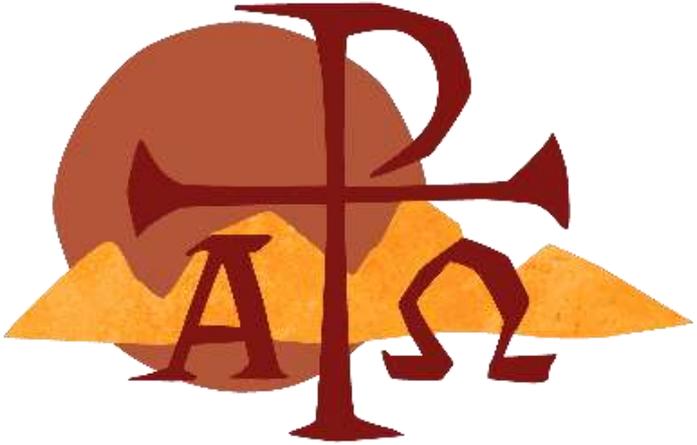


Promises Kept



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We celebrate this Sacrament every Sunday at Zion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. We also offer gluten free wafers please notify Elder ahead of time that you would appreciate the gluten free.

AS WE GATHER

Simeon and Anna rejoiced when Mary and Joseph brought week-old Jesus to the temple. He was physical proof that God was keeping His promises made centuries ago. Firstborn males had to be consecrated to God because He had spared them at the time of the exodus. In our Psalm today, God promises redemption for His people, and in Christ we are His chosen people, holy and dearly loved, as Paul writes in the Epistle. Today is the Sunday after Christmas, and we focus on how we exhibit love, forgiveness, and peace, thanking God for His promises kept.

Altar Guild for December:

Marilyn S

920-386-9029

Order of Worship

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Divine Service Lutheran Service Book -

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Opening Hymn:

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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Confession and Absolution

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P: The Lord be with you



Introit for First Sunday after Christmas

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation; **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

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.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

P: Let us pray

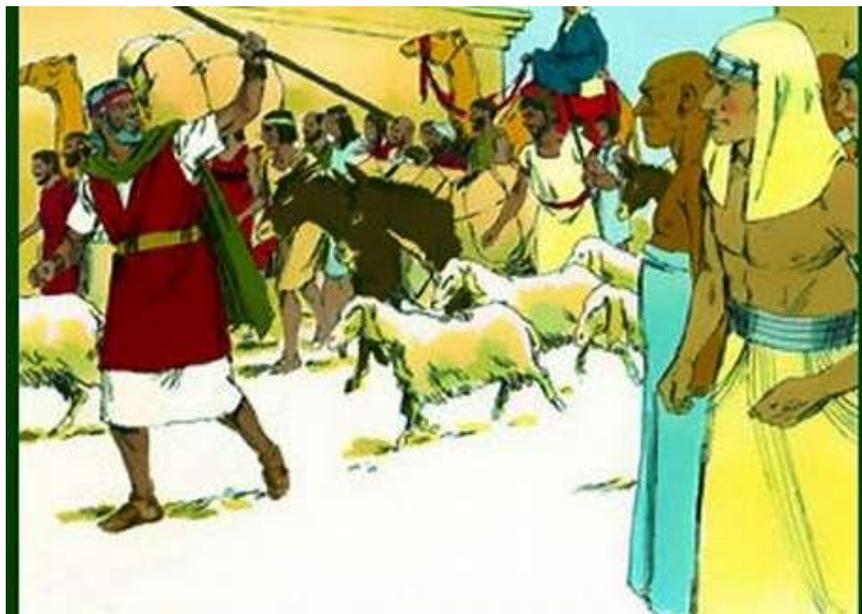
Collect for First Sunday after Christmas

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 11–15

(Every firstborn Israelite male must be redeemed, remembering the exodus.)



11 “After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your forefathers, 12 you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. 13 Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons. 14 “In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12–17

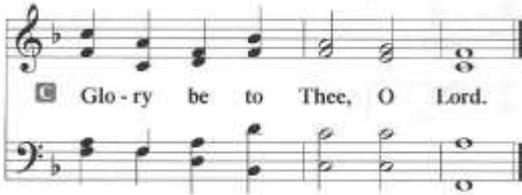
(“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”)

12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

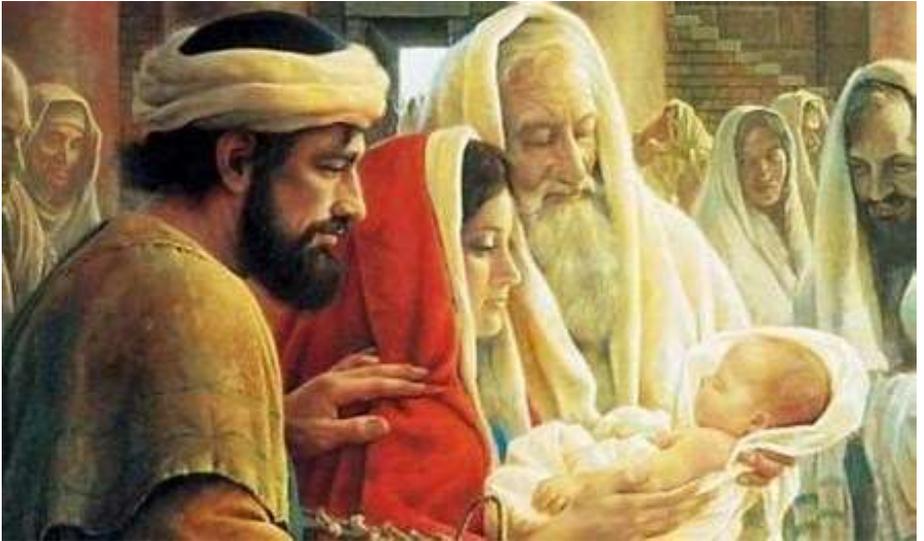
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second Chapter



GOSPEL

Luke 2: 21-24, 39+40

(Simeon and Anna praise God when they see the baby Jesus in the temple.)

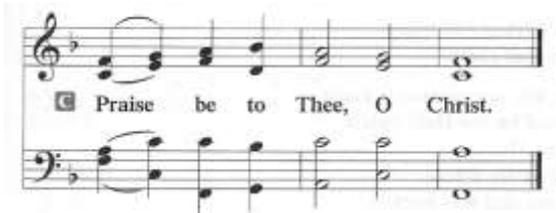


21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. 22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the

Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.



Nicene Creed or Apostle’s Creed

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Sermon Hymn:

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

LSB 383

Sermon

The Offering – Bell Choir – “Still, Still, Still”

Prayer of the Church

Agnus Dei

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Word’s of Institution

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Distribution of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Hymns:

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

LSB 358

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

Nunc Dimittis

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Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn:
“What Child Is This”

LSB 370

Announcements

From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:

Luke 2:38 – “**And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.**” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

The Pewpoint THEME OF THE DAY

The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “the redemption of Jerusalem” and “the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25, 38).

For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “giving thanks to God the Father through him,” “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

Attendance:

Sunday Service: 112
Christmas Eve 115

YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures

Needed per week to make budget: \$3,462

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,160
Plate: \$465.50
Advent: 425
Christmas: \$30
Scrip: \$1,750
Donation to Basement Organ: \$500
Automatic Deposit: \$50

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve Envelopes: \$1,502
Plate: \$263
Advent Envelopes: \$5
Christmas Envelopes: \$305

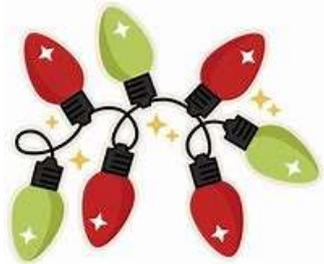
THIS WEEK AT ZION

Tuesday	6:00pm to 7:30pm	Adult Bible Class @ Trinity
Wednesday	6:00 to 7:00pm	Confirmation Class
Thursday	10:00am to 2:00pm	Quilting



2019 Offering Envelopes are in the back of the Narthex. Please pick yours up when you leave if you haven't already.

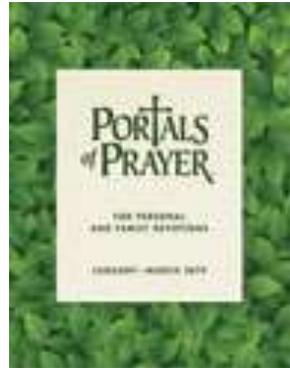
There are some Christmas lights lying on the table in the narthex. If anyone is interested in taking some or all of them please feel free.



Please have all 2018 Annual Reports to me by January 17th – This includes all Offices

LAST CHANCE - At our last Council Meeting the thought of omitting offering envelopes was discussed. Because of the many people that only submit envelopes once a month and with the continuing increase of cost to have these printed it was brought up to have plain white letter envelopes put in the pews and members can fill them out before the service or if they want they could take a couple of them home to fill out. We would like your opinion on this if anyone would not like this idea or if you think this would be a good idea. Please let me know your thoughts..... Nancy Kohlhoff

The new Portals of Prayer for 2019 are available on the table in the narthex. You can chose regular or large print.



The January grapevine is ready to be picked up.



Installation of Officers | Celebration of Church Leaders

Installation of all Officers will be January 6th during the church services. All Officers newly elected and already in office are requested to attend.

Monthly Meeting

Elder's and Council Meetings are January 10th with the Elder's meeting at 6pm and Council at 6:30pm.