

December 26, 2021



...a **Savior**
has been
born
to you;
he is
Christ
the **Lord.**

Luke 2:11, NIV



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Christmas Sunday 2021

WELCOME! to our celebration of God's greatest Gift – His Own Son and our great Savior, Jesus Christ the Baby of Bethlehem.

We ask the Holy Spirit to renew in our hearts this great Gospel message.
Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!

Tonight's Worship!

Congregational Processional Hymn: "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"

1. *Oh, come all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King!
(Refrain:) To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come let us adore Him,
Oh, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*
2. *True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise. (Refrain)*
3. *To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*



The Invocation and Opening Response

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen!
- P** When the time was fully come, God sent forth his Son.
C Jesus was born to be our Redeemer.
P The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
C We have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.
P No one has ever seen God
C But we have seen Jesus, full of grace and truth.
P He is the very image of God
C All the fullness of God dwells in Him bodily.
P You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
C Let us go and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has revealed to us.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Congregational Hymn: *“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”*

- 1. From heav'n above to earth I come To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:*
- 2. "To you this night is born a Child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child of lowly birth, Shall be the Joy of all the earth!"*
- 3. This is the Christ our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.*
- 4. Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.*

LET THE LIGHT OF JESUS SHINE!

I. The Light of Jesus is Foretold

- P** Let the light of Jesus shine! For the Promise first was given After Eve and Adam sinned, in the Garden of Eden
- C** **“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (Gen. 3:15 NKJV)**
- P** Let the light of Jesus shine! For the years that onward speed, Plainly now the plan unfolding: One would come from Abram's seed.

Ezekiel and Aurora:

In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Gen. 12:3)

- P** Let the light of Jesus shine! Let it shine bright and clear. For the later Christmas promise, Of the star that would appear:
- C** **“A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel. (Num. 24:17)**
- P** Let the light of Jesus shine! Still more brightly let it shine For the prophecy foretelling, Christ would spring from David's line.

Hymn: "Away in a Manger"

Children sing verse 1, Congregation joins in for verses 2-3

Children: 1. *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Cong: 2. *The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

3. *Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.*



P Let the light of Jesus shine! For more light upon this earth; In a Christmas promise telling, Of a Child of virgin-birth:

C **Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isa. 7:14)**

P Let the light of Jesus shine! For He comes from Jesse's stem, For the prophet's plainer message Of the Babe of Bethlehem:

C **"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days." (Micah 5:2)**

P Let the light of Jesus shine! That will brighter yet appear Telling of the joyous message, That the Savior now is here:

Ezekiel and Aurora:

Rejoice greatly! Your King is coming! (Zech. 9:9)

P Let the light of Jesus shine! Brighter let it shine still more. Hear the angel telling Joseph, Christ the Lord is at the door:

C **"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21)**

Congregational Hymn: "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

*Refrain: Go! tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go! tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

*1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold through-out the heavens There shone a holy light. (Refrain)*

*2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)*

*3. Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)*

LET THE LIGHT OF JESUS SHINE!

II. Jesus the Light is Born

The Reading of Luke 2:1-20 (NKJV)

- P** And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,
- C** **To be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**
- P** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.
- C** **Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:**

Ezekiel and Aurora:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

P So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

C Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

The Adult Confirmation of Nicholas Jakel

Choir Hymn: "The First Noel"

The Pastor's Message: 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Theme: OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE RICHES OF CHRISTMAS



The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

*(788:1): **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.***

***Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.***

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

- P** Among our precious children dear,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P With all who come to worship here,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P Within the homes in which we dwell,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P Where people seek your praise to tell,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P Where there is need or want or pain,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P Where mourners seek to hope again,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P With loved ones who are far away,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P With all who watch and wait and pray,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P Whene'er we hear Your Word of grace,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home.
P Until in heav'n we take our place,
C Lord, Jesus, come, and make your home. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Congregational Hymn: “Hark! The Herald, Angels Sing”

- 1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*
- 3. Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He leaves His throne on high, Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

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III. Shine, Jesus, Shine!

- P** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14,16)
- C** **In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)**
- P** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:1)
- C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Rom. 5:11)**

The Pastor's Benediction

Closing Congregational Hymn: "*Joy to the World!*"

*1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart -- Prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing. (3x)*

*2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy (3x)*

*4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of -- His righteousness, And wonders of His love. (3x)*

Welcome!

Especially to our guests and visitors. And thank you, thank you to our dear children for assisting in our worship today! It is our prayer that today's Christmas message will work in your heart God's gift of faith that trusts in His greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ His Son and our Savior.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

NEW MEMBER AT MT. ZION! We welcome Nicholas Jakel into our fellowship in the name of Jesus, and we give praise and glory to our LORD for His gift of this like-minded believer to our congregation! Nicholas is the loving father of two teenage daughters, and he lives and works in Sterling Heights.

BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES: Following the Christmas recess, we are back to our regular 9am Bible Class/Sunday School schedule beginning next Sunday (1/2).

THANK YOU to the members of Mt. Zion for the monetary Christmas gift to the Naumanns. We are humbled once again by your great generosity. We could not ask for a better church family. Your love for the LORD is made evident by your love for us. A love that we certainly return in kind. Serving Christ with you, Pastor, Ashley, Aurora, Jed, and baby #3.

CHURCH OFFICER INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY (1/2): The following 2022 church officers will be installed in next Sunday's church service: President Carl Ryan (1yr); Vice President Matt Fobear (1yr); Secretary Matt Fobear (1yr); Treasurer Nathan Fobear (1yr); Financial Secretary Ben Mueller (1yr); Trustee Ben Mueller (3yrs); Elder Randy Wittorp (3yrs); Board of Finance: Carl Ryan and Randy Wittorp (1yr); Board of Education: Dave Troyan, Randy Wittorp, and Matt Fobear (1yr).

THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 16 remotely at 11am. 2021 Board Chairmen are asked to please submit their 2021 annual reports to President Randy Wittorp by January 9 so that he can compile the congregation's annual report for the meeting.

MT. ZION MAIL MINISTRY: Starting in January Pastor is going to begin weekly mailing out bulletins and sermons to shut-ins, at-a-distance members, and anyone else who'd like to be included. If you or someone you know would like to be put on this mailing list, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of church.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, **has returned** the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, **has accepted** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, **has been called** by Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5 -8, beginning with the 2022 school year. + ILC Professor John Ude **has been called** to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN + Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, **is still considering** the call to be the upper grade teacher of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

December Usher: Nathan Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering numbers are from 12/19/21

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 8 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = N/A

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$76,923.08
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,698.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$73,950.98
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$7,395.10
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$1,425.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 1/2	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship with Communion
Tue. 1/11	7pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8:00pm	Board of Christian Ed. Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 1/16	11am	Q1 Voters Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, is receiving treatment for cancer. **Dave Troyan's** mother, Lois, was in a serious car accident several months ago, breaking her ankle, and suffering trauma to the brain. **The Ryans** are expecting a newborn baby girl in January 2022. **The Naumanns** are expecting a newborn baby in June 2022.