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Matthew 2:11

### ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

### IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

### Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2021

**WELCOME TO ZION**. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

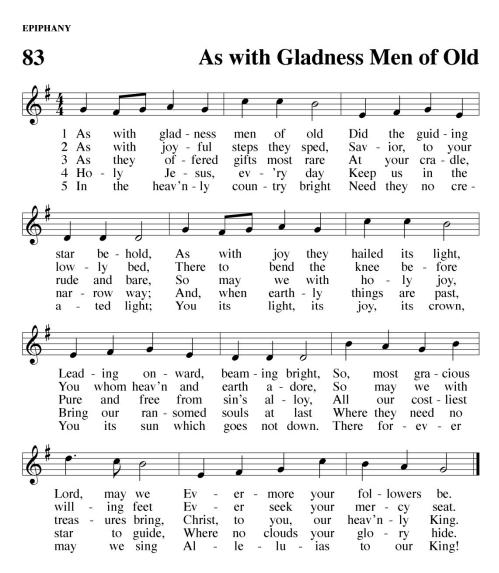
**Worship Focus**: We will begin today a sermon series on the Magi and their gifts to the Christchild of GOLD, INCENCE, and MYRRH.

**Liturgy: Common Service** 

CW pg. 15

**Opening Hymn:** *CW 83 (vs. 1-3)* 

"As with Gladness Men of Old"



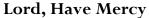
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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.





P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Glory Be To God



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

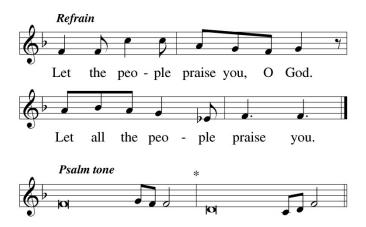


#### THE WORD

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. ²Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you. ³Nations will walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Look up. Look all around and see! All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you. Your sons will come from far away, and people will carry your daughters on their side. ⁵Then you will look and be radiant. Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy. For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you. The wealth of the nations will come to you. ⁶ Caravans of camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. All those from Sheba will come. They will carry gold and incense, and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD. (EHV)

**Psalm 72** *CW pg. 93* 



Endow the King with your justice, O God,\* the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the <u>people\*</u> and save the children of the <u>needy</u>.

He will endure as long <u>as</u> the sun,\* as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a <u>mown</u> field,\* like showers water<u>ing</u> the earth.

#### Refrain

All kings will bow <u>down</u> to him,\* and all nations will <u>serve</u> him.

All nations will be <u>blessed</u> through him,\* and they will <u>call</u> him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does mar<u>vel</u>ous deeds.\* May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

#### Refrain

Second Lesson Ephesians 3:2-12

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). <sup>4</sup> When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel. <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ <sup>9</sup> and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him. (EHV)

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. (Psalm 98:3b)



### **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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 480

"Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth"

STEWARDSHIP



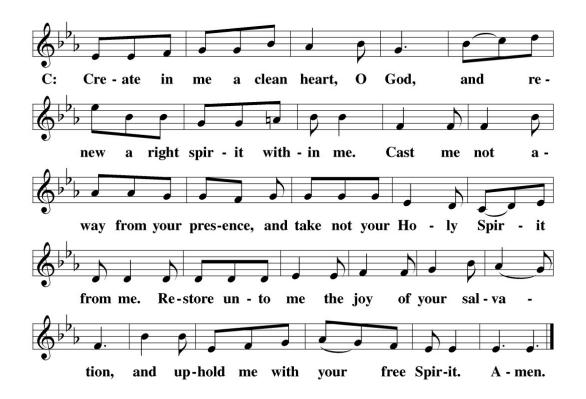
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Tune: O HEILIGE DREIFALTIGKEIT (LM) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, alt.

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ² "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ He gathered together all the people's chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet: ⁶ You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel." ¹ Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁶ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him." ⁶ After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹ After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (EHV)

# MAGI BROUGHT THEIR GIFT OF GOLD

Installation of New Church Council

#### **CREATE IN ME**



### **Prayer of the Church**

### Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

#### THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

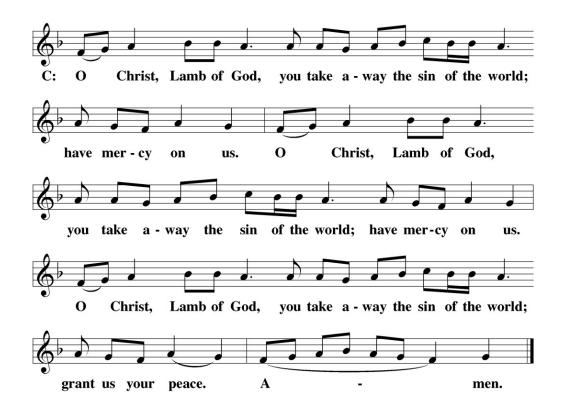
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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"Savior, Thy Dying Love"
"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

## 488

# Savior, Thy Dying Love



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# 79 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

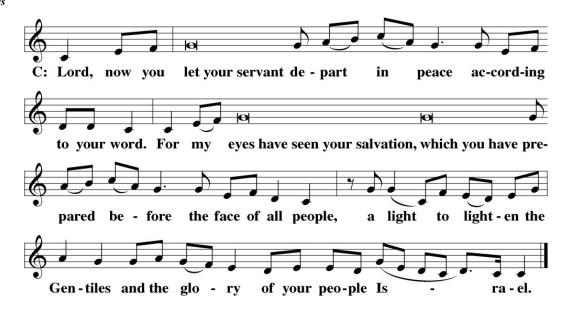


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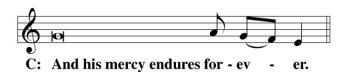
#### **THANKSGIVING**

#### SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



**EPIPHANY** 



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.

Tune: St. George's, Windsor (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

And may praise you, ev - er blest,

### Officiants

God

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Accompanist: Deanna Schneck Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich

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WORSHIP FOR JANUARY: Zion Elders and Council have decided at this time that with still being in Phase 4 of COVID-19 we are going to maintain the current worship schedule. So there will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Class or Youth Group. Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m., Sunday worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., and Tuesday, Jan. 12th @ 1:30 p.m. We will review the schedule each month and let you know if/when it changes. Council reviewed it on Dec. 17 for January. The Worship schedule will be reviewed again on January 21 for February. Thank you for your patience.

**ZION'S 1ST CALL MEETING** – Zion will hold its 1st call meeting for an Associate Pastor on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 2 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM ZION STAFF** — On behalf of our entire staff, Pastor Ulrich, Mr. Schneck, Mr. Nielsen, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Sordahl, Mrs. Schneck, and Mrs. Vanisacker, thank you for all the Christmas greetings and gifts. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. God bless your New Year.

INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS—Newly elected councilmen will be installed at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 3, 2021. They are: Vice-President—Jeff Grubb; Recording Secretary—Ben Husby; Assistant Financial Secretary—Bill Salow; Education Chairman—Erich Freiny; Elder Chairman—Mark Kipf; Trustees Co-chairman—Corey and Kevin Kohler.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** The 2021 church envelopes are in the school hallway. Please be sure to pick up your box.

**POINSETTIAS:** Thank you to everyone who donated to beautify our sanctuary with poinsettia plants this year. Please feel free to take home your plant.

#### **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

- 1) While we are not mandating the use of masks for worship, we encourage those who want to wear them to do so. Please feel comfortable whatever your sensitivities.
- 2) We are roping off the pews so that social distancing can be maintained. Please recognize what seating is available and what is not available.
- 3) Make sure to sanitize your seat and surrounding area. Wipes are available in the back of the church on both sides. Please make use of them.
- 4) Pastor Ulrich will be keeping his distance from everyone. Although he would like nothing better that to shake your hand or give a hug, it is not wise to do so at this time. Please abide by this for now.
- 5) Please call church (734)242-1378 to reserve yourself a seat for worship. This is especially helpful. If you call ahead, we will know better how many bulletins to run off. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR DOING THESE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR NOW.

### **CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS**

Zion is looking for volunteers to help live stream church services. Once trained, volunteers will be scheduled for services based on their availability, similar to the usher schedule. All members 13 years old and older are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to serve. Contact Steve Sordahl (sjsordahl@gmail.com) or the office for more information.

**ALTAR GUILD FOR 2021** — There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer for Altar Guild volunteers for 2021. We really do appreciate all the help we get through the year with this service of love. If you haven't ever done Altar Guild, please consider helping out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

**SCRIP NEWS:** Scrip has added a mobile app to help make shopping with Scrip even more convenient. The app is called RaiseRight. You can find it on any mobile platform. Take a look at it and see how this convenient way can help raise money for Zion School. Thank you.

**RADA CUTLERY:** Zion is an authorized distributor of Rad Cutlery and other kitchen products for home use or gifts. The profit to Zion is 30-40% of the selling price. Catalogs are available in the school hallway. Delivery is normally within 2 weeks. For additional information or to place an order, speak to Bill Salow, 241-4353.

### COMING UP AT ZION NEXT WEEK ....

Mon. – School resumes

Wed. – Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Sun. – Worship Services @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. (IC)

## **JANUARY VOLUNTEERS**

	Jan. 3	Jan. 6 & 10	Jan. 13 & 17	Jan. 20 & 24	Jan. 27 & 31
ALTAR GUILD					
USHERS	8:30 a.m. Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale  10:30 a.m. Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Benge Aaron Benge	Jan. 6 Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale  Jan. 10 8:30 a.m. Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux  10:30 a.m. Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Jan. 13 Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux  Jan. 17 8:30 a.m. Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie  10:30 a.m. Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	Jan. 20 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie  Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg Ach Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Benge Aaron Benge	Jan. 27 Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg  Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale  10:30 a.m. Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson