# Third Sunday of Advent

A Service of Word & Sacrament December 15, 2024



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 E. Brandt Boulevard Landisville, PA

Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online on this Third Sunday of Advent! The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

# **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv\_3AeK\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv\_3AeK\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw</a>. If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

# **SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION**

- \* Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. <u>Infant changing tables</u> can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Chat. The Puppet Theater will share a special message on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. In addition, there are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the parlor as a <u>calming room</u> while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ <u>Ushers</u> are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.



# 3rd Sunday of Advent

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation (bolded)

# † THE GATHERING †

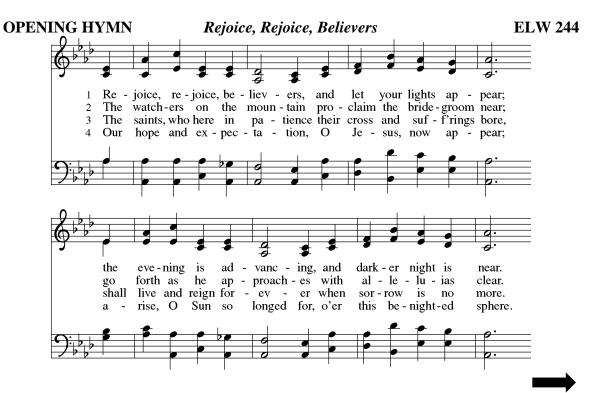
#### INTRODUCTION

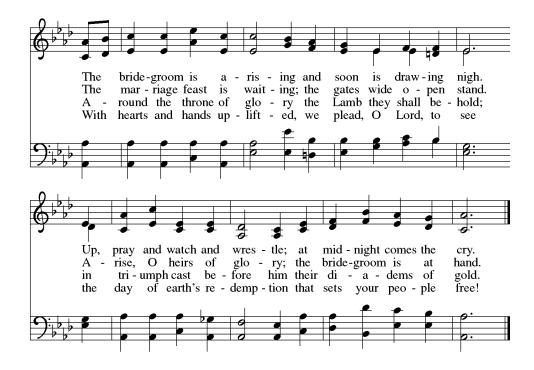
Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **PRELUDE**

Please stand if you are able.





Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

- P: God of mercy,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

- P: God of might,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.
- P: God in our midst,
- C: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.
- P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.
- C: Amen.

#### **KYRIE**

# Refrain

Kyrie Eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

- 1. For peace in the world, for the health of the Church.
  For the unity of all;
  For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
  Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*.
- 2. That we may live out your impassioned response
  To the hungry and the poor;
  That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
  Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*
- 3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
  For friends and family;
  For life and for love, for our work and our play,
  Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*
- 4. For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives
  In the water and the word;
  That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
  Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*

#### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

# † THE WORD †

#### **ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20**

Rejoice, the LORD is in your midst.

A: <sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **ISAIAH 12:2-6**

Please read responsively.

- A: <sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.
- C:. <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
  - <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.
  - <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
  - <sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## **PHILLIPIANS 4:4-7**

Rejoice, the Lord is near.

A: <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** 

Empty Lies the Manger

**Steve Kupferschmid** 

# ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING/CHILDREN'S CHAT

**Sperry Family** 

An Advent Introduction to the Year of Luke

- R1: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of Joy. Say it with us: Christ has come, Christ is coming, and Christ will come again!
- C: Christ has come, Christ is coming, and Christ will come again.
- R2: On this Third Sunday of Advent, we introduce the One who comes to us during the Year of Luke using the key word *until*.
- R2: Everyone say: *Until!*
- C: Until!

- R1: In Luke 15:8-10, the woman searches for the lost coin not for a moment, but <u>until</u> she finds it, demonstrating her unyielding commitment. The word <u>until</u> underscores the thoroughness and persistence of God's care in seeking what is lost.
- C: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!
- R2: Dear God, we thank you for this wreath that helps us get ready for Jesus to come. As we light the candles on this wreath, make our hearts strong as we wait for the Lord to come in glory. Fill us with your love, so we can help those who need it. We ask this through Jesus, who is coming soon.
- . C: Amen.

#### ADVENT SONG

#### He Came Down

**ELW 253** 

1. He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy; Hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Please stand if you are able.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

# King of Kings

**BB 69** 

(Sing twice thru)

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah! King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah! Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! (*Repeat line*)

#### **LUKE 3:7-18**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.
- P: <sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. <sup>9</sup> Even 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."

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

#### **MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown** 



Jim Wilder, a brain scientist and a theologian, describes joy in the following terms:

- In terms of the brain: Joy is experienced as a relational emotion, created when someone is glad to be with us. It activates the brain's attachment center, fostering emotional security, resilience, and the ability to navigate life's challenges.
- In terms of the spirit: Joy reflects a deep sense of connection to God and others, often described as the awareness of being delighted in by God. It is a fruit of the Spirit that sustains spiritual growth and relational harmony.

Please stand if you are able.



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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#### NICENE CREED

- P: Let us profess our faith together.
- C: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 THE FAITHFUL

- A: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence. God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.** 

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.** 

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. Show your compassion and remember your people in love. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.

P: God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

# † THE MEAL †

#### **PRAYER**

A: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

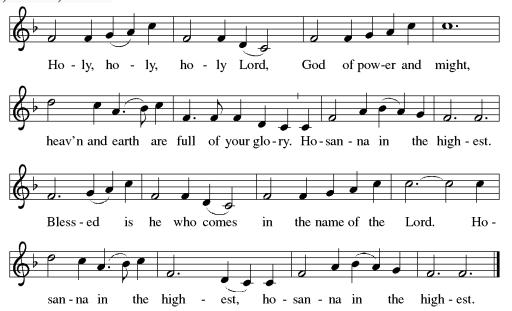
C: We lift them to the Lord.

- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. *Do this for the remembrance of me*.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. *Do this for the remembrance of me*.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
- C: Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.
- C: Amen.

Please be seated.

#### PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may receive a blessing.

For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."

Please use this time for quiet reflection and to sing the communion song until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.

## **COMMUNION SONG**

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**ELW 257** 

 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

- O come, O Wisdom from on high, Embracing all things far and nigh: In strength and beauty come and stay;
   Teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*
  - 3. O come, O come, O Lord of might, As to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times you gave the law In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*
- 4. O come, O Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell your people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

- 5. O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6. O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
  O Sun of justice, now draw near.
  Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
  And death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain* 
  - 7. O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: Refresh the hearts that long for you; Restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain* 
    - 8. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
      And ransom captive Israel,
      That mourns in lonely exile here
      Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Please stand if you are able.

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

# † THE SENDING †

### **BLESSING**

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.



Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

# **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

## **POSTLUDE**

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

# Sunday, December 15 – Advent 3

- \* The altar flowers are sponsored by Brenda Stover in honor of Pastor Tim and Ann.
- \* The communion elements are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in gratitude for the church council members and their strong and dedicated leadership.

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\_3AeK\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class - Parlor

Wired Word Class - Zone & Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266)

Hempfield H.S. Holiday Concert – 2 p.m.

# Monday, December 16

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

# Tuesday, December 17

Bible Study -9 a.m. (Parlor) Scouts -6:30-8 p.m.

# Wednesday, December 18

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

# Thursday, December 19

Choir – 6 p.m.

# Friday, December 20

Scout Movie Night – 4-10 p.m. (Social Room)

# Saturday, December 21

# Sunday, December 22 – Advent 4

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\_3AeK\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

Christmas Trivia – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The adult Bible class meets in the parlor. The class will finish its 3-part Advent series about the book, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."
- The Wired Word class meets in the Zone and on Zoom to discuss current events and contemporary issues in the context of Scripture. (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266).

# CHRISTMAS TRIVIA - December 22 after worship

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship, all are invited to come to the social room for Christmas Trivia! Even if you don't typically go to one of the Sunday School classes, you are welcome to join in the fun on this morning!

#### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

There is an assortment of Advent devotionals and kid-friendly books available on the ushers' table in the narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway! Take for yourself, take to share!

# OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS: DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

The winter devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway. Help yourself! Take one for you and more to share with others!

#### 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

In the spirit of Zion's Stewardship Initiative and being generous followers of Jesus, be sure to pick up your offering envelopes in your church mailbox! [Please note that some envelope numbers may have changed in 2025 from what they were in 2024. Make sure you use the correct box number!]



If you would like to donate to the pantry, requested items include: canned tuna, canned kidney beans, canned black beans, canned fruit, canned yams, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti sticks, dry black beans.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Tuesday, December 24 at 7 p.m.
Special prelude music will begin at 6:30 p.m.





Come Join Us for a Free Meal and to Meet Your Neighbors!



Jan. 9 & 23; Feb. 13 & 27; March 13 & 27; April 10 & 24; May 8 & 22

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# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

# **December**

15: Hempfield H.S. Holiday Concert (2 p.m.)

22: Puppet Theater (in worship)

22: Christmas Trivia during SS hour

24: Christmas Eve Worship (7 p.m.; Prelude music begins at 6:30 p.m.))

# **January**

8: LVC vs Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ) B-ball Game (7 p.m.)

# **February**

10-16: Small Group Listening Sessions ("What is God Calling Us to Do?")

### STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SYNOD & ELCA



Interested in knowing what is going on in the Synod and around the world in other congregations? Subscribe to the weekly email, "WE News." Go to the Lower Susquehanna Synod website and subscribe today! The homepage for the Synod is:

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#### ADVENT BANNERS

As we prepare for the coming birth of Jesus, the anticipation builds as a banner in front of the Sanctuary is added each week. The  $3^{rd}$  banner design is of an angel holding a heart above its head with swirls ascending, extending upward to God and the heavens. The  $2^{nd}$  banner has a candle with a heart in its flame and a swirl rising upward symbolizing prayer and commitment to God. This banner represents our turning to God. The  $1^{st}$  banner has a large, open hand of God with a heart in the middle of the hand and a swirl descending to us. The idea is that God chooses us in grace and stirs our hearts in love and power.







First Banner

Second Banner

Third Banner

# 2025 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities next year are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a great way to help offset the church's cost for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements.

#### **JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING**

Donations this month will go to Day of Smiles.

# The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN A BARN

Next Sunday (12/22); 7-8:30 p.m. at The Wittel Farm Come to the farm for an intimate evening of hymns and songs and joyful music, prayers, and sctipture. We will gather in the barn around a manger with candlelight, hot cocoa, and cookies. All are invited!

For more info & to register: <a href="https://lutherancamping.org">https://lutherancamping.org</a>



#### ANNUAL REPORTS

Attention All Ministry Teams: Please email Anne your end of year report and goals for 2025!

# PROPERTY UPDATE & REQUEST

Loose panels on the steeple have been repaired and lights have been replaced. We are grateful for the crew at Joel's Painting who did this work.









ALSO... The Property Team is looking for volunteers to help with smow removal. Volunteers would be notified when and where to report for walk cleaning. The main concern is with Sunday mornings before the church service and on Monday and Wednesday mornings for the food pantry.

If you are available to help clean our sidewalks, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Remember: many hands make light work. Contact Dave D. with questions (717-413-0408).



# THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brodman & Family
Dear Zion, Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year! Thank you so much for having the food
pantry inside of your church. It really helps people
out and you don't know how much it is appreciated.



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# **HOLIDAY CONCERT TODAY!**

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This Afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Featuring the Hempfield H.S. Chamber Choir

# PRAYER LIST HEALING

**Bob Shirk** 

Sam King

Bill Grove

Joe Adams

Dave Wise

Deb Overly

**Nancy Price** 

Dave Wauls

Jess Barcaro

Marvin Ruch

John Gerlach

Kate Donnan

Holly Hoover

Barb Wildasin

Barb Williams

Kay Crawford

Judie Ingersoll

Connie Alsedek

Kathryn Kochel

Tom Grzybowski

Mary Zimmerman

Wendy Gibbs (Friend of John Marrs)

Rick Nickel (Friend of Randy Miller)

Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)

Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)

Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek) Amy Jones (Neighbor of Bob & Judy Traup)

Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)

Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

Rev. Janyce Jorgensen (Wife of Rev. Jorgensen)

Dolly Overly on the death of her sister, Dianne Riggi

Randy Smith (Father-in-law of Adele King's daughter)

Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)

Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)

Rev. Pam & Ed Illick (Pastor at Zion (East Pete) & her husband)

Rev. Tom McKee and family on the death of his wife, Rev. Judith McKee

James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson and nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)

## COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Lucy Davis

George Potts

Thelma Pearson

John Hinkle & Family

Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)

Friends and family of Kathleen Gorlaski

Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)

Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

Family of Mike Zizzamia (Grandfather of Pastor Tim & Ann's granddaughter, Kay)

### PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Chris Andrew

Evan Benedict

Justin Gorlaski

Thom Whitesel

Christopher Wright

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)

### WIDER CHURCH

Konde Diocese

Masebe congregation

Pastor Subi Mwakitalima

James Dunlop (Bishop, LSS)

Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)

Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)

#### CELEBRATING

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

15th: Nathan Bear, Kaylyn Langseth, Ted Symonds

18th: Diane Ramer, Nate Deibler

20th: Brenda Stover, Cameron Reed

21st: Todd Reed

# **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

17th: Chrissy (Rickert) and Johnny Fenwick



WISHING YOU AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON FULL OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE!

PASTOR TIM, JOHN, DAVE, TOM, & ANNE



# MINISTRY LEADERS

**Ministers** Members of the Congregation **Pastor** Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown Music Director John Landis Parish Administrator Anne Rankin Worship Technology Assistant David Albin Lay Ministry Assistant Diane Gerlach Council President Kim Paternoster Council Vice President Denise Haun Tom Miller Sexton

# WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\_3AeK\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw Bible Study Class (Parlor) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

(No class on 12/22)

Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266

(No class on 12/22)

Morning Bible Study Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. Church Office

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