Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 5:30 pm

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What Child is This

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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!

Savior is Born

So bring him incense gold and myrrh. Come peasant king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise a song on high! The virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the Son of Mary. This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Hail, hail the word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mary.



Hope Was Born This Night

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Tonight I can see a star shine and its splendor fills up the sky. It's the same that appeared and the wise men revered when hope was born this night. Out upon the snowy fields there's a silent peace that heals. And it echoes the grace of our Savior's embrace because hope was born this night.

Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth good will toward all. Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy because hope was born this night. I can hear the Christmas bells ring as softly a church choir sings. It's the song used to praise the Ancient of Days when hope was born this night. There are angels in this place and my heart resounds with the praise. Like a shepherd, so scared, I'll rejoice and declare that hope was born this night.

Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth good will toward all. Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy because hope was born this night.

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth good will toward all. Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy because hope was born this night. Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth good will toward all. Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy because hope was born this night. I know hope was born this night because Christ was born this night.



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We've seen a great light mystery and awe so bright. Our lives forever changed. Oh we follow the call in the night.

We've wandered and journeyed so far following a bright star. We bring our riches and song. O we are Bethlehem bound. Rejoice we've been made new! Rejoice we've been made new! The baby has come, our life has begun. Rejoice we have been made new!

Sometimes it feels like hope is gone. We've prayed for our Christ to come. And now our savior is born, Our savior is born! Rejoice we've been made new! Rejoice we've been made new! The baby has come, our life has begun. Rejoice we have been made new!

Through the dark and lonely night you come Emmanuel. Oh God with us your light has come to set us all free! Rejoice we've been made new! Rejoice we've been made new! The baby has come, our life has begun. Rejoice we have been -----

Rejoice we've been made new! Rejoice we've been made new! The baby has come, our life has begun. The earth will rejoice; sing into the night. the season's begun; our Savior has won. Rejoice we have been made new!

Welcome and Announcements



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 pm During worship

If any of the students wish to perform their Christmas recital pieces as Prelude that night, please notify Shelley Galle.

Rehearsal after Church School tonight.

There is still time!

You can submit a photo to put in Zion's online directory. Email it to zlcw@mncable.net (or drop it off at the office).



Sharing the Peace and Lighting of the Advent Candles

I've Got Peace Like a River

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I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river.

I've got joy like a fountain.
I've got joy like a fountain.
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain.
I've got joy like a fountain.
I've got joy like a fountain.

I've got love like an ocean.
I've got love like an ocean.
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean.
I've got love like an ocean.
I've got love like an ocean.

Kids' Message

Noisy Offering!!! Drop your change in the buckets and make some noise!

Proceeds will go to the Giving Tree at the Security State Bank.

Prepare Ye – O Come all Ye Faithful

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Prepare ye the way of the Lord. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels; Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God Glory in the highest: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord! O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord! Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8



Special Music

"Breath of Heaven"

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Faithful God,

C: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we refuse to listen to those who announce your presence. Forgive us when we ignore the cries that come from the wilderness. Allow us to understand that, like John the Baptist, we too are unworthy before the Lord of All. Help us live into our baptisms. Remind us of the beginning of the **Good News of Jesus Christ and empower us to** be the continuation of that Good News. Amen.

- L: By the mercy and grace of our Good God, we may live in peace with one another for we have been forgiven and Christ welcomes us as a parent welcomes home a long-lost child.
- C: Amen!



It Came Upon a Midnight Clear/Glorious

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> It came upon a midnight clear that glorious song of old. From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold. Peace on earth goodwill to all from heaven's all-gracious King. The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Glorious. My eyes have seen the glory of the Lord. Glorious. He stands above the rulers of the earth. Glorious, glorious, Lord, you are glorious.

For lo the days are hast'ning on by prophets seen of old. When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold. When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling. And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Glorious.

My eyes have seen the glory of the Lord. Glorious.

He stands above the rulers of the earth. Glorious, glorious, Lord, you are glorious. It came upon the midnight clear. that glorious song of old. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old.

Glorious.

My eyes have seen the glory of the Lord. Glorious.

He stands above the rulers of the earth. Glorious, glorious, Lord, you are glorious.

Offering Prayer

- L: Let us pray together.
- C: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in peace.
 A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear.
 A peace growing from our trust in your loving power. Receive these generous offerings and use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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.

Blessing

- L: As you leave worship, let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet. Amen.
- C: Amen.

Hark

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> Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the 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 angels sing. Hark the angels sing, glory to the newborn King. Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord. Late in time behold him come, Off-spring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Hark the angels sing. Hark the angels sing, glory to the newborn King. Hail the heav'n-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 man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark the angels sing, glory to the newborn King. Hark the angels sing, glory to the newborn King. Hark the angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

God bless you!

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