

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 8, 2019

Welcome to all who enter God's house today. At Zion we gather to be fed and refreshed by God's Word and nourished by His Sacraments. Such gracious gifts of God are given freely to bring us the forgiveness of all our sins, and the life and salvation we all need. We ask all to please sign the Friendship pads in the pews during the Offering, and if you are a guest to also sign the guestbook located in the Narthex.

Assisting in Worship today:

Elder: Merle Marohn

Acolyte: Colby Hinz

Ushers: Chuck Stoppelman, Chad Reitmeier, Geoffrey Bryant, Fred Jude

Organist:

Greeter: Melanie Klein

Altar Committee: Linda Truenow

Zion Prayer Partners: Glenda (320-274-8599) or Pat (320-963-5389)

Altar Flowers: To order flowers for the altar to honor any occasion call Myra (320-224-2985). A calendar to sign up for a specific Sunday is located in the Church Office. Also, if you have any vases or liners from flowers ordered, please return them to the Church.

Those In Our Prayers:

+ For Ralph Reid family whose sister, Norma Matthees, passed away

+ Marilyn Seifert who had cataract surgery this week

Sunday Bible Class ~ "Predestination"

This week we will conclude our study on Romans 8 talking about our election. Then we will continue with what Paul writes in Ephesians 1. Here we will find that our predestination is entirely based on what Christ has done. Please join us following the worship service.

Sunday School: In our Christian education time this week, we study the account of Daniel in "A Trap and a Release." Daniel's promotion to a high leadership role in Babylon causes political jealousy among other leaders. King Darius decrees that everyone must worship only him, but Daniel remains faithful to the one true God, praying three times daily. The king condemns Daniel to the lions' den, but God's angel shuts the lions' mouths so Daniel remains unharmed. *Discuss how God protects His people from danger today.*

This Week at Zion *December 8 – December 15*

Today:	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:10 – 11:00 a.m.
Monday	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
	Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Circuit Meeting @ Mayer	
Wednesday:	Confirmation	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Friday:	Care Center Communion	1:30 p.m.
Saturday:		
Next Sunday:	Worship/Communion	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:10 – 11:00 a.m.

Last Week at Zion: 12/01/19: Attendance: 82

Offering: General Fund: \$2,401.00

Thursday Bible Class ~ "Revelation"

The visions continue to parade before John as to what will take place in heaven, on earth, and in hell on the Day of Judgement. In chapter 14 a sixth vision is given that reveals Jesus as the Lord of heaven directing the angels as to what to do on Judgement Day. Join us as we digest the many aspects of these last days as revealed to the Apostle John.

We have a few Advent devotional books entitled, "Behold the Child" which is also the theme of our children's service. They are available on the table by the office.

Christmas Caroling at the Care Center – December 22 @ 5:00 p.m. Anyone can come to sing carols at the Care Center at 6:00 p.m. We will gather at the church for a lunch and treats before at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up if you plan to participate so we have a count for the lunch.

Christmas cards are available through the LWML for purchase. They are on the back counter in the Narthex.

Order of Worship December 8, 2019

Ringing of the Bell/Welcome

Hymn #345, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice
Is Sounding"

Liturgy: Service of Prayer &
Preaching

Opening Versicles: p. 260 (Advent)

Psalmody: Psalm 72:1-7

Canticle: #357, "O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel" (vs. 1,2,3)

Readings from Holy Scripture
Responsory for Advent: p. 263

Catechism: p. 264

Hymn #344, "On Jordan's Bank the
Baptist's Cry"

Sermon

Offering

Prayer

Collect of the Day

Collect for the Word

Morning Prayer: p. 266

Benediction

Hymn #511, "Herald, Sound the Note
of Judgement"

Church Officers for 2020

Following the elections for the Church Council there remains a few vacancies for the coming year. Those offices needing to be filled are:

- Chairman of the congregation
- A one-year term for elder
- Trustee

These are important positions that we ask be prayerfully considered.

Share Your Christmas: Zion Lutheran Church will be a part of the Share Your Christmas Program again this year. On the bulletin board in the Narthex you will find a family number and a child (male or female and age) or a senior along with gift suggestions. Suggested amount per gift is \$15-\$20. Gifts need to be wrapped and securely tagged and brought to the church office by December 12. If you have any questions, please talk to Shelley Josephson or Kathy Vinkemeier.

Children's Christmas Service **Sunday, December 22 @ 9:00 a.m.**

The Sunday School children will be practicing their parts for the children service the coming weeks in Sunday School. A one-time practice for the service will be on Saturday, December 21 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. We are asking for parent's cooperation for these events to help our children make this a special service this Christmas.

Services for Christmas

Sunday, December 22: Children's Christmas Service at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day Service at 9:00 a.m.

Snow shoveling: We are looking for a person to be able to shovel the walks around the church when it snows. The church has the necessary equipment and a snow blower. We pay \$25 per time shoveling. If interested, contact the trustees or Pastor.