



We have all received,
grace upon grace

JOHN 1:16

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St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

January 5, 2025

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Louise

Fadely Eason, Tim Harlow,... **Continued Prayer...**Wanda Ballenger, Pastor Bill Ballance, Steve Baker, Skip Barton, Pastor Jim & Peggy Baseler, Tara Bowers, Steve & Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Lori Dau, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Karen Doane, Ronnie Dodson, Judy & Kevin Dysart, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye, Landon & Mary Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Ronnie Funkhouser, Kim George, Sophia Gibb, Denise Glick, Peggy Graff, Elena Green, Podge Green, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Betty Helsley, Susan Holsinger, Alan & Pat Hoyle, Linda Kosek, Dana LaFever, Rob Lanham, Jerri Lippert, Wade Ludwig, Toby Markley, Keith Manich, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Ray Orndorff, Bob & Jane Perry, Tom & Linda Perry, Karen Polk, Judy & Jerry Polk, Larry Polk, Shalyn Polk, Danny Richcreek, Dennis Rigby, Julia Ritter, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Linda Ryman, Wayne Shaffer, Jillian Shirkey, Edward Sine, Larry Smoot, Jeffrey Taylor, Mark Viola, Doris Weaver, Gary Wilkins, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion, followed by a Congregational Meeting

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Paul was a tentmaker

A LITTLE HUMOR

What animal did Noah find it difficult to trust? The cheetah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: St. Jacob's will have a Congregational Meeting following worship to discuss the possibility of selling a portion of land inherited from Stanly Helsley. We hope you'll stay!

Zion Council will meet at 5:30 on Monday, January 6...weather permitting.

Spring Forward will resume on Tuesday at 4PM, weather permitting. We always follow what the SC Public Schools decisions with regards to school cancellation and early release. We're happy to report our registrations have continued to increase and we're blessed with faithful tutors. For more information, call Jane Perry (540) 477-2088, for more information.

Wednesday in the Word, our weekly Bible Study will meet January 8, from 6-7:30 PM, weather permitting. We will be starting a study of Leviticus, a book of the Old Testament that has much to teach us about the Holiness of our God.

It's that time of year....What is the plan when bad weather comes our way? We have people in both our churches who live close and make the call about road and parking lot conditions. If the decision is made to not worship in-person, you still have the option of dialing into the 11 AM Call-In service with the numbers provided in this bulletin. **How will I know if the churches are closed?** You can call Zion's answering machine (540-984-8764) and listen to the message, or watch WHSV Channel 3, check our website or Facebook page, or call Janet Monroe (540-984-8256) or Steve Heishman (540-325-4593). Above all, we want you to make the best decision for your own health and safety!

Luke's Backpack "Foodraiser" - As the days have gotten "chili" and you are "stewing" about the "souper" bowl, consider donating cans of chili, beef stew or soup to help replenish our shelves. Please leave your donations on the front pew at either church from now until February 9. Be assured that each and every can/box/pouch helps every bag that goes home to feed our students. Thank you for supporting this outreach!

The **ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)** invites young adults (21-35) into a transformative, year-long journey in intentional service with our partners in countries around the world. Applications are currently being received through February 1. Currently Virginia Synod has two young adults serving in Cambodia. If you know of a young adult who might be interested in considering this opportunity, please let Pastor Katie know.



2nd Sunday of Christmas

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
January 5, 2025 + 11 AM

Welcome- Blessed New Year
and Happy 12th day of Christmas!

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and

of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of
Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You
alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and
grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and
Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **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.**

Assurance and Forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to
die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins.
As a called, ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by His authority, I, therefore, declare to You the
entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn ELW 275 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light. **Refrain**



Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star. **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One. **Refrain**

Apostolic Greeting

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

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **(Refrain)**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

(Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

(Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day

God's Word



Today's Readings Insert

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit, fire and wisdom of God, enlighten our minds
and kindle our hearts, that we may hear your words of
comfort and challenge in the reading and proclamation
of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter
beginning with the 1st verse... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Reading

The Gospel of
the Lord. +

**Praise to you, O
Christ.**

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

ELW 487

What Feast of Love

What feast of love is offered here,
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here,
What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
The sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here,
What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
The sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

Nicene Creed - *We speak together the words of our faith*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,



eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.



Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food
from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn
our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all
may know Your care; and prepare us now to feast on
the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God.
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame
death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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+ Words of Consecration +

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;
and 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.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you....Come, taste, and see.



Partaking of Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune at the
beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart, and nourished us at Your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
+ and give you peace. **Amen**

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon the knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refrain**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Sending

Go in peace with the joy of
Christ in your heart!
Thanks be to God.



Psalm, continued

¹⁷God scatters ¹ hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹ gainst God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹ word
and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹ waters flow.

¹⁹God declares the ¹ word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ ments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any
¹ other nation;
they do not know God's judgments.
¹ Hallelujah!

or Wisdom 10:15-21 [not printed]

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

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, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set

forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was

his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵[John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'"] ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the
nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."
⁸See, I am going to bring them from
the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts
of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor,
together;
a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them
back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not
stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too
strong for him.
¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the
height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the
goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and
the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the
dance,
and the young men and the old shall be
merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them
gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with
my bounty,

says the LORD.

or Sirach 24:1-12 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 147:12-20; tone 1



Worship the LORD, ¹ O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹ God, O Zion,
¹³who has strengthened the bars
¹ of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹ dren
within you.

¹⁴God has established peace ¹ on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹ finest wheat.
¹⁵God sends out a command ¹ to the earth,
a word that runs ¹ very swiftly.
¹⁶God gives ¹ snow like wool,
scattering ¹ frost like ashes.

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