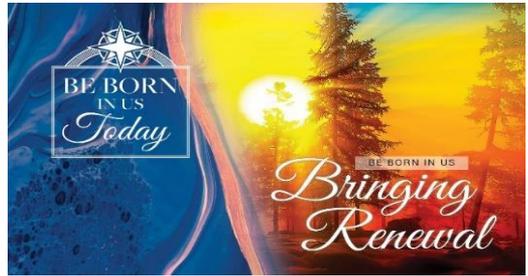




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DECEMBER 4, 2022 • 11:00 AM • *SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT*

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: *They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)* In this second service in our Be Born in Us Today series for Advent, we remember that the prophet Isaiah declared that a Holy One from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and weary. That Holy One was Jesus. And he is born in us today.

Worship and Sunday Study @ Zion Lutheran:

Classic Services: 8:30am • Contemporary: 11:00am
9:45am Study/ Sunday School

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Advent Candle Lighting/ Video
Welcome**

Advent Promise: Peace, Skit Guys

Opening Worship

*Soar
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Call to Worship

Opening Sentences, Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word *(see opposite or screens)*

*Isaiah 40:21-31
Ephesians 1:3-10
Matthew 1:18-25*

(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

Blessing

Song

Everlasting God

Dismissal

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

(The Greatness of God and His Renewal.)

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-10

(Blessings in Christ.)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished

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EPISTLE *(cont.)*

upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25
(The Birth of Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

Message	Chap. Col. Matthew Franke	Elder.....	Glen Brueggemeier
Cont. Worship Ldr. ...	Dyann Cooper	Tech	Paul Vollbracht
Children's Msg.	Chris Graves, DCE	Reader	Jim Howard
		Acolyte.....	Rylie Wiedeman

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