

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Bristol, Indiana



**January 5, 2025 – Epiphany of our Lord
9:30 am Worship Service**

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier
Sharon Miller – Administrative Assistant
Ushers: Phyllis Tubbs, Jan Coffman

Musician-Becky Goodman
Worship Assistant -Dave Teall
Technology Team- Marv Middleton

Welcome Guests! Everyone please sign the registration folder located at the end of the pew, and then pass to your neighbor. Nursery for infants & preschoolers is down the hall just past the restrooms. Just a reminder, we have a family restroom for those of you with babies and small children. Hearing aids for the service are available at the sound booth. Offerings may be placed in the aisle boxes.

* Indicates Please Stand

GATHERING

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Worship Leader) WL

PASSING OF THE PEACE (WL)

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

(Let us return to worship)

MEDITATION MUSIC

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Pastor) SCREENS

GATHERING SONG

Love Has Come ELW 292

GREETING (WL)

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.

(Let us pray)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WL)

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory ELW 275

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON Sally Middleton

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14

All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)

¹ Give the king your jus-¹ tice, O God,
and your righteousness to ¹ the king’s son;

² **that he may rule your ¹ people righteously**

and the ¹ poor with justice;

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity ¹ to the people,
and the ¹ hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy a- ¹ mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush ¹ the oppressor. R**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and ¹ moon endure,
from one generation ¹ to another.

⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon ¹ the mown field,
like showers that wa- ¹ ter the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the ¹ righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
shall ¹ be no more.

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the ¹ isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba ¹ offer gifts. R**

¹¹ May all kings bow ¹ down before him,
and all the nations ¹ do him service.

¹² **For the king delivers the poor who cry out ¹ in distress,
the oppressed, and those who ¹ have no helper.**

¹³ He has compassion on the low- ¹ ly and poor,
and preserves the lives ¹ of the needy.

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he re- ¹ deems their lives,
and precious is their blood ¹ in his sight. R**

SECOND LESSON Ephesian 3:1-12 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 (WL) SCREENS

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

\SERMON

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

*THE APOSTLES CREED (WL)

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*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (WL)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of heaven and earth,

**from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.**

The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.

**Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**

*INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (WL) SCREENS
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Pastor)
THE LORD’S PRAYER (WL)
DIALOGUE

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS *You Are Holy* ELW 525

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER SCREENS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

The First Noel ELW 300

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear ELW 282

Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming ELW 272

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus ELW 254

*POST COMMUNION *Thankful Hearts and Voices* ELW 204

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Pastor)

Generous God,

We thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.** (please be seated)

BLESSING

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace, illumine your path,
and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ELW 270

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **Thanks be to God.**

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THIS WEEK
January 5, 2025

(All events are at the church unless indicated elsewhere)

Sunday, January 5	8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service
Monday, January 6	
Tuesday, January 7	
Wednesday, January 8	9:00 am Quilting
Thursday, January 9	9:00 am Men's Group
Friday, January 10	
Saturday, January 11	9:00 am to 12:00 noon Biblical Journaling (Come and go as you please)



BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Hisey January 5
Helen Stutsman January 8
David Teall January 10



PRAYER CONCERNS

January 5, 2025

To make a Prayer Request complete a yellow prayer card, or contact Nancy Teall at 848-9135 or the Church Office at 848-4880 or office@zionbristol.org.

Health Issues

Shirley Yoder, had echocardiogram this past Monday. They are testing to see if she can have a procedure. Please pray for her being able to take the test. Give her strength, healing and a good outcome.

Pastor Karen, finishing her rehab. Will be back in the office starting January 6, 2025 for office hours. (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Bill Owen, Ruthann Owen's son, is having health issues. Prayers for strength and healing and peace.

Ross Reitz, friend of Jill Tevlin, diagnosed with cancer and has heart issues. Pray for good medical decisions, strength and success in treating him.

Sue Johnson Filley, friend of Sue Davila, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Continuing chemotherapy for 3 months. Possible surgery in Indy. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength through this time.

Mike Dandino, classmate of Sue Davila, recovering from heart attack. He was moved to Cleveland Clinic with a serious issue concerning his legs. Prayers for healing, strength and prayers for his family.

Helga Maria Richards, doing very well after her stroke. Still recovering and doing well at home. Continued prayers appreciated.

Trudi and Ed McNulty, both have some health issues they are dealing with currently. Prayers appreciated.

Paul Hoffmeister, prayers for strength, comfort and healing.

Mike Griggs, continued prayers for health issues.

Jill Tevlin, continued prayers for healing, strength and comfort.

Marsha Frey, continued recovery from stroke.

Jason Potsander, continues the battle with pancreatic cancer. He has been fighting this disease for some years now. Prayers for his family, too.

Zion Mission & Ministry

Those unable to worship with us: Shirley Yoder, Mike Griggs and any others.

All military personnel at home and abroad.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

January 5, 2025

Needed monthly: \$13,245

Received November offerings: \$7,863.00

YTD Shortfall: \$16,215.00

Hunger Auction: \$5,095.00

Church Needs:

Toilet Paper

New Week's Volunteers:

Offering Counters TODAY: Lois Bostian, Lyn Hisey

Sunday, January 12: Steve Krallman, Dave VanZile

Refreshments, January 12: Lana Stutsman, Jodee Shaw

Readers, January 12: Lyn Hisey, Lynn Shelley

Altar Care, January 12: Darlene Ashcraft

Children's Sunday School: Lana Stutsman

Caring Christians

In 2025 Zion Lutheran will continue to be a “family” of people who show their faith both in word and action. Each month our Zion budget will seed \$50 to a group and ask you to donate to grow the seeded money. You may put money or check in a pew envelope or other form so long as it is clearly marked to indicate it is meant for this challenge. In January, the seed money will go to Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (aka L.A.M.P./LIM) Lamp's volunteers and staff from the US and Canada share the love of Jesus with Indigenous people in communities in remote Canada through Christ-centered Bible Schools, Bible studies, and other outreach 'Please consider adding your donation to our seed money

Don't forget next Sunday, January 12, 2025 we will have installation of our Church Council Members.

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2025:

Chair: Chris Harrison

Vice Chair: Sue Davila

Treasurer: Jerri Hisey

Secretary: Jodee Shaw

Member at Large: Chad Root

Member at Large: Sally Middleton

Technology Team Representative – Mary Middleton

We want to thank Mike Griggs, Harriet Kruse, and Jim Kensinger as they have served their terms and go off the council. We appreciate their service and dedication to the Zion Church mission.

ZION EVANGELICAL

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continue to be:

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Any newsletter or bulletin

announcements should be sent

the office address.

Church Office Telephone:

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Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Website:

www.zionbristol.org

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday School 8:15am

Coffee/Fellowship 9:00am

Worship* 9:30am

Children's Sunday School is weekly during church service.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Communion is 1st and 3rd Sundays unless announced beforehand.

Clothed in Compassion is a free clothing program open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month year round from 9:00 am to noon at old church basement.

Café Compassion is a free breakfast open to the community and served the 1st Saturday of the month year round from 8:30am to 10:30 am at the new church.

Choir is practicing twice a month to present special music throughout the coming months. Plan to join them and make some beautiful music.

Zion's Mission

We are a family of Christians who choose to worship, to learn, to witness, and to care by reaching out and sharing ourselves through the Good News of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.