

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Advent
5:30 p.m. December 3, 2022
9:00 a.m. December 4, 2022

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Welcome

*Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you. **Worship details:** In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** A **family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that **ALL** members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.*

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RINGING OF BELL

Stand

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of new beginnings,

C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

P People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN: Located on page 10 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **ELW # 249**
of this publication

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P In the beginning was the Word,

C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P In the Word was life

C **and the life was the light of all people.**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

(John 1)

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” vs. 2 ELW (red book) # 240



Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Isaiah 11:1-10 *Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (read responsively)

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Romans 15:4-13 *God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

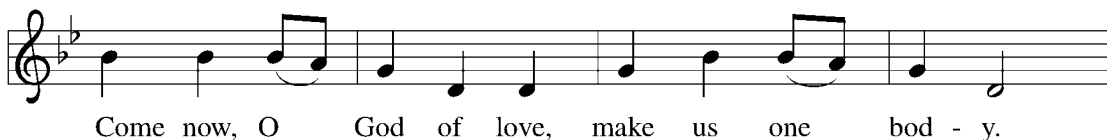
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:





Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.

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Music: OSOSÓ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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Matthew 3:1-12 *Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew. **C** **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P The Gospel of the Lord **C** **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sit
CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON “Peace in the Zoo” Pastor Mark Luepke

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HYMN: Located on page 10 of this publication “O Day of Peace” **ELW (red book) # 711**
To the tune of “Lamb of God” ELW # 336

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

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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

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God. Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

P You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with a sign and word of Christ's peace.)

Sit

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P Rejoice! Emmanuel, "God with us," shall come to you. May we always share with others the gifts God has given us. May we share in our giving, in our proclamation, in our actions, and through our very presence.

(Offering plates are not being passed during the service. They are located at the entrances of the sanctuary.)

(5:30) MUSICAL OFFERING

"Celebrate and Ring"

Adult Bell Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 3 & 4 ELW (red book) # 257



O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Sa-tan's

Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, K6ln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. **Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

King of kings and Lord of lords: glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

King of kings and Lord of lords: glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

Je - sus, Prince of Peace: glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Text: Naomi Batya and Sophie Conty
 Music: Hebrew traditional
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P As we wait and prepare for the coming of the Lord in all his glory, and are awakened to the presence of the Lord every day, we pray together as he has taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Please sit. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.

Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.

Music during Communion Located on page 11 of this publication "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" **ELW # 272**

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. **Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN:

Located on page 11
of this publication

“Hark! The Glad Sound”

ELW # 239

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

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Donica Vonderohe

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Worship Assistant:

Diane Honeywell

Marilyn Fee

Communion Servers:

Jeff & Chris Michel

Willard Larsen & Roxanne McElroy

Greeters:

Helen Steen

Sam & Andrea Krause

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are provided by Mike & Sally Kremer. During this season, let our preparations reflect Hove, Love, Joy & Peace and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP: With Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falling on a Saturday and Sunday this year, some adjustments have been made to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship schedules at Zion. We will have two Christmas Eve worship opportunities on Saturday, December 24th, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Both services will include Word and Sacrament, songs and carols, a children’s sermon, and candlelight. The Christmas Day service will be at 9:00 a.m. Come and worship!

The 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service will be recorded by KROS (105.9 FM and 1340 AM) and played on the air at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day service will be broadcast at its normal 10:30 a.m. time.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS CHRISTMAS CAROLING: The Faith FUNdations and Confirmation youth will be Christmas caroling to some of Zion’s homebound members on Wed. December 14th. All members of Zion’s congregation are invited and welcome to join with the children. More information is available is the December issue of Zion’s newsletter.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

O Day of Peace (sung to the tune of “Lamb of God”)

- 1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
- 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



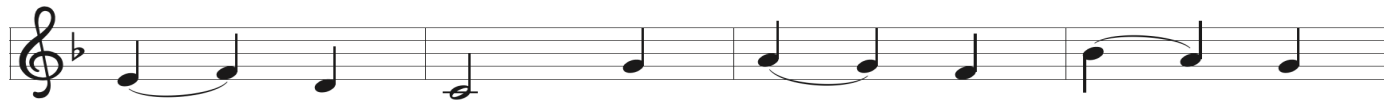
mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEXT SUNDAY: Many of the children who attend Faith FUNdations, Zion’s Wednesday evening children’s ministry, will be sharing the Christmas story in word, costume, and song during our time of worship on Sunday, December 11th, at 9:00 a.m. “Stories of the Savior: Christmas” shares the Christmas story, but shows how God’s story of love and salvation actually starts at the time of creation and works its way through the Old Testament – culminating in Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. Come, worship and support our children in this Advent and Christmas season!

ZION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Within our worship services this weekend we are welcoming the following individuals into the membership of Zion Lutheran Church: We give thanks to God for the blessing we will all receive and know in our life of worship, service and fellowship together.

Helen Bender	Madison Davis	Emelia Kradle	William Rickertsen
Jeanette Borgstrom	Rogina Davis	Jamie Kradle	Lorene Snyder
Joyce Cavanaugh	Jack Huizenga	Kasey Kradle	Dorothy Truninger
Larry Cramer	James Huizenga	Wynree Kradle	Gina Truninger
Cameron Davis	Kari Huizenga	Roberta Leeper	Mark Truninger
Jeremy Davis			Jill Witt

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 4th:	9:00 am– Worship 10:00 am– In-person Silent Auction & Brunch 1:00 pm– Joyce King Visitation 2:00 pm– Joyce King Memorial Service
Monday, December 5th:	5:00 pm– Girl Scouts 6:30 pm– Elizabeth Circle
Tuesday, December 6th:	9:30 am– Card Club 5:00 pm– Executive Committee 5:50 pm– All Committee Night
Wednesday, December 7th:	9:00 am– Morning Prayer 5:00 pm– Adult Choir 5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations/Confirmation 7:10 pm– Bell Choir
Saturday, December 10th:	9:00 am– Child Care Christmas Program 10:00 am– Child Care Christmas Program 11:00 am– Child Care Christmas Program 12:00 pm– Parkinson’s Support Group 5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, December 4th:	9:00 am– Worship 10:15 am– Fellowship in the Dining Hall 4:00 pm– Brantley’s Wings Chili Cook-Off

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 26th 5:30 attendance	50
Sunday, November 27th 9:00 attendance	<u>103</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	153

POINSETTIAS *OR* LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

You are invited to help decorate the altar for Christmas services with poinsettias. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettias".

As an alternative, donations may also be given to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Disaster Response".

Checks for either gift should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and should be given by December 16th. All gifts will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service or the following Sunday.

Name _____

Donation to: Poinsettias Disaster Response
(please circle one)

In honor/memory of: _____

_____ I wish to take a poinsettia home after worship services.

_____ I wish to donate my poinsettia and have it given away.



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*The 9:00 am worship service will be broadcast on
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