



The Divine Service

The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

Divine Service, Setting Three

Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*Thou who art over us,
Thou who are one of us,
Thou who art also within
us, May all see thee in me
also [...] Give me a pure
heart – That I may see
thee, A humble heart –
That I may hear thee, A
heart of love – That I may
serve thee, A heart of faith
– That I may abide in thee.
Amen.*

Dag Hammarskjöld

In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. He therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding. Today the magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky. Today the magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars. Today the magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

Peter Chrysologus, 380-455 A.D.

January 5, 2020 ✠ 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to today's Divine Service

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



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THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *LSB 395, v.1-3*

Stand

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.
- C** Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- P** May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- C** May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- P** May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Old Testament reading for the Epiphany of Our Lord is from Isaiah, the sixtieth chapter.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Isaiah 60:6b, 1

P Those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news,
the praises of the LORD.

C **Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Epistle reading is from Ephesians, the third chapter.

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. 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. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

LSB 192

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

O Christ, Our True and Only Light *LSB 839*

Sermon

Let It Shine, Shine, Shine! Ephesians 3:1-12

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 193

P Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Our delight is to be with God, not because He can supply us with something, with greatness, for instance, but because He is our God and because He loves us.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

Sending Prayer

Martin H. Franzmann, Ha! Ha! Among the Trumpets, p. 30

Benediction

LSB 202

Recessional Hymn

Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *LSB 395, v. 4-6*

Life Together

Pray As You Go

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen

Penitential Prayer of St. Ambrose of Milan

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

PREACHER

Rev. Darrell Kobs, Guest Pastor

ORGANIST

Susan Colles

ACOLYTE

Alivia Waldo

USHERS

Joe Villalobos, Rusty Dorn
Chuck Campbell (A)

ALTAR GUILD

Wanda Choate, Delores McDaniel

ELDER

Earl Schrock

TRUSTEE

Don Paul Choate

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Angela Waldo
Chyral Sims
Tanya Schroeder

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY –
JANUARY 12

ACOLYTE
Tatum Rion



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Persecuted Christians in:

Jordan
Nepal
Bhutan
Kazakhstan

Partner Church

The Evangelical Lutheran
Church – Synod of France

Comfort, Health, and

Recovery

Gary Daniels
Tom Harms
Rick Shott
Rev. Herb Swanson
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)
Glenda Schrock
Carson Brown (*friend of the Villalobos family*)
Dianne McKissack (*boss of Nikki Dorn*)
Lander Duvall (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Lance Spence (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)
Marie Heiser
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Charlotte Hottinger
Cynde Goodman (*mother of Jeff Rion*)
Peggy Carter (*grandmother of Joshua Ralston*)

Mikel Frasier (*friend of Tony Waldo*)

Julie Buchy (*friend of Tony Waldo*)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Joyce Boswell
Betty Bocksnick
Gwen Hale
Helen Rick
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Regina Steuber
Lawrence Steuber

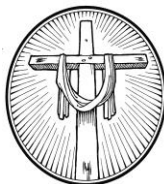
Catechumens

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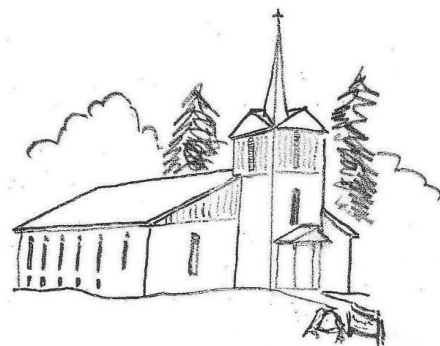
Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers
Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Christopher Stocking
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution,
contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.*



ZION Life Together



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 5, 2020

THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 12/29/2019

Present in Worship: 60
Communed: 39
Children's Sunday School Attendance: 3
Adult Bible Study: 8

General Fund: \$1,896.38
Food Pantry: \$170 *in memory of Lela Miller*
Dorn Memorial: \$800

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24/2019

Children's Program: 102
Present in Worship: 42
Communed: 30
General Fund: \$107
Food Pantry: \$3,000
\$2,000 *in memory of Rev. W.H.
and Delores Ringhardt*

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25/2019

Present in Worship: 22
Communed: 16
General Fund: \$189

NEW YEAR'S EVE 12/31/2019

Present in Worship: 43
Communed: 24
General Fund: \$276
Parament Fund: \$500

CATECHUMENATE RESUMES 1/12/20

A reminder that there is no Catechumenate class today. Class will resume next Sunday (January 12th) right after Divine Service.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

Currently in Adult Bible Study, we are studying the Word of God in all its' functions in our Divine Service. We're learning how God comes down to serve us in His Word, how we are to regard God's Word, and much more! Come to Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. to find out more!

2020 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Check your church mailbox for the 2020 Volunteer Schedule! If you are unable to help at the time assigned, please email Phyllis Campbell at

officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com

ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday † January 5

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Youth
Room)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service without
Communion

Monday † January 6

- 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Tuesday † January 7

Wednesday † January 8

Thursday † January 9

Friday † January 10

Saturday † January 11

Sunday † January 12

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Youth
Room)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

ELDERS MEETING

The Elders will be meeting Monday, January 6th at the church.

COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The UAMS Geriatric Education Collaborative will be hosting "Understanding Opioids & Non-Opioid Pain Management Alternatives" January 14th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Crow Mountain Baptist church. For more information please visit www.agec.uams.edu.

THRIVENT LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 9TH

Mark your calendar now for an informative luncheon about Thrivent Financial Services. Representatives will be here to explain the products they offer and answer any questions you may have.

SIGN UP FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Flower Chart has been updated with the calendar for 2020. Please consider signing up to provide flowers in the chancel this year. What a wonderful way to commemorate a birthday, anniversary or the memory of a loved one! If you need assistance in getting arrangements, please contact a member of the Altar Guild for the month or Susan Colles.

BULLETIN INFORMATION?

Please contact Phyllis Campbell by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning to have your "blurb" in the upcoming bulletin.

Call/text: 501-725-1418

Email: officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com

Mailbox: drop a note in the mailbox by the office door.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BELIEVE

Then Jesus said loudly, “Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me.”

John 12:44

There are two ways to believe. The first way is to believe *about God*, meaning that we believe what is taught about God is really true. It’s similar to believing that what is taught about the devil or hell is true. This type of belief is more a statement of knowledge than an expression of faith.

The second way is to believe *in God*. This not only includes believing what is taught about God is true but also includes trusting him and daring to be in relationship with him. It means believing without any doubt that he really is who he says he is, and he will do all he says he will do. I wouldn’t believe any person to this same degree, no matter how highly others might praise him. It’s easy to believe that someone is godly, but it’s another matter to completely rely on him.

A person who believe in God believes everything written about God in Scripture. He dares to believe this in life and in death. This faith makes a person a true Christian and gives him everything he desires from God. A person with an evil, hypocritical heart can’t have this type of faith, for it’s a living faith, as described in the first commandment: “I am the Lord your God...Never have any other god” (Exodus 20:2-3).

Therefore, the little word *in* is well placed and should be carefully noted. We don’t say I believe God the Father or I believe about God the Father, but I believe *in* God the Father, *in* Jesus Christ, *in* the Holy Spirit. Only God can give us this type of faith.

Martin Luther, *Through Faith Alone*, January 3





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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Adult Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN RADIO

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