

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Second Midweek Advent  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MIDWEEK SERVICES** will continue throughout the season of Advent. Don't forget to come early for our Advent Dinners (starting at 6:00, served in the basement). Our theme for these Midweek Services is: The Names of the Christ: Immanuel, Jesus and Lord.

**BACK TO BASICS:** In 2015, our theme in worship will be Back to Basics. We will focus on the fundamentals of our faith, why we believe what we do, and how to live out our faith in the world. Please join us for worship in 2015 as we go BACK TO BASICS.

**Interested in Joining Zion?** While not necessary for salvation, visible membership in a congregation is, theologically speaking, a good idea. We'd love to have you (and your family) become part of our fellowship! Talk with Pastor Duncan or contact the church office if you are interested in learning more about church membership.

**Women & Men's Bible Studies** will begin in January. Men's Bible study will begin on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> and the Women's Bible study will begin Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign -up on the bulletin board in the narthex!

**Sunday School** for children and adults is offered on Sunday morning, starting at 9:15. We have some incredible and dedicated teachers who would love to share the good news of Jesus with your children! Pastor Duncan leads the adult class in the basement; we are currently studying the book of Genesis.

**MEN'S/ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY.** Coming in January, the Men's Bible Breakfast and Women's Bible Study will both be doing a study of the book of Galatians. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex area; we'll need to order the materials soon, so the sooner you sign-up the better!

**FREE COFFEE FRIDAY.** Are you interested in being part of our new community outreach? Can you give 2 hours of your time once every month? If so, then please prayerfully consider signing up to help out with Free Coffee Friday! More information is available in the December Newsletter. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex area in the next week or so. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office.

# Welcome to worship!

How did you get your name? Was it a name that had been in your family for generations? Did one of your parents have a good friend growing up whose name they wanted to honor by giving it to you? I was named after a Presbyterian Pastor who helped my paternal grandmother out after my grandfather passed away at an early age, leaving her with eight children to raise during the height of the Great Depression. How did you get your name?

This evening, we continue our sermon series on the Names of the Christ. In Luke 1, we are told how the Christ received his name. In the Greek, it is Jesus; in Hebrew, Joshua. And in the dictionary: the Lord Saves.

Why would someone name their child “the Lord Saves”? It makes sense for people to name children Jesus (or Joshua) after the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of the Christ—bearing witness to the truth of the good news. But before? The Lord’s salvation before Christ usually amounted to relatively small-scale demonstrations of His power over various threats, foreshadowing the work of Jesus to save all people. “The Lord Saves” seems to be a strange name for a Jew to give her child while traveling to her husband’s hometown to register in a census commanded by Caesar.

Instead of stating what the Lord had done when Jesus was born, the name Jesus pointed forward to what the Lord would do through his Christ. The name Jesus looked forward to the cross, the tomb, and the glorious return.

God bless your time in worship this evening!

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

## *The Prelude*

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. Thank you!!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn:* The Advent of Our King

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## *The Invocation*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## *Confession of Sins*

Pastor: This evening, our focus is on the name given to the Christ: Jesus. Literally meaning "Yahweh [or, the Lord] Saves," this name reveals the true purpose for God's coming into the world as a human being. The Lord Saves. But he can only save that which is fallen, sinful, depraved and dead. Therefore, let us confess our sins, trusting in the saving work of Jesus to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you this evening, trusting that you have done and will do for us what your name says. Forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit into our hearts to sanctify and set us apart for your kingdom work. Use us to spread the good news that you--and you alone save.**

Amen.

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

People: Amen.

## *The Prayer of the Church*

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

### **The Gospel Reading: *Luke 1: 26-33***

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

***The Sermon Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

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### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

### ***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 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.

(Please be seated)

## ***The Collection of the Offering***

(Please stand)

## ***The Benediction***

***The Recessional:*** All Earth is Hopeful

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### **† *Service Participants* †**

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
Pianist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Frank Vallelunga and Ken Wuerthele
The Greeters:	TBD
The Acolyte:	Elder
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian and Molly Oelschlager

# All Earth Is Hopeful

*Toda la tierra*

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1 All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo-ple of Is-rael, you heard the proph-et tell:  
 3 Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be pre-pared;  
 4 We first saw Je-sus a ba-bby in a crib.

Fur-rows lie o-pen for God's cre-a-tive task; this, the  
 "A vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el"; she con-  
 new high-ways o-pened, new pro-to-cols de-clared. Al-most  
 This same Lord Je-sus to-day has come to live in our

la-lor of peo-ple who strug-gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth-er, whose birth re-  
 here! God is near-ing, in beau-ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres-ent, in neigh-bors we see our

God's truth and jus-tice set ev-'ry-bod-y free,  
 stores hope and cour-age to chil-dren of this earth.  
 clear ev-'ry gate-way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je-sus is with us, and ev-er sets us free.