

# ***Good News to Share***

***Zion Lutheran School Christmas Service***

***Wednesday, December 18, 2024***

***Zion Lutheran Church, 186 Cole Road, Monroe, MI***

**Thank you for coming to our school Christmas service!**

**The Zion students and teachers are excited to be able to share the message of Jesus' birth with you this evening in Word and song. Please be considerate of the following requests:**

- **As you enter our worship space, we ask that you find your seats in a quiet and respectful manner, and that you and others attending be appreciative of the student musicians' efforts as you listen to the preservice music prepared by the piano students and handchime choir. Please keep any conversation quiet and to a minimum.**
- **Please silence your cell phone.**
- **The service is being recorded and will be streamed and available on our church website. We ask that phones and cameras be put away so that both the children and the congregation can focus on the message from God's Word. After the service you are very welcome to come to the front and take pictures with your child and family by the Christmas trees.**

**We thank you for your kind consideration, and pray that this evening's service of praise to our glorious God and Savior may be a blessing to you.**

**Preservice Music by Zion piano students of Mrs. Sitzman**

**Preservice song by Handchime Choir B "Away in a Manger" - soloist, Eloise Sordahl**

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Children's Processional/Congregation Hymn: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" (CW 55)

*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.  
O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,  
Only begotten Son of God the Father,  
O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.  
O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n, Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.  
O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

Invocation by Pastor Sitzman

Call to Worship (selected verses of Psalm 95 and Luke 1)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

**Congregation:** *let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

Pastor: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

**Congregation:** *and extol him with music and song.*

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship,

**Congregation:** *let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

Pastor: The rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine light on those living  
in darkness and in the shadow of death,

**Congregation:** *to guide our feet into the path of peace.*

Pastor: Unto us the Savior is born.

**Congregation:** **Come, let us worship him!**

Congregational Hymn: "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came" (CW 24 stanzas 1-3)

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary, "Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!*

*"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree: A blessed virgin mother you will be.  
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored maiden." Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!*

## **The Good News of the Birth of Jesus Foretold**

Pastor's Introduction

Reading of Luke 1:26-45 by 8th grade students

Song: "Oh Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" by grades K-8

## **The Good News of the Birth of Jesus**

Pastor's Introduction

Recitation of Luke 2:1-7 by grades K-8

Song: "Away in a Manger" by grades K-2

## **The Shepherd Hear the Good News**

Pastor's Introduction

Recitation of Luke 2:8-14 by grades K-8

Song: "On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing" by grades 3-8

## **The Shepherd Go to Bethlehem to See the Good News**

Pastor's Introduction

Recitation of Luke 2:15-20 by grades K-8

Song: "Mary, Did You Know?" by Warrior Voices

Music by Handchime Choir A - "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" and "Once in Royal David's City"

## **The Good News Is Ours to Share**

Pastor's Introduction

Recitations: Mark 16:15, John 3:16, and Matthew 28:19 by grades K-8

Song: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" by grades K-8

Closing Prayer by Pastor Sitzman

The Lord's Prayer - Congregation

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name.***

***Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

Benediction by Pastor Sitzman

Children's Recessional/Congregation Hymn: "Joy to the World" (CW 62)

*Joy to the world; the Lord is come; let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows 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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Thank you to our students and teachers for their preparations and presentation of God's Word to us this evening!

Most importantly, thanks to God for giving us voices to speak and sing, gifts and abilities to glorify Him, and a reason to rejoice in our salvation and declare his praises in our worship and in our lives. Christ the Savior is born!

**Your family is welcome to join us at Zion Lutheran Church  
for Christmas Worship:**

**Sunday Worship - December 22 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Christmas Eve Worship, Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Worship - Wednesday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.**

**God's blessings to your family as you celebrate Christ's birth!**



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