

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship and adore him: Christ the Lord!



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Text: English traditional Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional, arr. John Stainer, 1840–1901

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GREETING

Good Christian friends, rejoice! Today Christ is born! From the realms of glory, angels sing. From fields, keeping their watch by night, shepherds arrive. And we too have come to the manger to see the newborn king. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray...

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD



FIRST OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, we were saved, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit was poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by God's grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL:

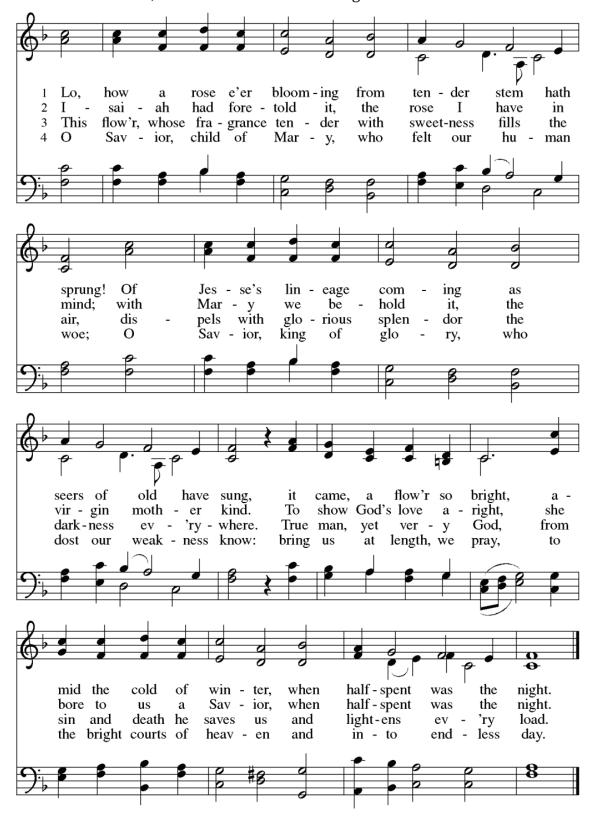
The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:8-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: by Pastor Mike Pancoast



Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth,

1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

THE 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Emmanuel, God with us...

Hear our prayers

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

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OFFERING

OFFERING CAROL: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, vs 4 282



Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC:

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

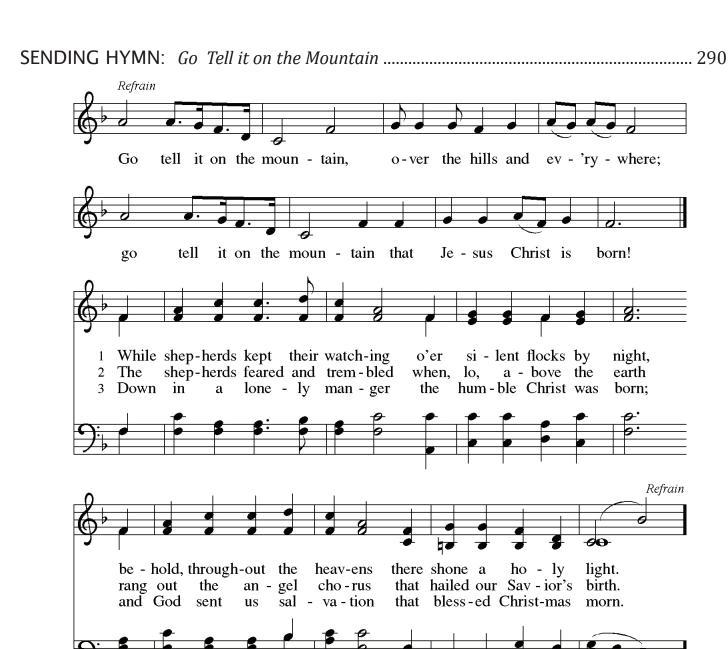
God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May the hope, joy, peace and love of Christ fill your heart on this Holy Night and bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt. Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Sing God's praise. The love of God dwells in you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the Home Communion Visitation Team.

CONGREGATIONAL GODPARENTS NEEDED

Every child needs AAA (authentic, available and affirming) adults in their lives – the more the better! At Zion we believe in "marinating" our children in prayer and being present from the beginning. That is why we have Congregational Godparents – AAA adults who are willing to be present at the baptism of a child and pray for them every day and send cards (which are provided) on their birthdays and the anniversary of their baptism. It's an easy job, but a vital one. We are in need of people who would like to be part of this ministry and be present at the baptism. Contact Pastor Connie at ctiede@zionanoka.org or Kristine Johnson at kjohnson@zionanoka.org for more information.

SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST ON BOB-FM

Every Sunday morning at 9:10 AM, Zion's traditional worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Our radio broadcast covers a good portion of the state of Minnesota and reaches several hundred listeners each Sunday, including many who do not have internet capability. Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Gifts may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary. Thank you to recent supporters of the Radio Broadcast Fund.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the Sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the Sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am

www.zionanoka.org (click "Worship Online") - or-

www.facebook.com/ ZionLutheranChurch AnokaMn

AVAILABLE ANYTIME

CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network Channel 6 SUNDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

RADIO BROADCAST 106.1 BOB FM

SUNDAYS | 9:10 AM

OFFICE HOURS

M - Th: 9 am - 5 pm Fri: 9 am - 12 noon



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ORGAN/PIANO: Deb Oas Koepsell

Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ZION PASTORS AND STAFF

The Zion pastors and staff wish all of our members and visitors and their families a wonderful Christmas filled with joy. A heartfelt thanks to ALL volunteers who shared their time and gifts to bless our services of worship this Christmas. Musicians, choirs, altar guild, ushers, decor team, greeters, readers, and everyone who helped...know that your gifts are greatly appreciated! May God bless you and your loved ones in the New Year.

POINSETTIA GARDEN

Thank you to all who donated to the poinsettia garden in honor or in memory of their loved ones.







In Honor of/Memory of:

Relatives Past and Present Lyle Anderson

Carolyn Foss, Angela Foss, George Morsch

Ken & Carole Holten Zion Pastoral Staff

Jerry Benson

Phil & Darlene Martin

Everett Wheeler

Garland & Lillian Linde, Roger & Karen Lindquist

Loved Ones

Harley & Darlene Fedje, John & Betty Turok Alvin Steinbring, Eauilee & Woody Kelley Charlotte, Jack & New Steinbring Baby

Sharon Fischer

Ken Schenk & other Loved Ones

Bruce & Maxine Johnson, Gerald & Mary Peterson

Jim Johansen

Mick Pipenhagen: Best Dad, Grandpa &

Great-Grandpa

Beloved husband Skip

Loved Ones

Grandma Lu & Grandpa Bill Dresel, Grandpa

Mohagen, Joanie Dresel Richard & Mary Lou Olsen

Our Families including Zion

Loved Ones

Ray & Lola Herrboldt, Donna Augustson

Amidore & Leah Hauff, Gordy & Harriet Bune,

& all friends and loved ones now in the Lord's

Heavenly Kingdom

Loved Ones

Peter & Claire, Erik & Katie, Emily & Erik, Lisbet,

Annika, Bjorn & Axel

Rev. Landis & Carol Olson, Bud & Delores Jones,

Diane Jones

Our Loved Ones

Kathy Anderson, Joanne Nelson, Altar Guild

Members

Darlene Jackson

Nikki Jagodzinski

Bob Lindberg

Buz Dahl, Bob Kimball

Our Parents: Marcel & Suzi Gaboury & Roger Jiran

Given by:

David & Peggy Barth

Jerene Anderson

Roger Foss

Leslee Curtis

Fred & Grace Ehlers

Ken & Sandra Benson

Their Children

Mary Wheeler & Family

Larry & Judy Linde

Bill & Pam Goodrich

Bill & Mechell Turok

Patty & David Steinbring

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Bob Fischer

Bob & Pat Stearns

Craig & Ann Johnson

His Family

Deb, Amy & Greg, Broc, Brayden,

Jackie, Alex, Gabe, Charlotte & Joe

Linda Hovan

Barb & Gary Janas

Laurel Dresel

Barb, Rick & Heather Rule

Ron & Marlene Grav

Vern & Laurel Silvernale

Their Loving Family

Bill & Beth Bune

Bonnie King

Doug & Karla Jones

Doug & Karla Jones

Ron & Pinky Pendergrass

Pinky Pendergrass

Scott & Sheri Jackson

Family

Marilynn Lindberg & Family

Carol Dahl & Family

Jamie & Suzanne Gaboury





In Honor of/Memory of:

Our Grandparents: Wesley & Lola Conley & Ina & Randy Oppegard

Our Fathers: Richard Gessler & Raymon Sanders

Our Parents: Janell Oppegard, Al Conley, &

Esther Sanders

Our Children: Emma Faith, Lola Grace, Amelia

Hope and Weslee Joy Our Brothers and Sisters Thurman & Vaida Wetteland

John Cox Greg Nelson

Jim, Myrt, & John Heitzman

Dick Weller

Stanley Liedman & Michelle Franta Harold & Geneva C. Johnson, Parents

Michael Johnston

Craig Syring, Dick Hammer

Steve West Our Parents

Myrle Dunning, Marvel Dunning, Jerry Smothers

Parents, Brother and Sister

Parents: Willard & LaVon Willock, James & Norma Field. Siblings: John Willock, Madelyn Field, Richard Field. Brother-in-law: Jerome Kuzy

Norm Nahring Loved Ones

Jennings & Elaine Feroe, Alden Tinker, Alice Tinker

Plys, & Stanley Plys

Richard (Dick) Isaacson Our son, Matthew Springer

Kathie Reiten Art Bendiske

Matt

Marion LaSalle & Grandmother Mrs. Williams

Peter Beberg

Sharon Woizeschke

Erin DeGuise, Helen & Lynn Emerson, Leo

DeGuise, Janet Wiederhoft

Lloyd Olson

Bob, Judy & Alan Johnson

Mike Olson

Marge Mulligan, Tom Mulligan Chuck & Andrea Birklid-Daley

Given by:

Tom & Stephanie Sanders

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Melinda Wetteland & Dan Messman
Catherine Cox
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Gary & Mary Prozinski
Audrey Weller & Family
Lynn Liedman
Paul & Jan Lindbloom
Shirlie Johnston
Rhondi (Steve) West
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Lyle & Marlene Willock

Elaine Isaacson
Paula Mohr & Joel Springer
Dick Reiten
Judy Bendiske
John & Sandy Steinbring
Donald LaSalle
Jerry & Kathy Johnson
Family
Janet & Gary DeGuise

Keith & Tina Olson Keith & Tina Olson Cheryl Olson Joe Hirvela David Birklid





In Honor of/Memory of:

Stanley Lofgren and Loved Ones

Herb Lien, Loved Ones

Our Parents

John & Donna Carver

Our Dad, Art Goebel

Mike Johnson

Howard & Mildred Skelly - Dad & Mom

Mom & Dad - Larry & Phyllis Morreim

Son Jason Jay Hayford

Brandon LeNoue, Ruth LeNoue, Vernon

LeNoue & Cpl. Bruce LeNoue

Sonja Chamberlain

Our Four Wonderful Grandkids

Daughter Beth's Christmas Eve

Birthday, Husband Jim Fraser

Our Loved Ones who have passed

Katie Davis & baby Emerson

Phyllis Tohm

Dear Family, and friend Joan Nephew

Bill & Avis Frank

Chuck Camp

Roger Carlson

Bob Kimball

Pat Schwappach

Liane Rock

William H. Rock

Jean Pearson

Tom Pearson

Gloria Kortmeyer

Howard Kortmeyer

Parents

Shirley Lemke, Megan Sullivan

Ima Olson, Scott Olson

Ioe & Caroline Hebert

Christian Messer & Our Parents

Harlan Worsham Sr. & Susan Worsham

Barb Wollenburg

All of our Family Members

Ron Olsbo

Leslie & Florence Bryngelson, Jason Bryngelson

Vincent & Joan Crowley

Our Parents

Given by:

Mona Lofgren

Andrea Southard

Don & Bonnie Timm

The Carver Family

Sally, Susan & Sharon

Patty Johnson & Family

Carol Skelly

Pat Morreim

Pat & Sheryl Boedigheimer

Wife and Children

Byron, Linda & Dustin LeNoue

Sandy & Stan Peichel

Laurie & Steve Rykkeli

Bev Fraser

Mike & Sandy Schelkoph

JD Davis

Ken Tohm

Margaret & Roger Denlinger

David Frank

Mary Camp & Family

Dorothy Carlson & Family

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Our Family

Larry & Kathy Nelson Ioe & Diane Hebert

Bruce & Michelle Messer

Gary & Sheryl Fahnhorst

Bob Wollenburg & Family

Bill & Evie Donald

Lorrie Olsbo

Dennis & Monica Bryngelson

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Ron & Phyllis Solei





In Honor of/Memory of:

Vincent & Rose Oman and George & Dory Will

Husband, Sisters & Brothers

Olaf & Tom Olson

Chadd Nelson, Cliff & Joanne Nelson

Parents Carl & Elma Stengard

Joseph James Gilmore Son, Dr. John Googins

Bea McGillivray & Lee McGillivray

Quinn August Krasean

Our Family Gene Hauff

Dean & Novelle Townsend, Orwall &

Florence Olson

Parents, Bruce Weaver, Larry Engelmann &

Colleen Engelmann

My Parents, Zion Staff

Tom, Julie, & Phil

Lynn & Helen Emerson

Matt, Megan & Curt, Katie & Lief & Grandkids

Michael & Christopher Hiatt

Thoralf & Ann Melby, Thomas & Irene Dempsey

Parents, Donald & Ruby Drusch

Mary & Don Braucht, Mick Pipenhagen

Harold Hamilton

Bror & Trudie Anderson, Susan Weber

Bud & Delores Jones

Marvin Miller

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Our son, Paul Stone Rod Halvorson, Loved Ones near & far

Linda McAnally Char Nelson

Mom-Sharon Beatty

Brad Hennen

John & Sue Klund

Alvin Steinbring

Loved Ones

Gordy Wilkinson

Wayne & Patricia Wallace

Three Generations of Syrings, Harry, Irene

Gilbertson

Our Granddaughter Harper Jean

Craig R. Johnson

Given by:

Steve, Sharon & Alex Will

Audrey Chergosky

Jean Olson

Gary & Linda Nelson

Susan Radakovich

Laura Bouten

Janis Beckman

Jack McGillivray & Dawn & Dean Sorenson

Karin & Gary Evenson

Rick & Gail Michaelson

Barbara Hauff

Jim & Carolyn Townsend

Mike & Nancy Engelmann

Judy Dietrich

Denny & Candy Henrickson

Barb Emerson Lutmer

Patti Hiatt

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Wayne & Donna Melby

Bob & Connie Svendsen

Cindy & Mike Pipenhagen

Beverly Kopischke

Eldri & Michael Wittkamper

David & Cindy Jones

Virginia Miller

Mitchell Miller

Guy & Pat Reuss

Diane Halvorson

David McAnally

Floyd Nelson

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Klund Girls

Margaret Steinbring

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