

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Service of Word & Sacrament

December 11, 2022



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! 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, they are available 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). 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: Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live. 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.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.
- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ 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. 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 cry 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 and to the offering plates.

Third Sunday of Advent

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Chesterfield"* **arr. Michael Burkhardt**

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING 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!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ,
and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
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 all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Amy & Jeff Thompson

R: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent.

Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. ' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners. - Matthew 9:13

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

Light first, second, and third candles, the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

ADVENT SONG

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

3. Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954 Text © 1984
Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.



† THE WORD †

Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert blooms as God's people return from exile.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:5-10

Please read responsively.

A: ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C: ⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

James 5:7-10

Patience until the coming of the Lord.

A: ⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

King of Kings

BB 69

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Repeat.

Matthew 11:2-15

The forerunner of Christ.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵Let anyone with ears listen!

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown



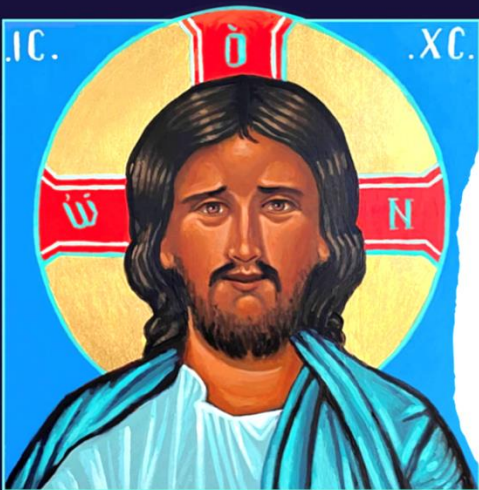
What
kind
of Messiah

are *we*
expecting
to show up?



Past,
present,
future

- Christ has come
- Christ is coming
- Christ will come again



“Go and tell John what you
hear and see:
the blind receive their sight,
the lame walk,
the lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the poor have good news
brought to them.
And blessed is anyone who
takes no offense at me.”



Please stand if you are able.

HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound

ELW 239

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace, to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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 the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope. Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss. Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

P: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW 311



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

PRAYER

- A: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & 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. 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: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune in your pew with one of the individually packaged kits or you may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.

FOR THOSE COMMUNING WITH THE KITS

Open the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

Open the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

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

FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD

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."

AFTER COMMUNING

Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seat. Fill out the communion card to keep your record up to date.

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: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

† **THE SENDING** †

BLESSING

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Antioch"

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, December 11 -- *Third Sunday of Advent*

* *The flowers are sponsored by Todd & Cathy Benedict in celebration of Christian's birthday.*

* *The communion elements are sponsored by the Thompsons in honor of Sarah's birthday.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Advent/Christmas Study – Parlor

Wired Word – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

Monday, December 12

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Sunday School Rooms)

Finance – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m. (Zion)

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

Sunday, December 18 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Combined Adult Sunday School [Christmas Trivia] – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

Hempfield High School Holiday Concert – 2 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

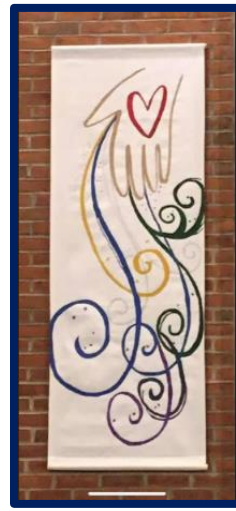


LET'S CONNECT!

Thank you to everyone who has completed their Let's Connect form! If you have not yet, we hope you will! Forms can be found on the ushers' table; please complete one and then return it to the office basket between the mailboxes. This information is being displayed on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Diane Ramer (adramer@comcast.net) [Care Team] or Denise Haun (dmhaun@verizon.net) [VITALization Team].

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 3rd banner design is of an angel holding a heart above its head with swirls ascending, extending upward to God and the heavens. The 2nd 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 1st 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.



SHEETS NEEDED FOR COMFORTERS



When cleaning out your linen closet, remember to place your unwanted clean sheets in the bin across from the coffee table. The donations last year produced a record number of comforters for Lutheran World Relief this fall.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH



All are invited to come hear a performance of Handel's Messiah this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.) at Chiques United Methodist Church (1215 E. Main St., Mount Joy)!

TODAY

COME SING WITH US AT CHRISTMAS TIME!

Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. every Thursday. All are invited to join in for the holiday season without the commitment of an entire year! If you have questions contact John (johnplandis@gmail.com or 717-875-6182).

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Hopefully if you took a tag this year you have brought your gifts in already! If you haven't, please contact Kim P. (krpkc@aol.com)

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Through December the Joyful Noise Offering will go to the Hempfield School District.

ANNUAL REPORTS

It's that time of year again where annual reports are needed from all ministry teams. Please email your report about what was accomplished this year and what is on your to-do list for 2023 to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).

2023 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities in 2023 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 on an occasion!

2023 FLOWERS

January	February	March
1	5	9
2	6	10
3	7	11
4	8	12
5	9	13
6	10	14
7	11	15
8	12	16
9	13	17
10	14	18
11	15	19
12	16	20
13	17	21
14	18	22
15	19	23
16	20	24
17	21	25
18	22	26
19	23	27
20	24	28
21	25	29
22	26	30
23	27	31

2023 Communion Sponsors

January	February	March
1	5	9
2	6	10
3	7	11
4	8	12
5	9	13
6	10	14
7	11	15
8	12	16
9	13	17
10	14	18
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Come to the Table

2023 Bulletin Sponsors

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INSTALLATION DAY RECAP

Last Sunday was indeed a special day in the life of Zion's history! The morning began with worship with the Rev. Richard Jorgensen preaching and was followed by a delicious brunch, the community service project, and Pastor Tim's Service of Installation. It was a morning of praise, thanksgiving, and outreach. **THANK YOU** to the Call Committee and Council for leading Zion through the last four years to get to this point of installing Pastor Tim!



Morning Worship and Installation Service

THANK YOU for bringing in items and making the gratitude gift baskets for the social workers and counselors in Hempfield School District. Zion has been reVITALized, continues to minister as a vital congregation, and strives to live out the purpose of Connecting with God, Connecting with others, and Connecting others with God.



Below is an adaptation of the last verse of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, with lyrics based on the contents of the fourteen baskets that were made (written by Dave A.):

In the fourteen Zion baskets, we gave the community:

Twelve tangerines

Eleven Planters’ peanuts

Ten Scooby Snacks

Nine Oreo cookies

Eight mini Cow Tales

Seven crispy apples

Six Captain’s Wafers

Five protein bars!

Four Kool-Aid Blasters

Three Krispie Treats

Two Snyder’s pretzels

And a package of Doritos Cool Ranch

THANK YOU to Cathy & Todd B. and Amy & Jeff T. for organizing the brunch.



**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING
AND TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE IT ALL COME
TOGETHER SO NICELY.**



Zion will be serving a ham loaf dinner this Thursday, December 15, which will be the last meal for 2022. We hope you will be able to be a part of the preparation and serving of this meal as a Christmas gift to our

community. After taking a break over the holiday weeks, the meal will resume again on January 12, 2023.

Looking ahead, there are still many open dates for meal sponsors in 2023. *The critical dates are March 16 and March 30 when Mary will not be available to prepare a meal.* There are other open dates in February and then later in the spring. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors in the community that help is needed!

Mary is still looking for people to be a part of a core group who would work together on the meal and the weekly commitment it provides to our community. Anyone with an interest -- or questions or ideas -- about the meal can contact her (psuocn92@comcast.net or 717-333-6173).

Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who have helped to serve the meal this year. Come join the fun in 2023!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The class that meets in the Parlor will be doing an Advent/Christmas study today.
- The Wired Word class will meet in-person and on Zoom to discuss current events and how they relate to the scripture. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>.
- *On December 18 – Next Sunday – the classes will meet together in the Social Room for Holiday Trivia! All are welcome to come join the light-hearted fun (and yes, maybe a little bit of competition)!*



BRICK POINTING UPDATE

The bell tower pointing is complete. The scaffolding will soon be removed and sealant will be applied. Scott Krimmel reports that the mortar joints were severely deteriorated at places. Work will soon begin on the south and courtyard walls of the Social Room. Finally, there will be some brick replacement and spot pointing on the Cooper Avenue side of the building. We have not been told an estimated date of completion yet.

WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST

Last Saturday morning women – and one baby girl 😊 -- of Zion gathered at the Centerville Diner for an Advent breakfast with a theme focusing on JOY! It was a time spent in holiday spirit enjoying fellowship, some fun holiday activities and gift exchange, and of course food. **THANK YOU** to Millie for organizing this gathering each year!



RENEWAL UPDATE

The **VITAlization Team** (formerly known as the ReVITALization Team which was initiated last spring to bring more attention to the stewardship of resources and people at Zion) is now embarking on a new intention. They want us to get to know each other a little better, but, in order to know everyone, it requires everyone's participation! *HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" SHEET???* *If you have, THANK YOU!* If you have not, PLEASE DO! Although we are an older congregation, we can still be an active congregation! Stay tuned for activities and programs that will celebrate what we ARE able to do with each other!

The **Executive Team** is continuing work on current policies to make them more meaningful, helpful, and inclusive. This team is also continuing to find ways to renew our life together as a congregation.

The **Care/Fellowship Team** planned an Advent Breakfast for the Women of Zion which was held last Saturday morning at Centerville Diner. This team has also put together bags for the children and youth who are members of the church. In addition, the team has discussed the need for people to get trained on the AED machine and to be CPR certified. Sign-up sheets for these opportunities will be made available soon. You are welcome to join the **Prayer Team**! This team will begin to meet monthly.

The **Finance Team** has not received the offering envelopes for 2023 yet. Look for those closer to the end of the month (hopefully!).

The **Property Team** has installed heaters in the restrooms in the Narthex. This team has also been working on the handicapped parking – thanks to Darrell Gerke for painting the markers in the designated parking spots by the side and back entrances. The brick pointing continues.

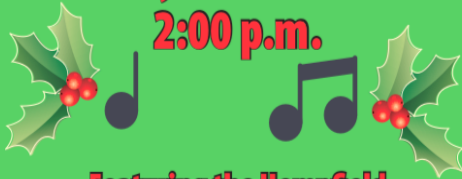
The **Social Outreach Team** is participating in the "Angel Tree" project again this year – thank you to those who took tags and got gifts for families and children in need this holiday season. Thanks to Kim Paternoster for organizing this outreach connection.

The **Worship and Music Team** has focused on decorating the church for the season. Advent readers and candle lighters have been lined up and concerts are scheduled. Issues regarding the music have been a point of discussion and the Service Project component of Pastor Tim's Installation Day last Sunday was finalized.

Good things are happening at Zion. More involvement is always encouraged and welcome – on a short- or long-term basis! Please consider how you can help and be a part of the action!

2022 Holiday Season at Zion Landisville

Holiday Concert at Zion
Sunday, December 18
2:00 p.m.



**Featuring the Hempfield
High School Chamber Singers**

Christmas Eve at Zion
Sat., Dec. 24

In-person & Online
7:00pm

Music
Candle Lighting
Scripture
Communion



http://bit.ly/zion_live

Christmas Day
at Zion

Sun., Dec. 25
9:00am

**Service of Lessons
and Carols with
Holy Communion**



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Zion Lutheran Hempfield 

Connecting with others
Connecting with God
Connecting others with God

All are welcome!

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...to everyone who came out yesterday morning to help decorate the worship space for the holiday season! Also, thank you to those who sponsored poinsettias this year ... the list will be included in the bulletins and newsletters next week and the week after. And, a special thanks to Kim P. who coordinated the decorating and made sure the church looks especially nice this time of year! You are all appreciated!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS, CALENDARS, AND BOOKS

We're only partially through the season! It's not too late to start an Advent devotional or calendar! There is an assortment of Advent devotionals, calendars, and books on a table in the Narthex across from the mailboxes. There is quite a selection so please find something that you can use or that would be meaningful to you this Advent season ... help yourself (and take something for someone you know)!



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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN A BARN

December 18

7:00-8:30 p.m.

At The Wittel Farm

*Join us at the farm for our 5th
annual Advent/Christmas night.
Come gather around the outdoor
fire and have cookies and cocoa in
the barn.*

Lights and decorations!



*For more information & to
register, go to:
[https://www.lutherancamp-
ing.org/event/christmas-in-
the-barn-2022/](https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2022/)*

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Dave Wise
Steve Haun
Lisa Nelson
Jess Barcaro
Harry Musselman
Kevin Reinhart
Sam King
Connie Alsedek
Joe Adams
Mary Zimmerman
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Bill Grove
Judie Ingersoll
Barbara Williams
Joan Mays
Kay Crawford
Holly Hoover
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
George Potts
Richard Heim
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict
Christopher Wright
Chris Andrew
Thom Whitesel
Ryan Stitzel
Doug Kautter
Justin Gorlaski
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11th – Bill Flood
13th – Sarah Chapman, Nina Laliberte
14th – Christian Benedict
15th – Nathan Bear, Kaylyn Langseth, Ted Symonds
18th – Diane Ramer, Nate Deibler

CONDOLENCES to Richard Heim and the friends and extended family of Marilyn as they grieve her death on Friday, December 2.

Cards of condolence can be sent to:

Richard Heim
c/o Kimberly Gruber
2022 Harrogate Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601

Kimberly Gruber (Daughter)
2020 Harrogate Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601

Ken Heim (Son)
6107 Greenbriar Ln.
Fayetteville, PA 17222

Carolyn Klinger (Sister – also a member of Zion)
3615 Wildflower Ln.
Mountville, PA 17554

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

Members of the Congregation
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
John Landis
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Adele King
Dave Dumeyer
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Sunday Scholars Class (Parlor) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

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

[Note: On 12/18 the classes will be combined for Holiday Trivia.]

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