



FOR UNTO
YOU IS
BORN
THIS DAY
IN THE CITY
OF DAVID
A SAVIOR,
WHO IS CHRIST
THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11, ESV



Christmas **DAY**

December 25, 2024

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Christmas Day

December 25, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 269 “Once in Royal David’s City”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

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Sharing the Peace

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Zion Lutheran Church welcomes our **visitors and guests**. We are pleased that you have come to join us in the worship of our God of grace and love. May you be strengthened and uplifted in our time together. *Please sign our guest register and make yourself known to Pastor Jeff.* We hope that you will plan to be with us, again, at your earliest opportunity.

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This morning, we will be distributing the Lord’s Supper in a continuous fashion. Trays holding individual cups of wine are on stands at either side of Pastor Jeff for those wishing to receive wine. **We are making available a small number of individual glasses filled with non-alcoholic white wine. These are for those not wishing to partake in the red wine containing alcohol.** The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the center aisle.

Please note that masks are now “optional or personal preference”. Disposable masks remain at all entrances for those wishing to continue to wear one.



THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Todd, Mervyn, Gwen, Jim, Bernice, Dan, Mike, Jack, Cindy, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Katie, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Devon, Hollice, Joyce, Maria, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Melinda, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. Dec. 30</u>	NO EVENTS
<u>Tues. Dec. 31</u>	NO EVENTS
<u>Wed. Jan. 1/25</u>	CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY
<u>Thurs. Jan. 2/25</u>	NO EVENTS
<u>Fri. Jan. 3/25</u>	2:00 – 3:00 PM Marek in Sanctuary
<u>Sun. Jan. 5/25</u>	* EPIPHANY * 10:00 AM Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Wayne & Linda Faulhafer
Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick
Altar: Carmen Beck

Reader: Aline Kouhi-Klemencic
Counting Captain: NO COUNTERS
House of Blessing: Wayne Faulhafer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: As in the past, the “Christmas” offering envelopes for this year will be apportioned one-half to the Kiwanis Christmas Basket Fund and one-half to the Current Fund.

“Christmas” offering envelopes are available on the tables at all entrances to the Sanctuary.

“Thank you” for your continued support!

YEAR-END OFFERING DEADLINE: Please note that all 2024 offerings need to be received by **December 31st** to be included on your 2024 tax receipt.

“Thank you” for everyone’s continued financial support.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES & DECEMBER NEWSLETTER are available for pickup on the table at the back of the church. **Due to the mail situation, if you are able to pickup for your family and/or friends it would be greatly appreciated.** Envelopes and/or Newsletters will also be available for pickup just inside the doors off the side parking lot on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays through to Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please DO NOT use your 2025 envelopes until January, 2025. Please call Jane in the office 519-271-8527 if you cannot find your offering envelopes or if you wish to start receiving them. You may also contact the office if you wish to switch to PAR, the pre-authorized offering program. Thank you!

