

# Welcome to Zoar Lutheran Church

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**10:30 a.m. – December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Pentecost Sunday**

\*Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are comfortable  
If standing seems long at times or is difficult, we invite you to remain seated.

***TOUCH** – Worship is a sensory experience that connects us to God, ourselves, and each other.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **\*The Sharing of Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

### **\*Confession & Forgiveness**

P: We begin as we live: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another. Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. Through the compassion and grace of Jesus Christ, God restores us to live and nourish life abundantly. Brothers and sisters in Christ, be at peace for our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

ELW #288

### **\*The Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### \*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Lord God,

**C: You blessed all the generations of the earth with the gift of your son. Teach us to honor him and respect our own place within your family of believers, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***HEAR** – We read an ancient story reminding us of all God has done and who God calls us to be.*

### The Word for Kids

#### \*Preparing to Hear the Word



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.  
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.  
Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

#### \*The Story Today: Matthew 1:1-17

#### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

"Once in Royal David's City"

ELW #269

#### \*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 People

*We offer prayers for the sake of the world, the church, and all those in need.*

Each petition ends, P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

## The Offering

*Offerings are given as an act of worship and faith, that these gifts will be used for the mission of this church. It is for those who consider Zoar their home congregation. Visitors should not feel obligated to give an offering for our ministry. It is a blessing to have you with us today!*

### \*Offering Hymn

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

ELW #686 (v.1)

### \*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Holy God,

**C: All you have made is good and your love endures forever. Turn our hearts to those who hunger in any way, that all might know your care. Use us, that we may be signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### \*Thanksgiving for the Word

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way of life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray...

### \*The 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; 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.**

***GO AND SEE*** – *Assured of God's grace, we are sent out to love and serve God in our neighbors.*

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### \*The Benediction

### \*Sending Hymn

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

ELW #276

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace and share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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## Thank you to Our Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Dan Johnson

Music Leader: Ruth Hodem Reader: Kim Good

## Prayer List

Please hold the following and their families in prayer this week:

Ellie Riddle, Kristi Falstad, Raea C. Christensen, David Hird, Donna Nelson, Don Loeks, Virginia Peterson, Mariann Jacobson, Alicia Pekarski, & Ben Nelson.

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## Announcements

- † **Did You Know?** – The season of Christmas lasts 12 days, leading up to Epiphany. Often times, we think about the magi being at the manger. However, in Matthew's Gospel, the magi come after Jesus' birth, around the time he would be a toddler and young child.
  - † **Thank you** – A very special word of thanks to Dan Johnson for leading us in worship this morning! It is always a treat to have you with us today!
  - † **Catch Up on Worship** – Miss worship? Want to relisten to a favorite sermon? Now you can on our parish website ([www.zoarlutheran.net](http://www.zoarlutheran.net))
  - † **Assisted Listening Devices Available** – Ask an usher for a device and they will be happy to instruct you in how to use it.
  - † **Junior Deacons** – If you have a child between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade that would like to help out during the worship service, we have a great opportunity for you. Starting 2019, we will be inviting our youth to take a more active role in worship, especially in helping serve communion. If interested, be sure to sign up or contact Kim Good.
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**This Week: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Monday, 12/31:**

**Tuesday, 1/1:**

Happy New Year!  
Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, 1/2:**

**Thursday, 1/3:**

**Friday, 1/4:**

**Saturday, 1/5:**

**Sunday, 1/6:**

9:00 a.m. Worship @ St. Ansgar  
10:30 a.m. Worship @ Zoar  
\*Potluck following worship



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