

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2025 (9:00 a.m.)

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Gloria"

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?

(Chorus)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in the manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Chorus

How could heaven's heart not break On the day, the day that You came?
Salvation's reason to celebrate, On the day, the day that You came. (Repeat)

Chorus

Gloria And gloria! Gloria, yeah, yeah, yeah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Yeah, yeah, yeah!

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WELCOME

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

OPENING SONG "Unto Us"

Who are we that a King would trade heaven's riches
For a stable and a manger low?
Can it be, Great I AM bending down to reach us,
Morning Star let this dark world know.

Here is our Promised One. Jesus, our hope has come.

(Chorus)

Unto us, unto us a Child is born.
Unto us, unto us a Son is given.
Glory to God in the highest.
Wonderful Prince of Peace, Emmanuel has come to set captives free,
And with the angels we sing, "Glory to God in the highest."
He has brought this great love Unto us.

Who are we that a King would still walk among us,
Knowing He would only live to die?
Cross of shame, crown of thorns He still chose to carry.
Beauty broken, breathing us new life.

Here is our Promised One. Jesus, our hope has come.

Chorus

Emmanuel. Emmanuel.
Emmanuel, Love has come.

Chorus

Unto us, Emmanuel. Unto us, Emmanuel.
God with us, You are God,
You are God with us.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you and rightly honor your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

People: Gracious God, have mercy on me. In your compassion forgive my sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your Holy Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In Jesus our gracious God has had mercy on you and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 145:13b-17

Pastor: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

People: The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Pastor: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

People: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Pastor: The LORD is righteous in all his ways

People: The LORD is righteous in all his ways

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

WE SING "Noel"

Love incarnate, love divine, Star and angels gave the sign.

Bow to babe on bended knee, The Savior of humanity.

Unto us a Child is born; He shall reign forevermore.

(Chorus)

Noel, Noel! Come and see what God has done!

Noel, Noel! The story of amazing love!

The light of the world Given for us.

Noel.

Son of God, and Son of man, There before the world began.
Born to suffer, born to save, Born to raise us from the grave.
Christ, the everlasting Lord; He shall reign forevermore.

Chorus x2

Noel Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Matt Redman © 2015 CCLI Song #7050419

+ + + TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD + + +

GOD SPEAKS AND WE LISTEN:

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-8

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with the people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." 11 This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE SING "Hymn of Joy"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

(Chorus)

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel,
Your love has come Here to dwell.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird, and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Chorus x2

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began.
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Hymn of Joy Words by Henry Van Dyke, Chris Tomlin, and Ed Cash
Music by Ludwig van Beethoven, Chris Tomlin, and Ed Cash © 2015 CCLI Song #7050420

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

+ + + WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER + + +

PRAYERS concluding with

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

People: *Hear our prayer.*

OFFERING (Please place your offering in offering plates located on pedestals at the back of the church.)

OFFERING SONG "The Truth"

How many times can you hear the same lie Before you start to believe it?
The enemy keeps whispering to me; I swear, these days, it's all that I'm hearing.
I used to know who I was, Now I look into the mirror, and I'm not so sure.
Lord, I don't want to listen to the lies anymore.

(Chorus)

The truth is I am my Father's child. I make Him proud, and I make Him smile.
I was made in the image of a perfect King. He looks at me and wouldn't change
a thing.

The truth is I am truly loved by a God who's good When I'm not good enough.
I don't belong to the lies; I belong to You.
And that's the truth.

When I feel like there's so much noise Living rent free in my head,
Heaven finds me in a still small voice, And it sounds like grace instead.
You remind me who I am When I look into the mirror and I'm not so sure.
Lord, I don't want to listen to the lies anymore.

Chorus

I know who I am, 'Cause I know who You are.
And I hold Your truth Inside of my heart.

I know the lies are always gonna try and find me, But I've never been so sure.

Chorus

And that's the truth.

The Truth Words and music by Megan Woods, Jeff Pardo and Matthew West CCLI Song #7213988

+ + + COMMUNING WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER + + +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: It is truly good, right and beneficial ... evermore praising you and singing:

*People Sing: * Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored: Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONG "The First Noel (Holy is the Lord)"

Ooh. Ooh.

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.

Noel, Noel. Holy is, holy is the Lord.
Ooh.

They looked up And saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth It gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Ooh.

Then let us all With one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heav'n And earth of nought
And with His blood mankind was bought.

Noel, Noel. Holy is, holy is.
Noel, Noel. Holy is, holy is.
Noel, Noel. Holy is, holy is the Lord.
Holy is, holy is the Lord.
Holy is, holy is, holy is, Holy is the Lord.

The First Noel (Holy is the Lord) Words and Music by Traditional
Additional Words and Arrangement by Autumn Hardman, Scott Ligertwood and Harrison Wood
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"Messiah"

Long awaited Precious promise, Son of God and Son of Man.
Heaven's glory In a manger Has come to us in Bethlehem, oh.

(Chorus)

Messiah, Messiah, A baby born To save us all.
Messiah, Messiah On our knees we fall.

All we long for, All we needed Shining in a child's eyes.
Hope forever, Death defeated Because of this one holy night.

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Long awaited Precious promise, Coming back again.

Chorus

On our knees we fall.

Messiah Words and music by Francesca Battistelli, Molly Reed, and Feff Pardo CCLI Song #902396

POST-DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

+ + + WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING + + +

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

CLOSING SONG "Praise the Lord"

I remember when a long lost sinner Met a good, good God.
I remember when my heart was broken, But now it's not.
I've tasted and I've seen You've been so good to me.
From the moment that You changed my life, God,
You never stopped.

(Chorus)

I'm gonna sing it. I'm gonna shout it.
I'm gonna lift my hands and praise, No matter what is gonna come my way.
All You've done for me. I give You the glory.
From the valley to the victory, I know my God is gonna fight for me.
So, when the devil come try to get me, Gonna praise the Lord.
When the devil come try to get me, Gonna praise the Lord.

From the moment when the sun starts rising, Till the sun goes down.
I'm surrounded by a million mercies. I can feel them now.
I've tasted and I've seen You've been so good to me.
Got a melody inside my heart, oh, Here's a sweet, sweet sound.

Chorus

In ev'ry high, In ev'ry low,
My hope is found in Christ alone.
And here on earth, When I get home,
My hope is found in Christ alone.

Chorus

So, when the devil come try to get me, Gonna praise the Lord.
When the devil come try to get me, Gonna praise the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE

SERVING TODAY

Duty Lay Minister: Sun: Guy Cox

Readers: Sun: Jeff Sievers

Altar Care:
Sat: Carolyn Peterson
Sun: Lisa Reimers/Jerry Sue Gaudin

Counters: Linda Bowers/Charlene Perry

Acolyte: Jorge Gomez

Song Leader: Wendy Waiwood
Praise Band

Sound Technicians:
Rob Waiwood
Meaghan Imes
Zack Bottom

THIS WEEK AT ZION January 19, 2025

Sunday **Epiphany 2**
Worship 9:00 am
Live Stream YouTube zionvvlive 9:00 am
Sunday School & ZLYF 10:30 am
Adult Class 10:30 am

Monday
Confirmation 4:00 pm

Wednesday
Chapel 9:15 am
Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm

Thursday
Adult Information Class 7:00 pm

Saturday
Devotion Communion Service 6:00 pm

Remember Your Zion Family in Prayer

Healing: Conni Morrison, Jean Patterson, Lerma Bockhorn, Ruth Reynolds, Calvin Cullip, Jonah Dimas, Joann Asta, Matt Donner

For our Homebound: Bob Dunnerman, Elmer Lenz

Anniversaries: Jeff & Leisa Sievers, Dennis & Linda Seidenglanz

Birthdays: Tiffany Rodriguez, Guinevere Lugo

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY This Wednesday, January 22 at 12:30 pm we will begin a new Bible study called "*The No Homework Women's Bible Study: Group Hug II*". If you have been looking for a midweek Bible Study, come and check us out in the church conference room this coming Wednesday at 12:30 pm.

2025 FLOWER CHART is in the narthex. Sign up to provide flowers for our worship. If you prefer a plant rather than flowers, put a "P" after your name. The price for either is \$35. Call Carolyn Peterson (243-4911) or Charlene Perry (245-9725) for more info.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD is collecting canned or dry milk, dry cereal, razors and shaving cream during the month of January. Please place your donations in one of the collection baskets in the narthex. Thank you for your help!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP~ Thank you to those families who have hosted our coffee time after service these past months. We will be looking for more families to host the coffee time in the months to come. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve your family here at Zion!

PORTALS OF PRAYER booklets are available in the narthex. Pick one up to use in your personal and family devotions.

ADVERTISERS NEEDED: We need advertisers to support the newsletter; if anyone has names of prospective sponsors please pass them along; if anyone is willing to give monthly to support an ad space please call the office. Thank you for your support!

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS~ A class for adults and high school youth to learn about the Lutheran Church, is being held on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Zion Room in the school building. It is also a good review for current members. Share the news and invite your friends.

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