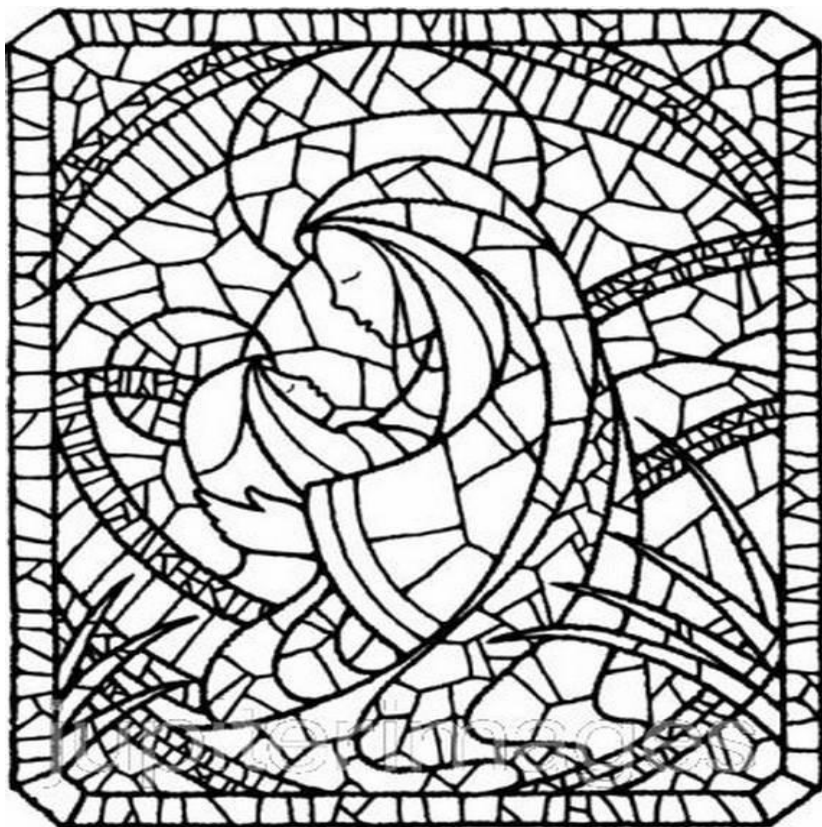


1st Sunday after Christmas



Lord... my eyes have seen your salvation
...a light of revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.



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EDUCATION FOR LIFE!
Good Morning and Welcome!

Prayer before worship: *Almighty and eternal God, you provide order and purpose to the events of our lives; bringing us from chaos and pain, you guide us in a path of peace. You bless us with your love. Grant that in the coming year we may continue to experience your presence, see your love at work in and through us, and live in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

This Week's Prayer List – remember these in prayer: We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy; for all difficulties meeting obligations, and a strong faith for every need.

Zion's Sneak Peek and PK/K Round-Up is scheduled for January 10th starting at 6:30 PM. Come out to Zion, meet the faculty, check out the classrooms, get your questions answered, and register for next year!

2018 Annual Reports are due by January 11th, with the hopes of having everything ready for the council meeting on the 14th. Please look for an email in your inboxes with last years numbers to get you started.

Jeanette Rolf's funeral is Saturday (1/5) at 3pm; visitation begins at 1pm.

Thank You for supporting the ministry of Zion in 2018; Zion's work is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lives of its members and to share that message with those in the community. It requires a lot of money to fulfill this work, especially as Zion provides Christian education from preschool through 12th grade. Please consider any additional funding for our work, as we try to meet our obligations.

Zion's Commitment to Mayer Lutheran High School is short by \$12,000; please consider contributing to our education ministry.

The Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

The Opening Hymn #392

"God Loves Me Dearly"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The eyes of the Lord are always upon you, from the beginning of the year until its end.

C The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

P Dear Father in heaven, you look with kindness upon your people; hear our prayer as we turn to you.

C O Lord, almighty God, thank you for the blessings of this year. Even as we near the end of this calendar year, I confess that there were promises unkept, good purposes forgotten, opportunities neglected, and duties left undone, along with unkind words, ungenerous deeds, and unholy desires. You give us all that we need in life, for you are faithful and keep your word. Grant us faith to trust you and to render our lives to you, in heart, soul, mind, and strength...Because you are Jesus, my Savior, show me compassion, forgiveness, guidance, and healing—now and always, in Jesus' name. Amen.

P Almighty God knows our heart. Long before creation, he claimed us as his beloved children to be heirs of his eternal salvation. In his name and by his authority and command, I declare that your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father † Son † Holy Spirit. Amen.

C Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, (# 358)
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be,
A royal chamber, kept for Thee.

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to you, O God.

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to you, O God.

Hymn #393

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us a Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth, a glad new year to all the earth.

The Sermon Hymn #373

"See, Amid the Winter's Snow"

The Sermon Who Are You?

Colossians 3:12-17

St. Paul tells us who we are--and why and how we exist.

1. You belong to God and are loved by him: C_____.
2. You belong to one another, bound by God's love: C_____.
3. You are growing in your faith, as God desires: C_____.

The Sermon Hymn #803

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the Church and Observance of Those Who Have Died in the Faith

P Hear us, O Lord, as we bring before your throne of grace the matters of our lives that burden our hearts. [silence] Build up your church, by the strength of your Holy Spirit,

G so that the "good tidings of great joy," the good news of Jesus our Savior may be known by everyone in all places.

P We pray for countries and peoples throughout the world,

G that in the coming year they may know your love and be drawn into close fellowship with you through your Son and discover in him the love and life and purpose of their lives.

P We pray for our own United States of America,

G for wise and noble leaders and government, that justice, unity and peace is evident to all; and for citizens who will respect the authority you have given and be of service to one another.

P We pray for your church - and for this place where we serve as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, and are strengthened through the Word and Sacraments.

- C** Let us always pursue, with great vigor, the mission and ministry you have entrusted to us here at Zion, for the salvation of those who are lost in their sin.
- P** Remember, in your mercy, those who end this year under any shadow of affliction. Remember also the families of those who, through faith in your Son, have gone on before us to their heavenly home this year, triumphant in Christ:

*Lester Henschen, Lillian Ische, Florence Lindquist,
Jeanette Rolf, Erwin Schmidt, Esther Sauter, Irene Rolf*

Grant us comfort, as we trust in you.

- C** In the Name of Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.

The Offering

Hymn Response

LSB, 389

*Let all together praise our God Before his glorious throne,
Today he opens heaven again to give us his own Son,
To give us his own Son.*

*Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, We Adore
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore
We praise you evermore!*

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #390

"Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"

The Benediction

Based on Romans 8:31b, 32, 37, 39b

- P** If God is for us, who can be against us?
- C** He who did not spare his own Son, but offered him up for us all -- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
- P** In all of life's dangers, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- C** Nothing in all creation (or in the new year ahead!) will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

P The Lord bless you ... and give you peace.

C Amen.

The Closing Hymn #733 (vv. 1, 3, 6)

"O God, Our Help"

*The following members of Zion's congregation
passed away in 2018*

Erwin Albert Schmidt, 98

Born: 6/25/1920

Baptized: 6/28/1920

Died: 10/17/2018

Esther Anna Sauter, 92

Born: 5/23/1925

Baptized: 6/7/1925

Died: 4/30/2018

Lester Samuel Henschen, 95

Born: 3/1/1923

Baptized: 3/11/1923

Died: 5/26/2018

Lillian Ida Ische, 94

Born: 11/16/1923

Baptized: 12/9/1923

Died: 6/12/2018

Florence Ruth Lindquist, 89

Born: 8/26/1928

Baptized: 9/3/1928

Died: 1/17/2018

Jeanette Lois Rolf, 85

Born: 1/8/1933

Baptized: 1/15/1933

Died: 11/8/2018

Irene Verdella Rolf, 88

Born: 5/8/1930

Baptized 5/25/1930

Died: 7/3/2018

Finances

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018)	-\$66,153.75
YTD Income	\$375,864.07
YTD Expenses	-\$387,968.05
Current Balance (12/13)	-\$78,257.73

Missions:

YTD Total (12/11)	\$6,790.00
Budgeted	\$6,310.00
Unbudgeted	\$480.00
2018 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2018 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (12/11)	\$10,612.66
2018 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (11/26)	\$ 63,772.69
Thanksgiving Collection	\$9,453.00
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

Agnus Day

CAN YOU IMAGINE **SIMEON**?
WHAT A **PROMISE** HE'D BEEN
GIVEN! I BET THAT **EVERY DAY** HE
WONDERED IF THAT WOULD
BE **THE DAY!**



OH **YEAH!** I
CAN **TOTALLY**
RELATE!
YOU CAN?



YEAH! EVERY DAY I THINK
"WILL THIS BE **THE DAY?**"
WILL THIS BE THE **WINNING**
TICKET?"



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December 30th – January 5th

Sunday, 30th

Monday, 31st

Tuesday, 1st

Wednesday, 2nd

Friday, 4th

Saturday, 5th

Sunday Service | 9:30 AM

New Years Eve

New Years Day

School Resumes

Confirmation | 6:15 PM

Chapel | 8:10 AM

Funeral for Jeanette Rolf | 3pm

December 6th – January 12th

Sunday, 6th

Tuesday, 8th

Wednesday, 9th

Thursday, 10th

Friday, 11th

Sunday Service | 9:30 AM

Dartball vs. NYA

Confirmation | 6:15 PM

Chapel at the Harbor | 10:15 AM

Zion's Sneak Peek/PK-K Round-Up | 6:30 PM

Chapel | 8:10 AM

Mark Your Calendars! Zion's Annual Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 8th, from 4 to 8 PM. Come and join us for the best fish fry around.

Answers to Sermon Blanks

1. Chosen 2. Chained 3. Changing
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