

# **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*December 27, 2020*



**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 with in-person or online. For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, you may pick one up on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Although the gathering guidelines allow us to have more people in the Sanctuary making only one service possible, pre-registration is still required. Please call or text Anne Rankin (717-945-4585) to reserve seating.

**ONLINE:** The worship service each week is live-streamed. If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the livestream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes. The link for the church YouTube channel where you can find livestream and recorded services is: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

### **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ Please social distance at all times and sanitize your hands using the hand sanitizer units located on the walls in the hallways, Connection Zone, and Social Room.
- ❖ Please wear masks at all times.
- ❖ A no-touch temperature screening is required by all who enter the church prior to worship.
- ❖ Only one individual may be in restrooms at a time. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## *A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation*

### ABOUT TODAY'S READINGS

*The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures, and all humanity, to praise God. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.*

### CHIMES

*The playing of the chimes marks the beginning of a prayerful quiet time prior to the start of the service. This is a time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J.M. Bach

*Please stand if you are able.*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: God of goodness and loving-kindness,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

**SONG**

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

ELW 290

*You are invited to hum along to this Advent song.*

**THE 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: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

† **THE WORD** †

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A: <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

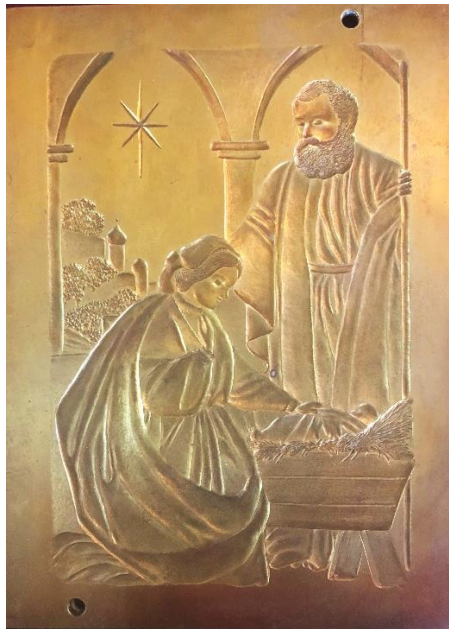
Galatians 4:4-7

A: <sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S CHAT



*Please stand if you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Celtic Alleluia*

F. O’Carroll/C. Walker

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Melody Sell

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*In The Bleak Midwinter*

I. Higginson

*Please stand if you are able.*

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**A:** Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Night and day, all creation praises you, O God. Strengthen your church across nations, denominations, and traditions. Fill us with wisdom and unify our proclamation of your forgiveness and mercy.

All creation is holy to you, O God. You cause the earth to bring forth its shoots and gardens to spring up. Protect hibernating animals and frozen lands that wait earnestly for longer days of awakening and growth.

The nations are upheld by your hand, O God. Cause righteousness and praise to spring forth, inspiring leaders to serve with compassion and integrity. Send your spirit of discernment upon legislators grappling with complex decisions for the sake of the common good.

Send the spirit of your Son into our hearts, O God. Come quickly to hearts that race with fear, hearts that break with grief, and hearts that long for wholeness. Reveal your power to heal and to save.

Adopt us into your family, O God. Bless our elders with the peace and joy of Simeon and Anna. Strengthen those who have retired, those who work in older age, and those in need of income, food, company, or health care. Connect young and old across generations.

Let us depart in peace, O God, according to your word. For all your saints, we give you thanks. Prepare our salvation in the sight of all your witnesses of every time and place.

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **† THE MEAL †**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **SETTING OF THE TABLE**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### *The 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.**

### *The Preface*

P: It is indeed right and our duty and 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 with these words:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We pray together.

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: The Word is revealed in a manger, in simple bread and wine.  
Come meet Christ in this meal.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*The congregation opens the wafer packet.*

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

*The congregation opens the cup.*

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash as you exit the Sanctuary.*

### **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: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **† THE SENDING †**

**MUSICAL BENEDICTION**      *Lord, My Strength*      D. Krippaehne  
*“Lord, My Strength, Lord, My Rock, Lead Me Safely Home”*

## **BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day † through the Word made flesh.

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

arr. by J. Innes

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, December 27**

- ❖ The flowers are in honor of Zion's leadership, ministry teams, members, friends, & staff...thank you for all you do and for all the ways you support the mission of the church throughout the year.
- ❖ The communion kits are sponsored by Brenda Stover in honor of healthcare workers.

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. [Sign on any time after 10:15]

Class Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

### **Monday, December 28**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, December 29**

No Bible Study (Will resume on 1/12)

No Scouts (Will resume 1/12)

### **Wednesday, December 30**

Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, December 31**

No Community Meal Drive-Thru (Will resume 1/14)

### **Friday, January 1 – Happy New Year!**

### **Saturday, January 2**

### **Sunday, January 3**

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. [Sign on any time after 10:15]

Class Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

*Unfortunately, there is no significant progress to report on the call process. The pandemic has probably had some effect, but also, the pastor from the Synod who was assigned to Zion has left the Synod to accept a call to a parish in Maryland. Another pastor from the Synod has now been assigned to lead Zion's search. At this time, the committee has not received any information on potential candidates. We must continue to be prayerfully patient, as the process is the process, and it is currently in the hands of the Synod.*

### **COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE**

*The drive-thru Community Meal will resume on January 14. If you would like to help prepare, distribute, or financially sponsor a meal, please contact Mary Hetrick by email or phone (psuocn92@comcast.net or 717-333-6173). Your support of this ministry is appreciated!*

### **WIRED WORD CLASS**

*The WW class meets via Zoom each Sunday morning at 10:30. You can sign on any time after 10:15. The link for the class is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>*

### **2021 SPONSORSHIPS**

*Please sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, and communion elements in 2021. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for those who come to in-person worship. If you do not come to the church to sign up, you may still do so by emailing Anne the date you would like to sponsor, what you would like to sponsor, and the occasion for which you would like to have noted in the bulletin.*

### **2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

*If you have not picked up your offering envelopes from your church mailbox or if you have not arranged to pick yours up at the church office, please do so as soon as you can! If you need to have yours mailed, please contact Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net)*

### **WINTER FUN DAY**

*Everyone is invited to come for an afternoon of winter fun at Kirchenwald on Sunday, January 17. There will be a variety of activities, including (but not limited to!) going down the award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge. There is no cost...just come and have fun!*

### **CHICKEN & WAFFLES**

*Come on out to camp and enjoy some delicious home-made chicken and waffles on Sunday, January 17 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If there is snow, you are welcome to bring your sled for some fun winter play! RSVP to the Camping Office (717-677-8211) by January 13.*

**PRAYER LIST**  
***FOR HEALING***

Kathleen Gorklaski  
Dave Albin  
Richard Olson  
Cher Callahan  
Thelma Pearson  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Barbara Williams  
Dave Wise  
Don Heartter  
Joe Adams  
Judie Ingersoll  
Lucy Davis  
Bill Grove  
Kay Crawford  
Holly Hoover  
Janet & Harry Musselman  
Samuel Herman (Father of Amy Thompson)  
LaVon Harnish (Friend of Jeanette Bomberger)  
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)  
Ron Sahd (Friend of Dave Wise)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Lesli LaFata (Daughter of Bill & Julia Grove)

***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Betty Stoner  
Arlene Miller  
Deb McCartney  
Marlin Zimmerman  
Bette Geibel  
Charlotte & George Potts  
Richard and Marilyn Heim  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)

Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)

Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Christopher Wright

Chris Andrew

Thom Whitesel

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Justin Gorlaski

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

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

***IN CELEBRATION***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

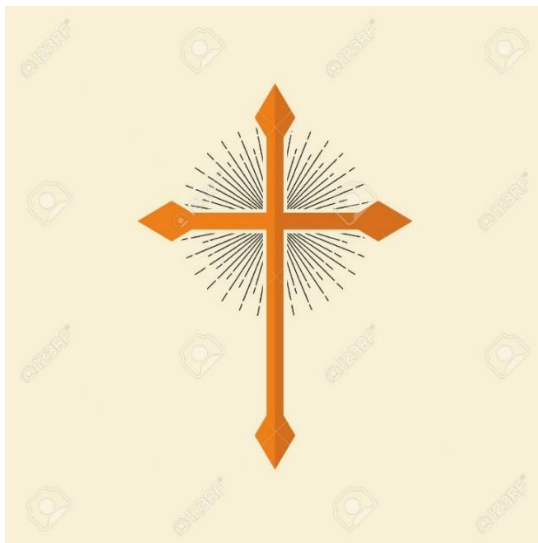
27<sup>th</sup> – Connor Donnan

28<sup>th</sup> – Deb Grube, Judy Brady, Floyd Weidler

29<sup>th</sup> – Steve Haun

30<sup>th</sup> – Joan Mays

1<sup>st</sup> – Collin Donnan, Darlene Smeltz



## MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers  
Interim Pastor  
Assisting Minister  
Dir. of Music & Worship Arts  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sextons

Members of the Congregation  
Pastor Melody Sell  
Doug Rhoads  
James C. Alfieri  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Adele King  
David Wise  
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)  
Tom Miller (p.m.)

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship Services 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Class (Zoom) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>  
10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Live-stream & Recorded Worship 9:00 a.m.  
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