

Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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***Our Mission:** Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers.*

The 1st Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021 ~ 9:00 am

Lessons and Carols

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Gathering Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City ”

WOV No. 643

**Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav’n above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high;
There his children gather ‘round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.**

* The Bidding Prayer

BELOVED IN CHRIST, THIS DAY IT IS OUR DUTY AND DELIGHT TO PREPARE OURSELVES TO HEAR AGAIN THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGELS, AND TO GO IN HEART AND MIND TO BETHLEHEM, AND SEE THIS THING WHICH HAS COME TO PASS, AND THE BABE, LYING IN THE MANGER. THEREFORE, LET US HEAR AGAIN FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE THE TALE OF THE LOVING PURPOSES OF GOD FROM THE FIRST DAYS UNTIL THE GLORIOUS REDEMPTION BROUGHT US BY THIS HOLY CHILD; AND LET US MAKE THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER GLAD WITH OUR CAROLS OF PRAISE. BUT FIRST, BECAUSE THIS OF ALL THINGS WOULD REJOICE JESUS’ HEART, LET US PRAY TO HIM FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE WORLD, AND ALL HIS PEOPLE; FOR PEACE UPON THE EARTH, HE CAME TO SAVE, FOR LOVE AND UNITY WITHIN THE ONE CHURCH HE DID BUILD; FOR GOODWILL AMONG ALL PEOPLES. AND PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME, LET US REMEMBER THE POOR, THE COLD, THE HUNGRY, THE OPPRESSED; THE SICK AND THOSE WHO MOURN, THE LONELY AND THE UNLOVED; THE AGED AND THE LITTLE CHILDREN; AND ALL WHO KNOW NOT OUR LORD JESUS, OR WHO LOVE HIM NOT, OR WHO BY SIN HAVE GRIEVED HIS HEART OF LOVE. LASTLY LET US REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO REJOICE WITH US, BUT UPON ANOTHER SHORE AND IN A GREATER LIGHT, THAT MULTITUDE WHO NO ONE CAN NUMBER, WHOSE HOPE WAS IN THE WORD MADE FLESH, AND WITH WHOM, IN THIS LORD JESUS, WE FOR EVERMORE ARE ONE.

Amen.

~ The Lessons and Carols ~

The First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announced in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion.

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" No. 42

**Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**

The Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

"The Bells of Christmas" No. 62

**The bells of Christmas chime once more; the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.**

The Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing" No. 58

**Lo, how a rose is growing, a bloom of finest grace;
the prophets had foretold it: a branch of Jesse's race
would bear one perfect flow'r here in the cold of winter
and darkest midnight hour.**

The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 41

**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.**

The Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 71

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
(Refrain) Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

The Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

“The First Noel” No. 56

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

(Refrain) **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.**

The Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

“There’s a Star in the East” WOV No. 645

**There’s a star in the East on Christmas morn, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where Christ was born, rise up, shepherd, and follow.**

(Refrain) **Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow,
Follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.**

The Eighth Lesson Matthew 2: 1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus.

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” WOV No. 646

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

(Refrain) **Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
West-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

The Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” No. 55

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

~The Offering and Prayers~

The Offering and Offertory

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* **The Offertory Hymn**

“What Child is This?”

No. 40

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

The Anthem

“The Work of Christmas Begins” – Frombach

Senior Choir

* **The Prayer of Intercession**

JOINING OUR VOICES WITH THE HEAVENLY HOST AND CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT TIME AND SPACE, LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL IN NEED.

A brief silence.

YOU COME TO US IN GATHERINGS OF YOUR CHURCH ACROSS THE GLOBE. UNITE US WITH THOSE WHO CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTH EVEN WHEN THEY ARE WEIGHED DOWN BY GRIEF, LOSS, POVERTY, HUNGER, OR INJUSTICE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU COME TO US IN THE DIVERSE SPLENDOR OF THE UNIVERSE. GRANT US THE HUMILITY TO TRUST OUR PLACE IN THE NETWORK OF CREATION, THAT WE LIVE IN SERVICE TO YOU AND THE NATURAL WORLD. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU COME TO US THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS OF MANY KINDS: FAMILIES, FRIENDSHIPS, COMMUNITIES, AND NATIONS. GUIDE US IN THESE RELATIONSHIPS, THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE CHRIST CHILD IN ONE ANOTHER AND SHOW YOUR LOVE TO THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU COME TO US THROUGH PEOPLE WHOM THE WORLD FORGETS. POOR SHEPHERDS AND AN IMPRISONED PAUL ANNOUNCED YOUR GOOD NEWS. SEND YOUR SPIRIT TO ALL WHO ARE IMPRISONED, STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION, UNWELL, OR IN ANY NEED THIS DAY. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU COME TO US IN ACTS OF JUSTICE AND FORGIVENESS. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER, WITHOUT PERMITTING INJUSTICE. SUPPLY US WITH THE WISDOM TO BE CLOTHED WITH LOVE, BINDING ALL THINGS TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU COME TO US THROUGH THOSE WHO HAVE DIED YET LIVE WITH YOU FOREVER. WE GIVE THANKS FOR STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE TO TELL THE STORY OF YOUR LOVE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

REJOICING IN YOUR WORD MADE FLESH AMONG US, WE COMMEND THESE PRAYERS TO YOU, CONFIDENT OF YOUR GRACE AND LOVE MADE KNOWN TO US IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

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

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE GOD OF HOPE FILL US WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, SO THAT WE MAY ABOUND IN HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.

(Sung) Amen! Amen! Amen!

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. REJOICE IN CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Recessional Hymn**

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

No. 70

**(Refrain) Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)**

**Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**

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January 2, 2022 readings are:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:1-18

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 26, 2021

**If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom beside the office.*

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Rose Miller & Bob “Pap” Trakes by Mike & Kathy Miller & family

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sinn and her brother, Vernon Sinn by Ida Piccin

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Paul (Rufie) Derr by daughter, Arlene Derr

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of our granddaughter, Nicole Dietrich on her December 18th birthday by Nanny & Pop

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

Thanks for the fun “Rudolph” afternoon by Quinn Mehalko

In honor of Mary Ruth Taylor’s birthday on December 28th by George, Brandon, Neha and Michael

In honor of our parents wedding anniversary on December 28th by Brandon and Michael Taylor

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Jena E. Jones by Judy Brennan

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Charles Klingaman, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Brooklyn, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Prayer List Updates - We Periodically refresh our parish prayer list to keep it up to date. Please contact the office to keep someone’s name to the list; we will be refreshing our list on January 2, 2021. Remember that it is always good to get permission from the person before adding a name.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is zionlcof@verizon.net

Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion’s 2021 Church Council officers: Chris Henritzy, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritzy, Glenn Fritzinger, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Lessons and Carols
10:15 Christian Education

MONDAY

Office Closed

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education

CPR Class
January 8,
2022 at 9:30
am, sign up
sheet in the
Gathering
Room.

Upcoming Events

January 1 – No 5:30 pm Service

January 2 – 9:00 am Service

January 7 – Blessings Sale

January 8 – CPR Class

Please note that the church office will be closed December 27th and January 3rd. If you are in need of assistance please leave a message, the answering machine will be checked periodically. Thank You!

Congregational Life Committee: Do you enjoy seeing your church friends every week? Don't you sometimes wish there was more opportunity for fellowship? Do you enjoy event planning? Consider joining Zion's NEW Congregational Life Committee! The committee will be responsible for organizing fun & fellowship through events & outings for our congregation! If interested contact Deb Davies at 570-778-2731! A congregational life committee meeting will be scheduled in early January to begin planning our first event! Stay tuned for the date!

Operation Christmas Child - The Shoe boxes we are tracking went to South Africa...Thank you for your donations, Judy

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Charles "Chuck" Klingaman, who passed away on December 14, 2021. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

*From Zion Council and the Parish Staff may you and your family have a
Happy and Healthy New Year.*