



# WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

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*Celebrating 150 Years...*



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## Advent 4

**December 23, 2018**



## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

*In Jesus' name we welcome you to worship today. May God bless you through his Word of grace and give you the peace and joy that come only from Jesus!*

## Welcome Guests!

*We pray the service will be a blessing for you. Please do us the honor of filling out the guest register located in the narthex. Should you desire any further information about Zion, our Pastor will be happy to speak with you after the service. Additional notes about our Church are printed on the back page of this bulletin.*

## THEME OF THE DAY

Jesus is the Son of David, the royal heir who set up an eternal Kingdom.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

## FIRST LESSON

**Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel. His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity. Therefore the LORD will give them up, until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child. Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel. He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth. This one will be their peace.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalms 85 Pg. 97**

## SECOND LESSON

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

Therefore when he entered the world, Christ said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you prepared a body for me. You were not pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. Then I said, "Here I am. I have come to do your will, God. In the scroll of the book it is written about me." First he said: Sacrifices and offerings that were offered according to the law, both burnt offerings and sin offerings, you did not desire,

and you were not pleased with them. Then he said: Here I am. I have come to do your will. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. By this will, we have been sanctified once and for all, through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)

**GOSPEL** **Luke 1:39-55**

In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!" Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

**SERMON** **Video – To the Ends of the Earth**

**Christmas Worship Times**

<p><b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p>3:00pm Children's Service</p> <p>5:00pm Candlelight Service</p>	<p><b>Christmas Day</b></p> <p>9:00am Worship</p>
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**This Week at Zion**  
**Dec. 23rd - Dec. 31st**

Today	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School
Monday	3:00pm Children's Christmas Program 5:00pm Candlelight Service
Tuesday	9:00am Christmas Day Worship Service Pastor Myslik will be gone after service until Friday
Wednesday	<b>No Bible Class</b> <b>No Confirmation</b>
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship <b>No Sunday School</b>
Monday	<b>No Monday Worship Service</b>



**Bulletins**

The bulletins today are in loving memory of Roy Kane who went to meet his Lord on December 23, 1984. They are given by his daughter and son-in-law Joyce & Wayne Caebe.

*Ladies Night Out*

Wednesday January 16th

4:30 PM Social

5:00 PM Dinner

The Avenue in Marinette

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call Marquita Limberg at 715-582-3304. All women from the congregation are invited to attend.

**Next years ushering schedules are in your mailbox.**



**Worship Attendance**

Weekend of December 16th 170

**Bible Study Attendance**

Sunday Morning Bible Class No Class

Wednesday Morning Bible Class No Class

**Our Gifts to Our Lord \$3,736.76**

Current	\$2,902.00
Missions	\$165.00
Direct Deposit	\$497.50
Plate	\$142.01
Fellowship/Lighting Fund	\$30.25

## Did You Take The Wrong Jacket?

Several weeks ago someone wore home an all black hooded jacket. They left behind a black jacket with gray lining. Please check your closet as with the season changing you are probably now wearing something a little heavier. If you find it, bring it back and hang it on the coat rack and claim your jacket with the gray lining. Thanks!

This is your last chance to grab a postcard and invite a friend to our

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.



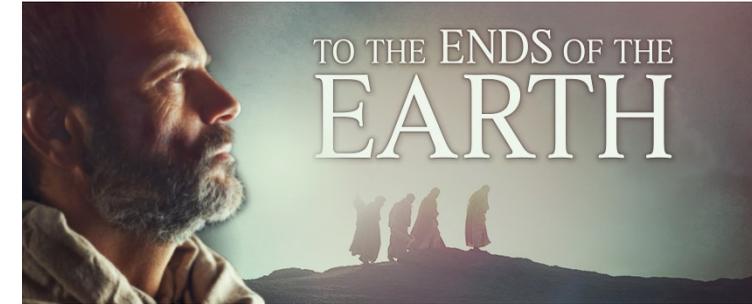
**Life Screening** Zion will host a life screening clinic in our fellowship hall on March 22, 2019. Mark your calendars now. More information will be available in the new year.



## Christmas 2018 – C18

One-million souls. That is the goal. To share the gospel with one-million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve. That goal is part of WELS Congregational Services' C18 program. The only way to achieve that goal is for all WELS members, young and old, to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends,

relatives, and neighbors. A simple way to do that—invite them to come with your family to your congregation's Christmas Eve worship service. A recent survey found that 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service. We have postcards available in the narthex if you would like to send or personally deliver an invitation to join us in worship on Christmas Eve.



## Personal Reflections

Just before he ascended, Jesus told his disciples, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). It would not be easy for them to be witnesses. Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria were familiar, but “the ends of the earth” stretched their vision to unfamiliar territory.

At first they were witnesses in those familiar places, but when Gentiles began to believe and join their assemblies, some insisted on making Gentile converts follow Jewish laws and cultural practices.

This film, *To the Ends of the Earth*, presents a major breakthrough in spread of the gospel. God directed Paul and the little missionary team to carry the gospel into the Greek world—to Macedonia. They arrived at Philippi, a Roman colony dominated by retired Roman soldiers and without a Jewish synagogue. Perhaps it was as foreign as any place they could imagine (Acts 16). For them it might have seemed like the ends of the earth.

- What do you think made Paul and the others feel awkward in Philippi?
- You and I are not in Philippi, but I have often felt awkward when sharing Jesus. Perhaps you have too. What has made you feel awkward as a witness in your own community or neighborhood?
- What was so important about the gospel that it motivated Paul to charge ahead and share it with these people who were different?
- How can the gospel help you overcome your awkwardness and share Jesus with those outside your comfort zone?
- What promises of God can you think of that can help motivate you to be his witness even when you feel awkward or out of place?

In spite of his bold witness Paul was beaten and imprisoned. Yet God provided an opportunity to witness even in a Philippian jail. While Paul and Silas were chained in the jail, an earthquake freed them but left the jailer at the brink of his despair and trouble. The jailer had no answers so he asked, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul and Silas gave the simple and direct answer, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved—you and your household” (Acts 16:31).

- What can you say as the Savior’s witness? We don’t often have such a dramatic opportunity, but the Lord will give us opportunities. Imagine talking with a friend or neighbor who does not know Jesus. A little conversation may reveal he or she too faces trouble and questions. Write down a sentence or two that you might use to share Jesus.
- If you’ve tried to witness before—and perhaps failed—write down an idea that might help you introduce Jesus into the conversation again.

A few years later Paul was imprisoned again in Rome. But he wrote to the Philippians that his troubles did not stop him or other Christians from sharing Jesus. Instead “Because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear” (Philippians 1:14).

- Why do you think that happened?
- What can give you the confidence to “proclaim the gospel without fear”?

When Paul wrote to the Philippians afterwards, he told them that they were to live as children of God in a “warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life” (Philippians 2:15-16).

- Create a list (three or more) of ways you can shine like stars?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- What message does your Christian life send to others?
- What opportunities does your Christian life give to share the gospel with others?

### Note To Visitors

We sing the Psalms! Before the service it might help to read through the instructions on page 63 of the hymnal.

Personal Prayers for Worship may be found on pages 10-11 of the hymnal.

If your child becomes restless, that’s okay....We love having children in worship at Zion. Feel free to step into the fellowship hall or to use the cry room near the west entry until your little one settles. There are speakers in both areas.

Restrooms are at the west end entry area also. Changing tables for babies are in each.

### Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and the third Sundays of each month (and the Mondays after). In the Lord’s Supper, our Savior offers unworthy sinners a personal pledge of forgiveness of sins through His body and blood. As He draws repentant sinners to himself, he also draws them into a special bond of fellowship with one another. In the WELS, we demonstrate this special fellowship bond in what is called “close communion.” Thus, if you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor. He will share with you the steps toward establishing communion fellowship. Thank you for respecting our practice. Personal preparation help is found on page 156 in the hymnal.

### Our Mission Statement

As a family of believers in Christ and members of His Kingdom, our congregation exists to worship, praise and honor the Triune God, share His pure Gospel message, encourage one another to grow stronger in faith through daily use of the Word, and urge each other to demonstrate such faith in daily living.



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## Service Order

Service of the Word Pg. 38

*Welcome Bell*

**Hymn - 21**

Lesson - Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 85 Pg. 97

Lesson - Hebrews  
10:5-10

Verse of the Day

Gospel - Luke 1:39-55

**Hymn - 23**

Video Lesson

Apostles’ Creed

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn - 19**

Closing

**Hymn - 53**

Announcements

Fellowship