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**Christmas Eve
Communion & Candlelight Service
Zion Lutheran Church
Redmond, Oregon
December 24, 2024
4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Pastor Michael Keys

*Assisting Ministers: Gloria McLeod (4:00)
Pat Cook (7:00)*

Music Director: Joy Leal Conrad

Music Team: Carolyn Allen

Dolly Marston

Mike Jacobs

Gloria McLeod

Vicki Prazak

Mary Bollinger

Steohanie Fahlgren

Nancy Keeton

Jack Newman

Steve Prazak

AV Techs: Dennis Marston, John Lewis, Dane Iverson,

Bob Bohac, Vicki Prazak

CALL TO WORSHIP: Zion's Redeemed Ringers

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Bell Choir Director: Gloria McLeod

*Stand**

ENTRANCE HYMN: "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Refrain: Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning

Jesus to thee be...glory giv'n

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

CHRISTMAS DIALOG AND GREETING

A The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it**

A Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

A For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

A May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

A Let us pray. *(A brief silence)* Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sit

READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

HYMN: "HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, "Glory to our newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners
reconciled".

Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Glory to our newborn King!*

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth (refrain)

READING

TITUS 2:11-14

HYMN: “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

READING

LUKE 2:1-7

HYMN: “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Glo--ri-a in excelsis De-o;

Glo--ri-a in excelsis De-o.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

*Refrain: Glo--ri-a in excelsis De-o;
Glo--ri-a in excelsis De-o.*

*Stand**

READING

LUKE 2:8-20

Sit

SERMON: “Angels Keep Showing Up”

*Stand**

SERMON HYMN: “ANGELS FROM THE REALM OF GLORY”

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;

Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

[Refrain]

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

[Refrain]

4 Though an infant now we view Him, He shall fill His heav’nly throne,

Gather all the nations to Him, Ev’ry knee shall then bow down.

[Refrain]

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right for us to give thanks to you,
Lord God of all creation.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Yet you come to us as a baby.

Blessed is the One who comes to us
in Bethlehem's manger.

Glory to God in the highest.

And peace to His people on earth.

P Blessed are you, Lord of Heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen, Come, Lord Jesus

P In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **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**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who are seeking a relationship with our Living and Loving God are invited to the Lord's Table. Individual glasses will be available for communion, and for those desiring grape juice, you will find it in the innermost ring of individual glasses. Gluten free wafers are available for those on restricted diets, please ask the pastor for a "wafer" during the distribution. Please follow the usher's direction. If you need communion brought to you, please notify the ushers. After you have received communion, please return to your seat by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN: "O HOLY NIGHT"

1. **O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!**

2. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!
3. Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us Praise His Holy name.
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

TEXT: John S. Dwight

MUSIC: Adolphe Adam



Stand*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Gracious God, through the birth of your Son you have united earth and heaven. May we who have been blessed through our Lord's Supper share the gift of your presence with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



*The minister lights a large candle from the Christ candle in the middle of the Advent wreath, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. **The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.***

HYMN OF LIGHT: "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth. Jesus Lord at your birth.

BLESSING

The minister blesses the congregation.

- P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the
Magi, and the peace of the baby, who is Jesus the Christ.
Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit bless you
now and forever.
- C Amen

The candles are extinguished.

DEPARTURE HYMN: “JOY TO THE WORLD”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room; And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow; Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We joyfully welcome you to Zion Lutheran Church! We’d love to have you join us for worship again and learn even more about us! Zion is a place of learning and growing about how to get to know God better and to walk more closely with Him. You are invited to join us regularly for worship and to become involved in one of our many ministry teams, fellowship groups, or service opportunities.

If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are “newly returned” to church, we rejoice with you; if you are a new resident to the community and are looking for a church family, you are invited to join us!

OFFERING PLATES are located by the sanctuary doors and on the narthex table if you wish leave an offering. We have also added wooden offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, and both exit doors for your use.

You can also make a contribution to Zion Lutheran Church with a quick text message! Simply send a text to **541-305-9034** with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign (\$) before the amount. Thanks for using Text2Give to support Zion’s ministries!



Sunday Worship, December 29th
Lessons & Carols Service at 10:00 a.m.



Regular Sunday Worship Times Beginning
January 5th:
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Services
Fellowship/coffee after each service
Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. / Adult Forum
10:00 a.m.



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