

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Christmas Eve Service

### December 24, 2025

#### Ringing of the Bells

#### Welcome

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O' Come, Little Children**

O come, little children, O come, one and all,  
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small  
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night  
To be your redeemer, your joy and delight.

The hay is His pillow, the manger His bed  
The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on His head  
Yet there where He lieth, so weak and so poor,  
Come shepherds and wisemen to kneel at His door.

He's born in a stable for you and for me.  
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,  
In swaddling clothes lying meek and so mild,  
And purer than angels the heavenly child.

See Mary and Joseph with love beaming eyes  
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies.  
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,  
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.

# **JOURNEY TO THE CHRIST CHILD**

## Journeys in the Old Testament

*Stories of Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, and the prophets, showing how God prepared His people for the coming Messiah.*

SONG: Let's Go – Amigos

## The Journey of Gabriel

*The angel Gabriel brings God's message to Mary, announcing that she has been chosen to bear God's Son.*

SONG: Jingle Bells - Kids of the Kingdom

## The Journey of Mary and Joseph

*Mary and Joseph trust God as they travel to Bethlehem, where God's plan for the Savior continues to unfold.*

SONG: Once Upon a Manger – Amigos

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING HYMN: The First Noel**

The First Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

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.  
Chorus

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Chorus

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Chorus

### Jesus is Born

*In a humble stable, Mary and Joseph welcome Jesus, the promised Savior and Light of the world.*

SONG: Away in a Manger - Kids of the Kingdom

### The Journey of the Angels

*Angels travel from heaven to proclaim the good news of Christ's birth to shepherds in the fields.*

SONG: Glory to God – Amigos

### The Journey of the Shepherds

*The shepherds hurry to Bethlehem to see the newborn King and become the first to share the good news.*

SONG: Who Was There? - Kids of the Kingdom

## The Journey of the Wisemen

*Wise men from the East follow a shining star and offer gifts in worship of the newborn King.*

## Our Journey to the Christ Child

*We are reminded that each of us is invited to follow the path to Jesus and carry His light into the world.*

## **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN; Oh, Holy Night**

*\*Please join in the singing of the first verse after the trumpet trio plays.*

O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Til He appears, and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O night, O night when Christ was born.

## **Closing & Distribution of Gifts**

After the Sunday School children receive their gifts, children in the congregation are invited to come forward to receive a gift. We pray this Zion tradition will be a blessing and a lasting memory for all children

## **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let ev'ry heart, prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love

**Thank you for coming to Zion's Christmas Eve Program.**

## CAST

**Narrators:** Millie Garton

Hunter Grone

**Mary:** Alexis Folkerts

**Joseph:** Tavin Lieneman

**Gabriel:** Sadie Gronewold

**Shepherds:** Korbin Busboom

Grayson Borgman

**Wisemen:**

Cash Harwood

Nolan Buhr

Micah Hofstetter

### Pre-K

Burke Meints

Dorothy Freeman

Ellie Grummert

Palmer Parks

Graham Schlake

Kindergarten

Carrick Eickoff

Henry Behrends

Hudson Ideus

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Ace Bartlett

Ava Remmers

Jaxson Lane

Kade Wiese

Marlowe Sutter

Rhett Harms

Rory Detert

Harper Knoll

Weylan Gronewold

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Aceson Wendeln

Allison Ideus

Bennett Wiese

Claire Freeman

Coral Harms

Emmalynn Blecha

Hayes Grone

Jake Buhr

Lane Gummert

Luna Meints

Paul Nelson

Tucker Parks

Vonn Behrens

Harrison Parde

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Hudson Schlake

Aiden Schlake

Chesleigh Ideus

Connor Jensen

Beau Gronewold

Logan Hippen

Everett Meints

Carson Behrends

Lincoln Eickhoff

Madison Detert

Shane Parde

### **4th Grade**

Emmit Buhr  
Blakely Peters  
Chloe Remmers  
Brooks Coffin  
Kali Oltman  
Lennon Hofstetter  
McKendrick Sutter  
Aubrey Wiese  
Emma Lane

### **5th Grade**

Graydon Day  
Gus Garton  
Heston Grone  
Emerson Ideus  
McKenzleigh Ideus  
Luke Kolm  
Layton Lieneman  
Everly Meints

### **6th Grade**

Austin Folkerts  
Ellis Freeman  
Devyn Gronewold  
Macy Oltman  
Tanden Wiese  
Caleb Kastanek  
Mason Ideus  
Brixton Coffin  
Mason Hippen  
Bryleigh Meints  
Ava Meints

Jace Behrends  
Debreigh Wendeln

### **7th Grade**

Grayson Borgman  
Nolan Buhr  
Cash Harwood  
Micah Hofstetter  
Little Angels

Lane Frost  
Eloise Blecha  
Gus Daubendiek  
Hank Bartlett  
Maverick Podany  
Mavis Dorn  
Micah Jensen  
Mary Freeman  
Watson Gronewold  
Breckn Harms  
Houston Parde

### **8th Grade**

Korbin Busboom  
Alexis Folkerts  
Millie Garton  
Hunter Grone  
Sadie Gronewold  
Tavin Lieneman

**THANK YOU** for the Special Music from Alnora Daubendiek & the Trumpet Trio: Les Lieneman, Jordan Wallman, and Jonah Reed





## Poinsettia List for 2025

**Eddie & Lynette Dorn and James & Kelly Lenners and Families**  
in Memory of Ernest & Emma Meints and Dennis & Terry Meints

**Keith, Arlan, Jeanette, Carol, Nancy and families** in Memory of  
Arnold & Lois Buhr

**Betty, Carol, Connie & families** in Memory of Walt & Angeline  
Johnson, Roger Daubendiek, Roger Keller, & Dean Thornburg

**Karen Buhr & family** in Memory of Leonard & Bruce Buhr

**Lynette Jurgens & family** in Memory of Ernest & Anna Jobman,  
Sarah Jurgens, & Marilyn Folkerts

**Alvera Bade** in Memory of Victor Bade, Emila & Margaret Wallman,  
and Ralph & Neva Bade

**Karla, Lexi, Macy & Faith Holland** in Memory of Dave Holland

**Marilyn Robinson & family** in Memory of Kenneth Robinson

**Kent & Jennifer Mahler & family** in Memory of Cliff & Idella  
Mahler, Keith Mahler, & Lowell Rahe

**Dennis & Rhonda Fossler, Justin & Heather Hippen, and Matt &  
Kelsey Fossler and families** in Memory of Ernest, Marilyn, &  
Rodney Zimmerman and Harvey Fossler

**Patty, Jeremy, Brittany Thomas & Doyle Scott and Larry &  
Macy Gronewold** in Memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold,  
George & Eleanor Wolken, Will & Ester Gronewold

**Doug, Cindy, Lauren, Ashley & Trevor Parde** in Memory of Edward & Bernice Parde

**Devonna Primavera, Betty Schoen, and families** in Memory of Elmer & Leona Trauernicht

**Karla Carstens & family** in Memory of Susie & Tayten Buhr and Gary & Judy Carstens

**Tracy & Brooklyn Lidolph** in Memory of Wayne & Dorothy Lidolph, Larry White & family

**Caroline Ideus, Laurie, Craig & Jess and grandkids** in Memory of Gary Ideus

**Dorothy Trauernicht & family** in Memory of Wayne and loved ones

**Mark & Cerice Cornelius & family** in Memory of Ron, Adeline, & Diane Cornelius

**Chris & Renae Mason** in Memory of George & Velma Ideus and boys & Louis and Tena Schoen