

ZION 
Lutheran Church



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022**

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December 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin
Readers – Julie & Abi Frye and Zion Sunday School members
Music Minister – Jennifer Rosin
ABCs of Christmas Service

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Fourth Sunday of Advent! Today is our interactive ABCs of Christmas service and YOU get to be a part of telling the story this morning! When you entered the worship space you should have received a sign that says “Angel”, “Wise Ones”, or “Shepherds”. Any time these characters are mentioned in the service today, hold up your sign and loudly say the words on each sign! We will practice before the service begins. We hope you enjoy our service today and the leadership of our Sunday School kids!

WORSHIP NOTES:

All responses marked in bold are said by the whole congregation

The + indicates the congregation stands as they are able.

Holy Communion at Zion – We practice an open table of Holy Communion for all of the baptized body of Christ. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate this feast with us regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. Sandra Eithun

Zion Bell Choir

+ Invocation

We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; † Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

Amen.

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Refrain
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

+ GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray: Lord God,

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. As we hear the words of the prophets that tell of the Messiah and the stories of your birth today, open our hearts to welcome one another, visitors, and those in need around us. Give us the ability to love as you have first loved us. Amen

A is for ANGEL – Maura Garrett

Luke 1:28-33

“Good morning! You’re beautiful with God’s beauty. Beautiful inside and out! God be with you.... Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus.”

B is for Bethlehem – Briar Evans

Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

C is for Census – Evie Evans

D is for David – Lydia Rosin

2 Samuel 7:11b-13

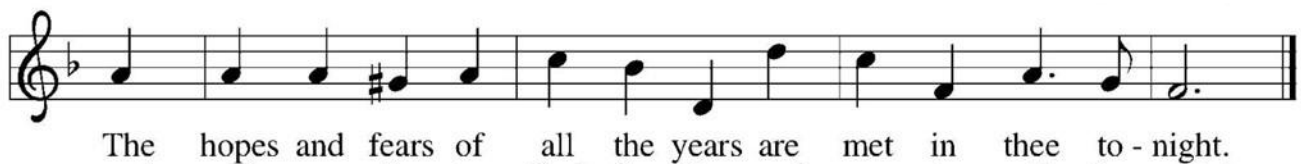
“The Lord declares to David that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

E is for Exhausted – Abi Frye

Song

O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1

ELW 279



F is for Family – Evie Evans

Luke 2:6-8

“While they were there, the time came for Mary to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

G is for the Good News – Luke Kiddoo

Luke 2:10-14

“There were SHEPHERDS camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God’s ANGEL stood among them, and God’s glory blazed around them. The SHEPHERDS were terrified. The ANGEL said, “Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David’s town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you’re to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket lying in a manger.”

At once the ANGEL was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God’s praises: “Glory to God in the heavenly heights. Peace to all men and women on earth.”

Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing v. 1

ELW 270



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;



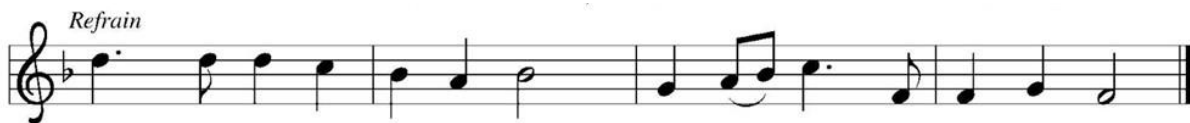
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king!”

H is for Hope – Advent Candle Lighting – Maggie Kiddoo

Isaiah 40:1-3

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.

Gently p

Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope is
 come! Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but
 on - ly Christ can give. Flick-er and flame and
 glow with hope, light up the world a - round you.
 Flick-er and flame and glow with hope, light up the world a -
 round you.

I is for Immanuel – Morgan Stalkfleet

Matthew 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel—which means, 'God with us.'" (Matthew 1:22-23, NIV)

Song

O Come O Come Emmanuel v. 1

ELW 257

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *rejoice*
 Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

J is for Joy – Garrett Stalkfleet

Isaiah 12:4-6

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.


⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

SONG

Joy to the World v. 1

ELW 267




1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.

K is for King – Jackson Evans

L is for Lost – Briar Evans

L is also for Love – Morgan Stalkfleet

John 3:16-17 – Abi Frye

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

M is for Manger – Paisley & Sawyer Dornbush

SONG

Away in the Manger v. 1

Sunday School Choir

ELW 277



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

N is for Noel – Julie and Abi Frye

The first Noel the an - gel did say was to
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
night that was so deep. No - el, No - el, No -
el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

‡ MEAL ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We have online giving options available through Tithe.ly which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.

O is for Offering – Maggie Kiddoo

In Matthew, chapter 2 It says "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, WISE ONES from the east came to Jerusalem...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."

Congregation sings verses, Sunday School choir sings refrain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

P is for Peace – Maura Garrett

Isaiah 9:7-8

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

We share the peace because that's what Jesus shares with us.

Take a few moments to share a sign of peace with one another.

P is also for Prayer – Garrett Stalkfleet

Q is for Quiet – Julie Frye

We begin a time of prayer in quiet, allowing God to speak to us, and joyful when the quiet is broken by small voices. Please repeat after me.

Heavenly Father,

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your Son, Jesus.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus.

Who came to love us

Who came to love us

and show us how to love

and show us how to love

May we love like Jesus too

May we love like Jesus too

Amen

Amen

R is for Revealed – Lydia Rosin

Isaiah 40:5

“And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.”

S is for Star – Jackson Evans

Matthew 2:9-11

Instructed by the king, the WISE ONES set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time! They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome with awe, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they presented the gifts they had brought, fit for a king: gold, frankincense, myrrh.

T is for Table – Julie Frye

U is for Unity

COMMUNION LITURGY

Our Lord Jesus Christ gathered with friends around a table united in their love for one another.

So that on that night when he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread, and gave thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and gave thanks, he gave it to them saying, Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant, the new promise, in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus is with us in this bread and wine. It is a sign of God’s love for us. We do this to remember and experience Jesus’s love and forgiveness for us and the world.

This meal is for all who believe and trust in Jesus’ love and forgiveness.

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.

Lamb of God



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give_ us your
peace. Pre- pare us to re- ceive_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-
joice! Re- joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra- el.

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Lizzy and Matthew Richardson – vocal duet

Isabelle Rosin – French Horn *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

V is for Vulnerable – Julie Frye

Song

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

W is for Wonder – Abi and Julie Frye



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

X is for Christ

John 1

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,^[a] 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,^[c] 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,^[d] full of grace and truth.

Y is for You – Abi Frye

Z is for Zeal – Julie Frye

+ BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon!

Thanks be to God!

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‡ Happening This Week‡

SUN, Dec 18	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
WED, Dec 21	6:15 p.m. Zion Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Zion Choir
SAT, Dec 24	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
SUN, Dec 25	9:00 a.m. Worship

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

DATE	12/18/22	12/24/22 4:00 p.m.	12/24/22 9:00 p.m.	12/25/22
ACOLTYES	Preston Schroeder	Jackson Evans Mason Smith		
A.M./READER	Julie & Abbie Frye	Katie Harris	Rev. Bill Dyar	Peggy Starkweather
COMM. ASST.	Rev. Martha Lang	Stacey Ramos	Jan Pohl	Stacey Ramos
HOSPITALITY	Worship			

‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

Thank you to everyone who has made donations for the poinsettias which decorate the chancel and altar!

A Program of Readings and Music for Advent will be presented on Sunday, December 18th at 3:30 p.m. The program will include scriptures for the season, organ music, and selections from the Bell Choir.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14 [15-20].

Please pray for the following: Christy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, Rose Marie Paul, and Billy Rueckert.

The **Altar Flower Chart for 2023** has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones by dedicating the flowers for that week to them. The current cost is \$42.80 per week and can be paid directly to Hy-Vee or the church office. Sign up now while the dates you want are still available.

The next **Zbook club** meeting will be Tuesday, December 20, at Diamond Daves at 5:30 p.m..

Would you like to sponsor a **Poinsettia** for Christmas. The envelopes have been placed on Usher's table in the sanctuary and we would need to have them completed and returned by Sunday, December 18th. The cost is \$13.00 each.

Trust Fund grant and scholarship presentations will happen at the beginning of the January 8th worship service at 9:00 a.m. Please join us to celebrate this ministry of stewardship and mission with which Zion and the surrounding community is blessed!

Rev. Mark Pries will serve as our guest preacher at the January 8th 9:00 a.m. worship service. Rev. Pries has many family and history ties to the Zion congregation and we are excited to have him proclaim the good news during worship on Epiphany!

Christmas Treats Potluck! On Sunday, January 8th you are invited to bring your favorite Christmas treats and/or candy to share with one another during the fellowship time after worship.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

Reminder: Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All American Diner.

Adult Bible Study begins at 10:15 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *The Greatest Story* and participant books are available. You are welcome to join us! We will take a break on December 25, January 1, January 8, and resume on January 15.

Christians Underground - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

All year end contributions need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday, December 28 at 4 p.m. This will ensure your contributions will be added to your 2022 giving. If you are mailing in your contribution, please mail prior to Monday, December 26 because the postal service is slower than normal.

Hat, Mitten and More Tree is downstairs across from the elevator. Please help fill it with hats, mittens, scarfs, socks and underwear. The tree will stay up until we celebrate Epiphany (January 8th) and all items will be donated to the schools and/or MCSA.