



Sunday, January 5, 2025
Second Sunday of Christmas

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

GATHERING

WELCOME

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

**we confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.
Too often, we have valued violence
instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways.
Grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound,
and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.
Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
+ forgiven in Christ,
and freed to respond in joy.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **ELW 288**

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.

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GLORY TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:12-20

¹² Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
 praise your | God, O Zion,
¹³ **who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
 and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**
¹⁴ God has established peace | on your borders
 and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
¹⁵ **God sends out a command | to the earth,
 a word that runs | very swiftly. R**
¹⁶ God gives | snow like wool,
 scattering | frost like ashes.
¹⁷ **God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
 Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**
¹⁸ The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
 the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
¹⁹ **God declares the | word to Jacob,
 statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**
²⁰ The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
 they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
 blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
 places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
 to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for
 adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good

pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

The holy gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of

God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Of the Father's Love Begotten" **ELW 295**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

O God, you reveal yourself in this assembly. In water, wine, and bread, show us again and again your grace upon grace, that your church boldly testifies to your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

You reveal yourself in creation. In seedlings and planets, microorganisms and galaxies, awaken us to the cry of the earth. As you nourish your people like a watered garden, empower us to nourish our creaturely companions. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

You reveal yourself in every land and in the farthest parts of the earth. Deliver peoples who suffer under oppressive regimes. Thwart the foolish plans of unjust leaders. Give wisdom to our elected officials

(local leaders or governing bodies may be named). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

You reveal yourself in every human being. Help us recognize your image in our siblings in Christ who are in the strong grip of addiction, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or other illness (especially). Grant us compassion in our care for your people. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

You reveal yourself anew every day. In this new year, renew this congregation and its ministries in our witness to the good news of the incarnation (specific ministry areas may be named). Transform the way we have always done things into your new future for us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You reveal yourself in the lives of your holy ones. We give you thanks for those who set their hope on you, trusting the inheritance we receive in you. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

OFFERING PRAYER

God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day. **Amen.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 144

It is indeed right...

SANCTUS pg. 144

Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*) pg. 145

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD pg. 146

Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW 294

“What Child Is This ”

ELW 296

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of love,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" **ELW 436**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

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	Carol J	
Helen A	Phil O		

SERVING TODAY

Chris Darby - Lector
Peter Willse - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
- Ushers/Greeters
Donna Marlow - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



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



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



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

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



Adult Education continues this year with “The Chosen”. Episodes will be shown on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Discussions will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.



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

If someone you meet today needs clothing, and that someone has no money, where will you send them?

Good question. When ten people are asked, five say they don't know, another five think that maybe one church or another has a clothing closet. In our community there needs to be an answer to that question that serves the interests of the whole community and **that EVERYONE knows about.**

This is why the **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Cards** are so important.

It's very simple - you fill out the card with your name and date and give it to the Goodwill employee along with your donations of **textiles, shoes and clothing** (these are the only items credit is given for). Goodwill and St. Vincent De Paul does the rest.

Each month Goodwill supplies vouchers to St. Vincent De Paul based on the weight of donated clothing. The vouchers are given to people in need who can use them at Goodwill to purchase (free) clothing. Persons/families needing clothing will be treated to a dignified retail shopping experience in which they make their own selections.

Community clothing closets will no longer have to maintain staff for guest hours, receiving, sorting, cleaning and storage of clothing.

NO CASH CHANGES HANDS. Clothing is managed by a successful and professional non-profit organization (Goodwill). Vouchers can be used to purchase clothing or small household items.

FOR THIS PROGRAM TO WORK, agencies, members of the faith community, individuals and businesses must actively promote the donation of clothing, shoes and textiles to Goodwill USING A SPECIFIC DONATION CARD which identifies SVDM as the beneficiary agency of record (cards now available!).

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.

Today: January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. The Chosen video

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

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

Tuesday: **6:30 p.m.** Property/Finance

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

Next Sunday:

January 12, 2025

Third Sunday of Christmas

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Attendance:

Christmas Eve - 92; Last week - 0 (Service at Trinity)

Christmas Eve 2023 - 89; Last year - 44

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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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