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PRAISE ABLAZE

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 • 11:00AM • *FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT*

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out; our staffed nursery is downstairs, in the Children's Ministry area. A restroom with a baby changing station is also located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC).

Guests, we welcome you. Please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

As We Gather: *And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)* In this first service in our Be Born in Us Today series for Advent, we recall that God promised Abraham that an offspring from his line would bring blessing to all. That offspring was Jesus. And he is born in us today.

Worship and Sunday Study @ Zion Lutheran:

Classic Services: 8:30am • Contemporary: 11:00am

9:45am Sunday Study/ Sunday School

Communion: 1st and 3rd Classic Services; 2nd and 4th Contemporary

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

Pastor	Pastor Jason Hoerth	Elder.....	Jason Robey
Message	Chris Graves, DCE	Tech	Matt Blankenship
Cont. Worship Ldr.	Dyann Cooper	Reader	Dan Mikow
Children's Msg.	Crystal O'Grady	Acolyte.....	Leah O'Grady

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Advent Candle Lighting/ Welcome *Advent Promise: Hope, Skit Guys*

Opening Worship *Great Things
Here I Am to Worship*

Call to Worship

Opening Sentences, Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word *(see opposite or screens)* *Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
Luke 1:39-56*

(Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC))

What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

Today's Message

Offering

(Thanks for your support of God's mission here – Children return from CC.)

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

**Words of Our Lord/
Reception of Communion / Song** *Jesus Messiah*

Communion Prayer / Blessing

Song *Start a Fire*

Dismissal

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9
(The call of Abraham.)

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
(Abraham Justified by Faith.)

4 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."... ¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law

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EPISTLE *(cont.)*

brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

(The Magnificat.)

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” ⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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