

**Zion Lutheran Church
Marengo, IL
December 25, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

OPENING HYMN "Away in a Manger" *LSB 364*

INVOCATION

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalm 98, read responsively
by pastor and congregation*

(Found inside the front part of your hymnal)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O heavenly Father, on this day of great joy, we acknowledge before You our deep sorrow and grief. We are the reason Your Son came into this world of ours to suffer and die for our salvation.

C: O Father, on account of our sin, we deserve Your anger. We deserve to be deserted eternally.

P: Lord God, hear our silent confession of our sins that made it necessary for You to send Your Son.

(Silent reflection and confession)

P: Our Savior has come! We are not deserted. He sought us out and has found us. He has redeemed us and has bought us from the one who controlled us, Satan himself. Jesus has made us His own. In Jesus Christ, God the Father has forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels We Have Heard on High" *LSB 368*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:7-10*

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" v. 1 *LSB 361*

EPISTLE LESSON *Hebrews 1:1-8*

CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" v. 1 *LSB 366*

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL *John 1:1-14*

CAROL "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *LSB 388*

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed
(Found inside the back cover of your hymnal)*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" *LSB 374*

SERMON "Our Salvation Has Come!"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *LSB 370, LSB 380*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT *p. 183*

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CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World" *LSB 387*