



**Christmas Day**  
**December 25, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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**From Heaven Above: A Service for Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin**

**Assisting Minister – Peggy Starkweather**

**Music Minister – Jennifer Rosin**

**Holy Communion Everlasting Light Liturgy Setting**

*Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this joyous Christmas Day! Today we will use a service which uses Martin Luther's "From Heaven Above" (ELW 268) as a responsive carol during the scripture readings. He based this carol on a refrain used for a 16<sup>th</sup> century singing game. In the game, the song sets up a riddle to be solved. Within the nativity story, who would have proclaimed this text?*

*"From heaven above to earth I come  
to bear good news to every home!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to all the world, and gladly sing."*

*In the hymn, the stanzas in quotation marks become the words of the angels rejoicing at Jesus' birth, while the other stanzas offer commentary and prayers. By sending Jesus into our world, God answers the riddle of sin and our human condition. We are set free to proclaim with the angels: "Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Son has given."*

**‡ GATHERING ‡**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**+ Gathering Song**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**ELW 288**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## **Dialogue**

Who are these angels who come to earth,  
**bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?**

Who are these shepherds who run to see,  
**and worship the babe on bended knee?**

Who is this child, so small, so slight,  
**of whom the angels sang that night?**

Who is this king, a manger his throne,  
**who humbles himself to make us his own?**

Who is this God who sends a Son  
**into our midst, the promised one?**

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God sent from heaven above,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Incarnate God, on this Christmas Day we give  
you thanks for sending your Son to bring light to our darkness.**

**Grant that we, like the angels over Bethlehem, may  
sing your praises in our hearts and lives.**

**Amen.**

# From Heaven Above



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good  
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,  
 3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your

*Insert additional stanzas as desired.*

12 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly child, pre - pare a  
 13 My heart for ve - ry joy now leaps; my voice no  
 14 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to



news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly  
 sad and bit - ter cry, who will him - self your Sav - ior

bed, soft, un - de - filed, a qui - et cham - ber in my  
 long - er si - lence keeps; I too must sing with joy - ful  
 us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous



bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:  
 birth shall be the joy of all the earth.  
 be and from all sin will set you free."

heart, that you and I may nev - er part.  
 tongue the sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:  
 mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

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| <p>4 "The blessing that the Father planned<br/>             the Son holds in his infant hand,<br/>             that in his kingdom, bright and fair,<br/>             you may with us his glory share."</p> <p>5 "These are the signs that you will see<br/>             to let you know that it is he:<br/>             in manger-bed, in swaddling clothes<br/>             the child who all the earth upholds."</p> <p>6 Now let us all with joyful cheer<br/>             go with the shepherds and draw near<br/>             to see this wondrous gift of God,<br/>             the blessed child to us bestowed.</p> <p>7 Look, look, dear friends, look over there!<br/>             What lies within that manger bare?<br/>             Who is that lovely little one?<br/>             The baby Jesus, God's dear Son.</p> | <p>8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,<br/>             through whom this sinful world is blest!<br/>             You turned not from our needs away;<br/>             how can our thanks such live repay?</p> <p>9 O Lord, you have created all!<br/>             How did you come to be so small,<br/>             to sweetly sleep in manger-bed<br/>             where lowing cattle lately fed?</p> <p>10 Were earth a thousand times as fair<br/>             and set with gold and jewels rare,<br/>             still such a cradle would not do<br/>             to rock a prince so great as you.</p> <p>11 For velvets soft and silken stuff<br/>             you have but hay and straw so rough<br/>             on which as king so rich and great<br/>             to be enthroned in humble state.</p> |
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**Who Are These Angels Who Come to Earth?**

**Luke 2:8-14**

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

Glory to God in highest heaven,

**who unto us the Son has given.**

**Carol:** *From Heaven Above* ELW 268, v. 1-3

**Who Are These Shepherds Who Run to See?**

**Luke 2:15-20**

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

Glory to God in highest heaven,

**who unto us the Son has given.**

**Carol:** *From Heaven Above* ELW 268, v. 4-6

**Who Is This Child, So Small, So Slight?**

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

Glory to God in highest heaven,

**who unto us the Son has given.**

**Carol:** *From Heaven Above* ELW 268, v. 7-9

**Who Is This King, a Manger His Throne?**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

Glory to God in highest heaven,

**who unto us the Son has given.**

**Carol:** *From Heaven Above* ELW 268, v. 10-11

**Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?**

**John 1:1-14**

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

Glory to God in highest heaven,

**who unto us the Son has given.**

**Carol:** *From Heaven Above* ELW 268, v. 12-14

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Christopher Bierstedt, Hand Bell Solo

**MEDITATION**



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

### + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, you come from heaven above  
 into the midst of our world.

#### Fill our hearts

**with the joy of the angels at your birth.**

You come from heaven above  
 to the lowliest of human conditions.

**Watch over those in need,  
 the sick, the hungry, the grieving.**

You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.

**Guide us to follow your path  
 of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.**

You come from heaven above  
to become flesh and live among us.

**May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. Amen.**

**+ PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**‡ 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.*

**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Grace Rosin, Bassoon**

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

God of Light, our world is filled with shadows.

**Therefore, we offer the gifts of ourselves, our time, and our resources, trusting you will use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence. May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen**

**+ GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

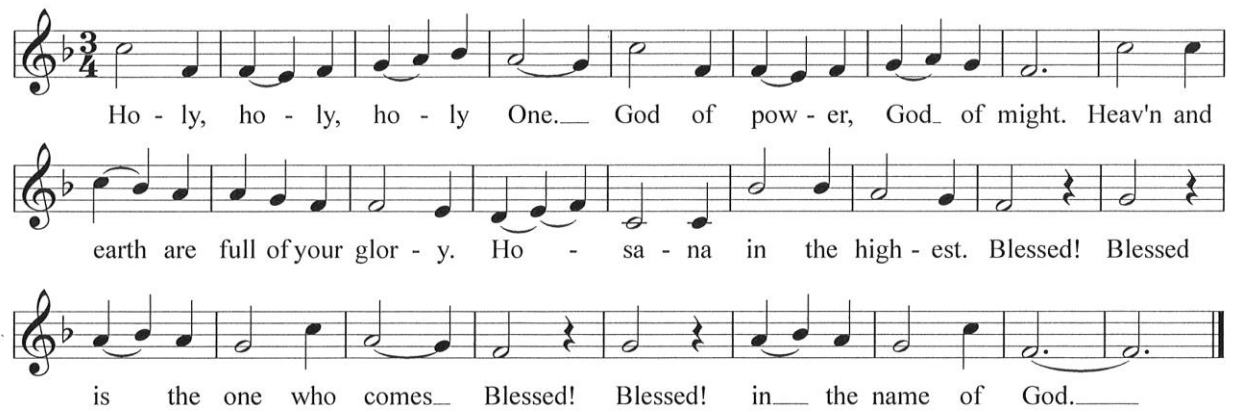
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

At the beginning of creation God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. In ancient times God also led the Israelites through the desert with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The priests of old also kept a perpetual fire burning in the Temple to remind us that God is a light who cannot be extinguished. Finally Jesus, the Word, who was with God since the beginning of creation, became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory shining in our world, full grace and truth. Christ's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. This same light has commanded us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but to put it on a lamp stand so that everyone can see it. With our lights burning brightly, we now join the saints and angels in a hymn of praise to God, the Everlasting Light.

**Amen.**

## + HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One... God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed  
is the one who comes... Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

## + WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*On the Night*

### + LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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

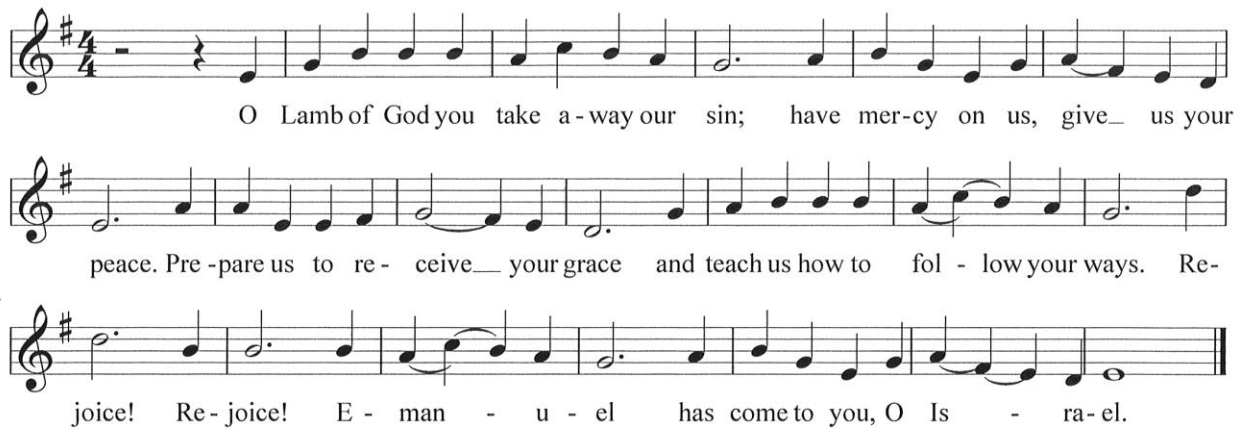
Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

### 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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### *What Child is This?*

ELW 296



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;  
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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#### + 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.

#### + POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,  
 we give you thanks for the gifts of bread and wine,  
 the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
 Send us out into your world to proclaim with joy:  
**Glory to God in highest heaven,  
 who unto us the Son has given. Amen.**

#### ‡ SENDING ‡

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

#### + BLESSING

May the God who comes from heaven above  
 be born in your hearts and lives this day and always.  
**Amen.**



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled, that  
 2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found; a  
 3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair as  
 4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel - song is true; the



\*God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead; be -  
 rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round; but  
 was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The  
 ho - ly child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn:  
 as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang loud and high:  
 chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.  
 kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your king is born! Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!

\* original: "mighty Gitchi Manitou"

Text: Jean de Brébeuf, 1593–1649; tr. Jesse E. Middleton, 1872–1960, alt.  
 Music: UNE JEUNE PUCELLE, French folk tune, c. 16th cent.  
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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with us.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**‡ Happening This Week‡**

<b>SUN, Dec 25</b>		<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
<b>SUN, Jan 01</b>		<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:15 a.m. Fellowship</b>

**‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡**

DATE	12/25	1/1	1/8	1/15
ACOLTYES	No Acolyte	No Acolyte	Preston Schroeder	Dalton Bozarth
A.M./READER	Peggy Starkweather	Sara Reuswig	Jim Haage	Vivien Halloran
COMM. ASST.	Stacey Ramos	Sara Perisho	Peggy Starkweather	Bill Dyar
HOSPITALITY	Social Ministry	Parish Ed/Youth	Property	Men's Bible Group

## ‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

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

**Next Sunday** is Bag of Blessings. Please put your donation or check (made out to Zion with "Bag of Blessing" in the memo) or in the offering.

**Next Week's Readings:** Num 6:22-27, Ps 8, Gal 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21

**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 Monday, March 13 at 5:30 PM at Diamond Dave's. We are reading a book called "The Keeper of Happy Endings" by Barbara Davis.

**Trust Fund grant and scholarship presentations** will happen at the beginning of the January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>) and all items will be donated to the schools and/or MCSA.