

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



February 2, 2025
The Presentation of Our Lord
Divine Service IV
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

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*The Vision of Zion Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered, growing, spiritual home for
✠ Worshipping God ✠ Proclaiming the Gospel
✠ Nurturing faith ✠ Educating ✠ Loving and Caring for people.*



WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today. Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you personally about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. — Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor

ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the Service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

AS WE GATHER — The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. "As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to "destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do "in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and "depart in peace" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

TODAY WE WELCOME Josephine and Emilia Pepe as they are baptized during the 10:30 Service this morning. Their parents are Jana and Michael Pepe, and their Godparents are Karin Hughes and Lauren Fischer. We pray God's blessings upon all.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. As we anticipate His blessing, we plan our giving that the Gospel may be lived within and proclaimed to the world. With Christ as our head, we respond with our hearts and hands to bond together in love, peace, and service. As a congregation, make our pledges and bring them to the Altar. Thank you for your generous response in the past!

PRELUDE

DIVINE SERVICE IV
LSB 203

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Within the Father's House

LSB 410

✠ LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠ (10:30)

Sit

P

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is the means by which the Father creates new sons and daughters. In the waters of Baptism we are joined to the death and resurrection of our Lord. Born again by water and the Spirit, we are made members of the Body of Christ. Living in fellowship with him and his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P

Who is here present to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and how are they named?

R

We present Josephine Rose and Emilia Ruth.

The Pastor asks the following questions of the Parents and Godparents, who speak for the child:

P

Do you renounce the devil and all his works, and all his ways?

R

Yes, I renounce him, and all his works, and all his evil ways.

P

Speaking and confessing with all the Faithful here present:
Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C

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

P

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C

Yes, I believe 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.

P

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C

Yes, 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.

BAPTISM

P Josephine Rose, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Emilia Ruth, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

ANNOINTING WITH OIL

P Josephine and Emilia, children of God, you are anointed and sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ ✝ forever.

C Amen.

VESTING WITH THE BAPTISMAL STOLE

P Put on this stole and remember that you are clothed in the righteousness of Christ who calls you to His great feast.

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION TO THE FAITHFUL *(Stand)*

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and heirs with us of the kingdom of God.**

HYMN *(Sung a capella)* *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠
(8:00) LSB 203

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise, Shine

Martin How

(sung by the choir and congregation)

Refrain:

Everyone:

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned _____ up - on you.

Choir: For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.** *Sit*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 1:21–28

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever.” Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.”

And he worshiped the Lord there.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** *Stand*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the

Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(8:00) NICENE CREED

LSB 206

(The Creed is also printed inside the back cover of the Hymnal)

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

See Mary Setting Out at Dawn



All 1 See Ma - ry set - ting out at dawn for Zi - on
 Choir 2 There faith - ful Ma - ry, meek, de - mure, has come to
 All 3 When Ma - ry brings Mes - si - ah there, God an - swers
 Choir 4 Be - cause she brings the Sav - ior there, grey An - na
 All 5 All have some spe - cial part to play in God's e -

with her six - week Son, and Jo - seph, tur - tle - doves in
 be ack - nowl - edged pure, then ded - i - cates the Ho - ly
 Sim - eon's life - long prayer for peace for him and ev - ery -
 has a Gift to share. Had she not prayed, "Your will be
 ter - nal plan who pray, "In heav'n, so here Your will be

hand, to car - ry out the Lord's com - mand.
 One by whom God's per - fect will is done.
 one who prays in faith, "Your will be done."
 done," who would have met and known God's Son?
 done" at ev - ery ris - ing of the sun.

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WO GOTT ZUM HAUS

HOMILY

“Life in the Church Manual”

1 Corinthians 12b: 13:1-13

I. How We Give

II. The Way We Love

2025 PLEDGES BROUGHT TO THE ALTAR

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
LSB 208

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Sit* *O Lord, We Praise Thee* LSB 617
Jesus Comes Today with Healing LSB 620

NUNC DIMITTIS Scott Hyslop

*Lord,, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised;
for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
a light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* LSB 924

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant/Homilist	Rev. Fred Gersch
Assisting	Rev. James Ebersole
Lector	(8:00) Amy Rodgers (10:30) Erik Landry
Crucifer	(8:00) Braeden Baumann (10:30) Joshua Jeffcoat
Torchbearers	(10:30) Peter and Josh Hoepfner
Organist	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Choir	Zion Adult Choir
Instrumentalist	Ryan Estes, oboe
Sacristan	Valerie R. Green
Ushers	Richard Magers (8:00); Board of Elders
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	Larry Wagner, Ryan Hudson

SERVING DAILY

Pastor	Rev. James Ebersole
Minister to Older Adults	Rev. Richard Kurth
Assisting Pastor	Rev. Fred Gersch
Ethnic Ministry Facilitator	Rev. Benyam Weldtensai
Minister of Music	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Minister of Education/Principal	Dr. Jeff Thorman
Minister of Youth/Parish Education	Amy Heuer, DCE
<i>Comunidad Cristiana Esmirna</i>	Rev. Oscar Perez
Eritrean Evangelical Lutheran Church	Pastor Rehoboth Beyene
Business and Facilities Manager	Jerry Knippa, MBA
Audio and Facilities	Larry Wagner, Gil Abbott, Ryan Hudson

Proportional Giving

Annual Income	Tithe		8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$15,000	10%	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$1,050	\$900	\$750	\$600	\$450	\$300	\$150
\$25,000		\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,750	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$250
\$35,000		\$3,500	\$2,800	\$2,450	\$2,100	\$1,750	\$1,400	\$1,050	\$700	\$350
\$45,000		\$4,500	\$3,600	\$3,150	\$2,700	\$2,250	\$1,800	\$1,350	\$900	\$450
\$55,000		\$5,500	\$4,400	\$3,850	\$3,300	\$2,750	\$2,200	\$1,650	\$1,100	\$550
\$65,000		\$6,500	\$5,850	\$5,200	\$4,550	\$3,900	\$3,250	\$2,600	\$1,950	\$650
\$75,000		\$7,500	\$6,750	\$6,000	\$5,250	\$4,500	\$3,750	\$3,000	\$2,250	\$750
\$100,000		\$10,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
\$125,000		\$12,500	\$11,250	\$10,000	\$8,750	\$7,500	\$6,250	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$2,500
\$150,000		\$15,000	\$13,500	\$12,000	\$10,500	\$9,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$3,000
\$200,000		\$20,000	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
\$250,000		\$25,000	\$22,500	\$20,000	\$17,500	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000
\$500,000		\$50,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000

THE EVERGREEN THREAD—A meditation on today’s lectionary from an evangelistic perspective—The Power of the Word: “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son....” (Heb1:1-2). During Jeremiah’s ministry [627BC-586BC], the known world was at war with itself, and God’s people (for the most part) were of the world. Just like today. God’s plan was (and continues to be) to restore His people and the world to Himself (2Pet3:9). How? Through His Word. Dozens of times in his plea to his countrymen Jeremiah says “The Word of the Lord came to me” (e.g., v4, v7), or words to that effect.” The words that Jeremiah was to speak were God’s words. The eternal Word that “became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John1:1,14a). The Word of salvation that is Jesus Christ. We are each called and sent to our neighbors, as Jeremiah was, to speak the Word (Mt28:19-20). We argue with God’s calling as Jeremiah did: “But I don’t know what I’m doing.” And God says, “But I know what I’m doing. I’m sending you.” Moreover, God knew from eternity past what you would be doing (Eph2:10) and that you wouldn’t be alone while you were doing it (Jer1:8, Mt28:20).

Jeremiah came to understand his purpose. In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus tells the crowd “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose” (v43). This is likewise our purpose, individually and corporately. But be prepared: “to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” (1Pet3:15b). Prepare your mind through personal study of God’s Word and in fellowship with the body of Christ through Sunday Bible study (see Dt11:18, Ps119:105, Jos1:8, Ac17:11, 2Tim3:16-17, Heb4:12 etc.). Prepare your heart by continuously receiving and transmitting the love of Christ to a world at war with itself. For it is, as Paul informed the church at Corinth (and us), “a more excellent way”.

Super Bowl Squares: A Youth Fundraiser

Time is running out!
Buy and pick your squares today!

Squares are \$20 each. **If you purchase, but do not pick your squares by Noon on February 9,** squares will be assigned to you.

On the day of the game, numbers will be assigned to the squares, and you have a chance to win some fun prizes—one given away each quarter.

