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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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*Peace to all who enter God's house for worship today.
We pray that all will find strength, security, and fellowship with God and
with one another.*

Congregation, please stand/sit as you are able.

Ⓟ *Presiding Minister* Ⓞ *Congregation* Ⓜ *Assisting Minister*

Welcome to our Visitors

*If you are a visitor, please see one of our greeters and fill out our gold
visitor's slip. We hope that you will come back and worship with us
again!*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Please stand.

GATHERING HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
(green hymnal #45)

DIALOGUE

- P** Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.
- C** **By day and night he shines for all to see.**
- P** Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
- C** **that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**
- P** God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,
- C** **so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**
- P** Jesus is the light of the world.
- C** **Jesus is the light of our lives.**
- P** Sing to God a new song!
- C** **A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.
- C** **Amen**

Please be seated.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

(We will hear the lesson, Pastor Mike will give a commentary and then we will sing the carol.)

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

Carol - "I Wonder As I Wander"
(blue hymnal #642)

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(green hymnal #41)

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol - "Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"
(green hymnal #58)

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Carol - "Angels We Have Heard on High"
(green hymnal #71)

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Carol - "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
(green hymnal #50)

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

Carol - "What Child Is This"
(green hymnal #40)

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

Carol - "Joy to the World"
(green hymnal #39)

Please stand.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P** It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.
- C** **Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**
- P** In his light, draw all to the manger
- C** **to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**
- P** In his light, draw all to the manger.
- C** **to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**
- P** In his light, draw all to the manger
- C** **to sing for joy with the angels.**
- P** In the brightness of his life
- C** **cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**
- P** It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
- C** **In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**
- Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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;
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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

COMMUNION MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC

Please stand.

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

THE LITURGY OF SENDING FOR SERVICE

BLESSING

P Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C Praise God, all creatures here below!

P You are the shepherds telling the story.

C We tell it in the streets and across the land.

P You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

C We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

P You are the angels announcing peace.

C We live with joy and go now in peace.

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
(green hymnal #55)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

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