

# **First Sunday of Advent**

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*December 1, 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 this morning! 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: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw). 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. Infant changing tables 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 calming room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Prelude on “Consolation”      arr. by Michael Burkhardt*

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### OPENING HYMN

*The King Shall Come*

**ELW 260**

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

## 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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **† THE WORD †**

### **JEREMIAH 33:14-16**

*A righteous branch springing up from David.*

**A:** <sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-10**

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: <sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13**

*Strengthen hearts of holiness for the coming of the Lord.*

A: <sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*The Perfect Rose*

**John Leavitt**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING/CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**Barcaro Family**

**An Advent Introduction to the Year of Luke**

R1: Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of Hope.

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: Now we introduce the One who comes to us during the Year of Luke using the key word *until*.

Everyone say: Until!

**C: Until!**

R1: In Luke 10:25-37, the Good Samaritan promises to pay for the injured man's medical care not just for a limited time, but until he recovers fully, demonstrating unconditional commitment to his healing. This use of until emphasizes ongoing, open-ended compassion, reflecting a love that endures as long as it is needed. The word "maranatha" consists of two Aramean words meaning "our Lord comes."

**C: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

R2: Dear God, we thank you for this beautiful wreath with its green leaves, reminding us to get ready for the coming of Jesus. As we light the first candle, wake up our sleepy hearts so we can be ready to greet Jesus when he comes with all the saints and angels. Fill us with your love and help us get our hearts ready to welcome him with joy. 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 love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
Hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Keep Your Lamps*

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
*Refrain*  
Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;  
chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.  
1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

## LUKE 21:25-36

*The kingdom of Christ.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

P: [Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

<sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world,



for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**



*Please stand if you are able.*

## HYMN

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
 when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

## 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 of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in Lancaster County and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that bring us to mutual flourishing. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another especially through ministries supported by this congregation. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundance. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our Shepherd, we cry out in eager longing. We await your new creation and pray for the renewal of all things great and small. We cry out for you have made us your own, and in you alone is our hope. "Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved." Lord in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

P: God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. 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.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.
- C: **We praise you, O God.**

- P: Generations bless your faithfulness through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.
- C: **We bless you, O God.**

- P: We give you thanks for your dear Son at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.
- C: **We thank you, O God.**

- P: 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."

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit in our gathering, within this meal, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- 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: 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 songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

**COMMUNION SONGS**     *Chorale Improvisation on "Valet will ich for geben"*  
*arr. by P. Manz*

*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.

## SENDING HYMN

### *Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW 264

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Bereden vag for Herren*

arr. by Robert Lind



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, December 1 – Advent 1; *Deadline to sign up for WOZ Advent Breakfast***

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Rodger & Nancy Myers in honor of Jaden's birthday on December 6.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Dave & Sue Wise in honor of their grandchildren, Grant & Julia Barcaro.*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in honor of Jim Thompson (Jeff's dad) on his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday this Wednesday (Dec. 4)!*

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

Livestream/Recorded Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](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>)

### **Monday, December 2**

Comforter Ministry – 9 a.m. (Kitchen/Social Room)

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

(Property – Rescheduled to 12/9)

### **Tuesday, December 3**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Liederkrantz Set-Up – 1 p.m.

Worship & Music – 6 p.m.

Scouts – 6:30-8 p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 4**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Liederkrantz Rehearsal – 6 p.m. (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, December 5**

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, December 6**

### **Saturday, December 7**

Women of Zion Advent Breakfast – 10 a.m. (Centerville Diner 2 -- Mt. Joy)

Liederkrantz Concert – 4 p.m.; Prelude begins at 3:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, December 8 – Advent 2**

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

Livestream/Recorded Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](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>)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The adult Bible class meets in the parlor. Today the class will begin 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>).

### 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!



### 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: <https://www.lss-elca.org/> and the direct link to subscribe is: <https://www.lss-elca.org/we-news-signup/>



Thank you for the 94 pounds of food donated to the pantry in October and for all the financial contributions as well! In October, 553 children, 935 adults, 404 seniors were served – a total of 1,892 people! In addition, the pantry is grateful for the 53 volunteers who contributed a combined total of 635 hours in October. *Thank you!* If you would like to donate items, 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.*  
*Invite a friend ... spread the word!*





## *ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT A GLANCE*

**Sun., 12/1 at 9 a.m.**

**Worship (Advent 1)**

**Sat., 12/7 at 10 a.m.**

**WOZ Advent Breakfast** (Centerville Diner 2 – Mt. Joy)

**Sat., 12/7 at 4 p.m.**

**Liederkrantz Holiday Concert**

**Sun., 12/8 at 9 a.m.**

**Worship (Advent 2)**

**Mon., 12/9**

**Poinsettia Order Deadline**

**Sat., 12/14 at 9 a.m.**

**Church Christmas Decorating**

**Sun., 12/15 at 9 a.m.**

**Worship (Advent 3)**

**Sun., 12/15 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Hempfield Chamber Concert**

**Sun., 12/22 at 9 a.m.**

**Worship (Advent 4)**

**Sun., 12/22 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Christmas Trivia (Zone)**

**Tues., 12/24: Christmas Eve**

**Worship at 7:00 p.m.**



# COMMUNITY MEAL AT ZION (LANDISVILLE)

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



**THURSDAY EVENING MEALS**  
**HELD AT 5 P.M. on**  
**Dec. 12; Jan. 9 & 23; Feb. 13 & 27;**  
**March 13 & 27; April 10 & 24; May 8 & 22**

\*Enter thru the rear entrance of the church to access the Social Room\*

\*Follow on the Next Door app and on Zion's website  
[zionhempfield.net](http://zionhempfield.net)\*

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## CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### December

- 7: Women of Zion Advent Breakfast (Centerville Diner 2)
- 7: Liederkranz Christmas Concert (Prelude: 3:30 p.m.; Concert: 4 p.m.)
- 8: Puppet Theater (in worship)
- 12: Community Meal (5 p.m.)
- 14: Christmas Decorating
- 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.)

### January 2025

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

### WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST

All women of Zion and guests are invited to join us at an Advent Breakfast on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Centerville Diner 2 (the former Country Table in Mount Joy)! Come and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus! If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift (value not to exceed \$10). Please sign up by today!

## ADVENT BANNERS

As we begin preparations for the coming birth of Jesus, the anticipation builds as a banner in front of the Sanctuary is added each week. The first Advent 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.



## JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Donations this month will go to Day of Smiles.

## 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!



The tree has been put up this week! Gifts for families in need and coats for kids are being collected ... if you have other questions, contact Kim P. (717-342-3796)



## HELP BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY AT CHRISTMAS

Sponsor forms can be found on the usher table in the narthex and on the window sill in the back hallway across from the choir room.

### POINSETTIA SPONSOR FORM

Cost: \$10 per poinsettia

Deadline for Orders: Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s). Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Other occasion: \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church

Place your sponsor form and payment in the office mail basket in the narthex on the window sill by the mailbox wall, mail (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville 17538), or bring to the office.

You may take your poinsettias after Christmas Eve worship.

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

### ADVENT DAY APART

December 7, 9am-2pm

THE WITTEL FARM

In the busyness and bustle of this season, we invite you to take time for reflection, contemplation, silence, and stillness. With hope, we will spend some time enjoying the outdoors, too. Please register by November 29. Registration Fee: \$15

### Advent Day Apart

at The Wittel Farm



All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.

Saturday



### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN THE BARN

December 22, 7-8:30pm

THE WITTEL FARM

Join us for an intimate evening of scripture, hymns and songs, prayers and joyful music. We gather in the barn around a manger for this annual tradition, with candlelight, hot cocoa and cookies.

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/>

# UPCOMING HOLIDAY CONCERTS

## **Lancaster Liederkranz Holiday Concert**



**Saturday, December 7 at 4 p.m.**

*Prelude music will be performed by the Hobby Chor at 3:30 p.m.*



## **Hempfield High School Chamber Singers Holiday Concert**

**Sunday, December 15 at 2 p.m.**



# Lancaster Liederkrantz Chorus



*Presents Their Annual*

## Holiday Concert

*Barry L. Sawyer, Director*  
*William Rhoads & Sarah Repkoe, Accompanists*

**Saturday, December 7 • 4:00 pm**

*Prelude music performed by the Hobby Chor*

**Zion Lutheran Church**

85 Brandt Blvd.,  
Landisville, PA

*Free Admission\**

*\*A freewill offering will be accepted  
to benefit Zion Lutheran Church*



*John & Joanne Marrs will be performing in this concert!  
They extend a personal invitation to all their Zion friends to get tickets!  
They'd love to see you there!*

**THIS WEEKEND!**

*Cheers to 90 Years!*

## HERSHEY COMMUNITY CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT

### TICKETS

\$15 ADULTS  
\$5 STUDENTS  
5 AND UNDER FREE

AT THE DOOR OR VIA  
INFO@  
HERSHEYCOMMUNITYCHORUS.ORG



### DECEMBER 6 @ 7 PM

THE HERSEY STORY MUSEUM  
63 WEST CHOCOLATE AVE., HERSEY

### DECEMBER 8 @ 3 PM

HERSEY FREE CHURCH  
330 HILLTOP ROAD, HUMMELSTOWN



*I would like to thank my friends at Zion for my 95<sup>th</sup> birthday cards! It really made my day. I would also like to thank Zion church for the very pretty yellow rose that Nancy Myers delivered to me. I had a very happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you all very much! God bless, Lucy Davis*

### CARDS FOR MEMBERS

There are three new cards to sign on the round table in the narthex ... share your love, support, and prayers!

# ***PRAYER LIST***

## ***HEALING***

Pat Hinkle  
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)  
Michelle Zerbe (Mother of Christian Benedict's girlfriend)  
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

Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)

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 & REMEMBERING***

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

2: Kaylee Thompson

4: Tracie Andrew

6: Jaden Myers

7: Bradley Green

**CONDOLENCES** to the family and friends of Kathleen Gorlaski who died this past week.

Kathleen was a longtime member of Zion for almost 60 years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dr. Sarah E. Chapman (Thompson) who earned her doctorate in Chemistry from Penn State University! The title of her project was "Consequences of Macromolecular Crowding on Complex Coacervation as a Model for Intracellular Compartments." Way to go!!

*Cards of Congrats can be mailed to: Dr. Sarah Chapman*

*P.O. Box 375; Bainbridge 17502*

## MINISTRY LEADERS

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Pastor  
Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sexton

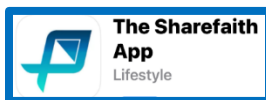
Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Tom Miller

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Link:	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw</a>
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Church Office	717-898-2911
Pastor	717-332-4216
Parish Administrator	717-945-4585
Council President	717-342-3796
Office Email	<a href="mailto:adminzelc@comcast.net">adminzelc@comcast.net</a>
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