

CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

P: Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.

C: Glory to God in the highest and peace to all on earth! Alleluia!

CANDLE LIGHTING DIALOGUE

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: Those who lived in deep darkness, on them light has shined.

P: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

C: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

P: What has come into being through him is life;

C: And the life was the light of all people.

P: For a child has been born for us, the Son given to us;

C: And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus ... and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

For the increase of peace among the nations ... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.

P: For the poor and those who find no room ... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.

P: For the renewal of the whole church in unity ... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.

P: For the light of Christmas to shine on us all ... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.

P: Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy ... O Christ, Light of the world, we commend all for whom we pray.

C: Amen.

Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

7:00 pm

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light.

Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus and in the last day awake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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ANNUAL REPORTS: Please submit your report in Word format to the office (zion.office@sasktel.net) by December 31.

2025 OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS – offering contributions placed in the locked white box by the office by December 31 will be counted towards your 2025 offering. The white locked box is accessible outside the office using the mail slot. You can also donate through e-transfer or CanadaHelps.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in your mailbox!

CHRISTMAS EVE LOOSE OFFERING is designated to In from the Cold Initiatives. Any loose offering taken this evening will go towards In from the Cold Initiatives. You can also specify on your envelope “Loose Offering” or “In from the Cold”. Thanks for your generosity this season!

OFFICE HOURS: The Zion office will be closed Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26 and Thursday, January 1.

Visioning Preparation Surveys are due! Please drop them at the office or in the white box so the results can be inputted.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Christmas Day: 11 am at Zion
December 28: 10:30 at Zion

In Our Prayers: Andrea; Nandari; Mallory; Don; Louise; Mary; Linda & Steven; Jennifer; Gloria; Kaye; Doreen; Clara; Connie; Marilyn; Fred; Lorna; Betsy; Anne; Maureen; Susan; Ron; Lara, for justice; Carolyn; Alice; Neil; Helen; Ron; Brenda; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dianah; Dolores



GATHERING

Prelude

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.**

Welcome

Processional Hymn: “O Come All Ye Faithful” – ELW #283

Christmas Dialogue (on screen and back of bulletin)

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Christ Candle

Prayer of the Day (on the front cover of bulletin and on screen)

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Reading: Micah 5:2-4

Carol: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” – ELW #282

Second Reading: Psalm 2:1-11

Carol: “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming” – ELW #272

Third Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Carol: “On Christmas Night” – ELW #274

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Choir: “Lullaby to the Christ Child”

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Homily

Christmas Offering: “Is There Room?” -Special Music

Offertory Prayer

Candle Lighting Dialogue (on screen and back of bulletin)

Carol: “Silent Night” – ELW #281

Intercessory Prayers (on screen and back of bulletin)

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

Recessional: “Joy to the World” – ELW #267

Go in peace. May the Word of God dwell in you richly.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please leave your candles in the boxes at the doors at the end of the service.

Alleluia! Christ is born for us! Merry Christmas!