MEETING will take place on
Sunday, January 26, 2025 immediately following the
Service. The Snow date is February 2, 2025.**

**Please submit your reports no later than
January 15, 2025**



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill.

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



**Sunny Hill Preschool will be
holding an Open House on
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

Come meet the teachers.

Bring your children.

The snow date is January 24th



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for January, February and March** are available in the Narthex and the Box outside the door with the doorbell.

During Advent we will be collecting personal care items for the Portland Food Bank.

December 22 - Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, dental floss

Please place items in the shopping cart in the Narthex.



If you ordered Butterbraid breads, please pick them up from the freezer in back of fellowship hall.



Please Recycle Ink Cartridges Here Starting next week there will be a container to leave your used ink cartridges for us to recycle. When we recycle them, we get some money to use toward office supplies for Zion's and Sunny Hill's offices.



Streetfire Donations Box

During the month of December we will be collecting Men's gloves for Streetfire Ministries. A box is available in the Narthex for this collection.

We would like to bring them as many pairs of winter gloves as possible and will continue to collect them through Dec. 31st.

Today: December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship
Christmas Pageant

10:15 a.m. Reception

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A

Tuesday: **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service**

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday: December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols
At Trinity Episcopal Church

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 62, Last year - 101 (Pageant)

Next weeks readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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