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PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 10)

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257 verses 1, 2, 4,6,7)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. **Refrain**

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain**

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. **Refrain**

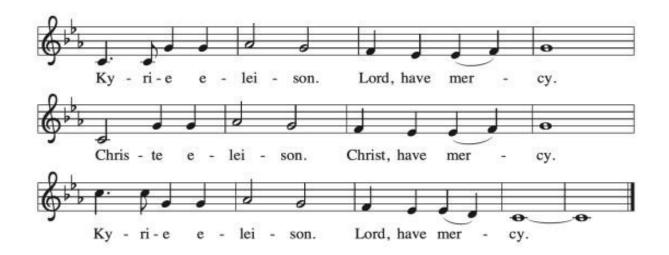
7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. **Refrain**

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GREETING (ACS p. 30)

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.**

KYRIE (ACS p. 31)



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Third Week of Advent

P: Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

O ransomed people of the Lord, come,

let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.

HYMN Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah ELW 240 VERSES 1-3

1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC - "To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

Soloist - Maria Merredew by Grindal and Edwards

FIRST READING: MICAH 5:2-5a

A reading from MICAH.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
 ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth,

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight rulers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Music from Holden Evening Prayer

Mary's Song – By Maria Merredew Response – My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness - congregation (pg. 8) Please return the Holden Evening Prayer Books at the end of the worship service

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

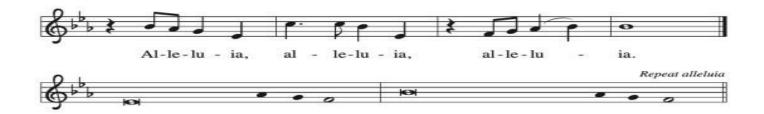
⁷Then I said, 'See, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)



GOSPEL: Luke 1:46b-55

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

- ⁴⁶ And Mary said,
- "My soul magnifies the Lord,
 - ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
- ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
- ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;
- ⁵⁰ indeed, 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 imagination of their hearts.
- ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;
- ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
- ⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
- ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 34)

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* (ELW 265)

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- **2** "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee; thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
- **4** Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

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NICENE CREED

Let us Confess our Faith Using the Words of the Nicene Creed 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

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. (We pray especially for Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inga, Marcella, Patricia, Amy, Edie, Freda, Otilia, Kirk) Show your compassion and remember your people in love. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God who holds us in our time of grief, be with the families of Ingrid Trautrim and Sheila Jonas as they mourn their deaths. Help them to remember that in their deaths Ingrid and Sheila has experienced eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING We Are Waiting for Jesus (ACS 905 verses 1 & 2)

1 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Sun of justice, shine upon us;

we are trusting in your promise.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

2 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;

stir our hearts, and gently guide us.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

Special Music - Soloist Maria Merredew, 'O Come, Little Children' (Ihr Kinderlein kommet), by C. Von Schmid and P. Schulz

GREAT THANKSGIVING & DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)

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.

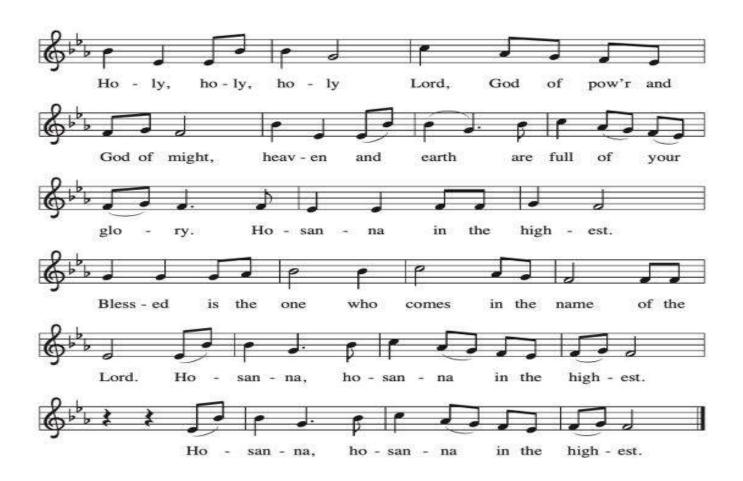
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ACS p. 36)

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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 (ACS p. 36)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW P. 110) OPTION C: Advent—Epiphany of Our Lord

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER - SUNG (ACS p. 39)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 (ELW p. 40)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 40)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn - All Earth Is Hopeful (ELW 266)

1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared. Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world; he his present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

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Communion Hymn - Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory (ELW 561)

1 Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face, you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race.

Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.

God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

2 In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.

Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

3 You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING (ACS p. 41)

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING SONG People, Look East (ELW 248)

1 People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east, and sing today-Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.

People, look east, and sing today-Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east, and sing today-Love, the Star, is on the way.

4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today--Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday December 8th - 60

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: December 16 - 22

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class Pickle Ball 6:00 pm Healing Vets 7:00 pm Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi Tai Chi 6:30 pm 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Wednesday: Morning Social 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class 1:00 pm 7:00 pm Men's Choir 7:15 pm Advent Book Study Thursday: 9:30 am Tai Chi Healing Vets 7:00 pm Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pastors Open House Saturday: 10:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal Sunday: 10:00 am Christmas Program & Pot Luck Christmas Lunch

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Worship Assistant: Elizabeth Graham

Music Director: Blaine Sack Sexton: Diane Hammel

Projector Operator: Zachary Phannenhour

Video Recorder: Ty Phannenhour Sound Operator: Todd Phannenhour

Counters: Gayle & Larry Seegmiller & Wayne Kirk

Altar Care: Sandra Graham

Ushers: Peter & Patti Wegner

Coffee Hour: Dornetta Mau & Wilmer Verch

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inga Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Patricia Zohr, Amy Markus-Burgess, Edie Brum, Freda Kathen, Otilia Saldana G, Kirk Weichenthal.

Please pray for the family and friends of Ingrid Trautrim who passed away Sunday, December 8, 2024. Service was held at Zion Lutheran Church Thursday December 12th 2024. Our sincere condolences to the Trautrim family.

Please pray for the family and friends of member of Zion and ZLW Sheila Jonas of Heritage Manor, who passed away this past week. No funeral details are available at time of printing. Our sincere sympathies to the Jonas family.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Carol and Melissa Boldt for making and donating the new Advent banner. It looks great. It replaces one that had been in use for many, many years. Thanks again!

GUEST MUSICIAN

Today, **Sunday**, **Dec. 15th**, special music will be shared by Zion's very own Maria Merredew. She will be singing two solos, one in German, both accompanied on organ, as part of our Third Sunday in Advent.

PASTORS OPEN HOUSE Please make sure to drop in at the Pastors Open House on Friday December 20th starting at 6:30 pm!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING SOCIAL Please join us on Wednesday December 18th at 10:00 am for our morning social!

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Join us for our exercise class on Mondays Wednesday and Fridays! The next class is Friday December 13th 2024. Please note that the last exercise class for the year will be on Friday December 20th 2024 and will resume on Monday January 6th at 10:00 am.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS All committees please submit your Annual Reports at your earliest convenience to June in the office.

GUIDING LIGHT SUBMISSION DEADLINE All Guiding Light newsletter articles need to be in the office no later than December 20th please.

CONFIRMATION CLASS There will be no Confirmation Class on Wednesday December 18th.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY Advent Book Study continues on Wednesday December 18th at 7:15 pm.

"CANDLES AND CAROLS" Join us for a Christmas Sing-along Sunday December 15th at 7pm at Zion and bring a friend! Donations of non-perishable items and cash donations to go to the Food Bank.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL will be on Saturday December 21st at 10:00 am.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Sunday December 22nd at 10:00 am worship service.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES with Communion will be on December 24th at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS Special Christmas Donations are being accepted. The Organ Restoration fund has been closed and maintenance is paid through the General Fund. Please consider directing your donations to the General Fund. Please make your written request on a donation form (located at the entrances to the sanctuary, and deposit it either in the offering basket, or in the office correspondence mailbox located on the steel office door by the elevator. Filling out this form will ensure that your announcement will appear exactly as you wish. Please submit your Christmas donation bulletin information no later than Monday December 23rd to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD BANK THANKS YOU

I would like to thank our congregation for always supporting St. Joseph's Food bank. Whether it was by collecting bottles for me for dividing out toiletries, saving bags, making a donation, giving me clothes for others or giving food items. Everything is so much appreciated; I hear it constantly from people that our church does so much for others and it makes my day every time I hear this. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank God for each one of you! *Debbie Sitkiewicz*

MENS & WOMENS WINTER BOOTS DONATIONS

Maybe you are getting yourself some new winter boots but your old ones are not worn out and could benefit someone in need, or maybe they have been sitting in your closet waiting for a new pair of feet to keep warm! People that go to The Grind, St Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen and the Food Bank could really use these boots. Men's sizes 10-13 and women's 7 ½-10 are most in need but any and all donations help. A box marked "Winter Boots" will be beside the food bank donation box for contributions and will be picked up by Cheryl Sack, who thanks everyone for their donations.

PLEASE NOTE: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church office will be closed from Wednesday December 24 to Thursday January 2



CONTACT INFORMATION