

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Service of Word & Sacrament

December 12, 2021



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 this morning! 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 Pastor Sell.

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*](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 recommended for all who attend or participate in any indoor gathering, including worship, at the church. This recommendation is for those who are vaccinated as well as for those who are not. If you are not vaccinated, we are asking you to please wear a mask to keep your fellow congregants as safe as possible. Church should be a loving, caring environment, and we would like to keep it that way.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Besançon"

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN

People, Look East

ELW 248

1. People, look east. The time is near
 of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
 trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—
 Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
 one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
 that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
 one more light the bowl shall brim,
 shining beyond the frosty weather,
 bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Star, is on the way.

4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor E. Farjeon, 1881-1965
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

C: **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

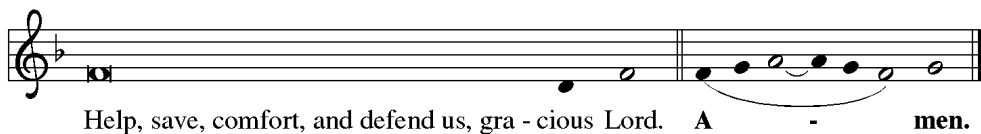
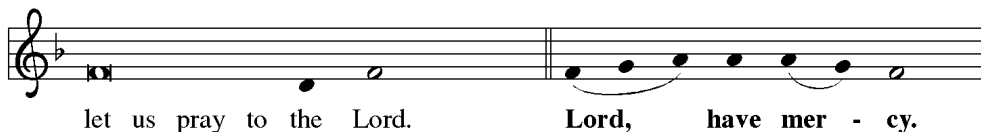
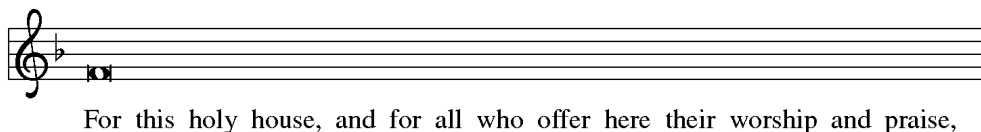
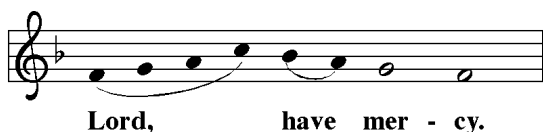
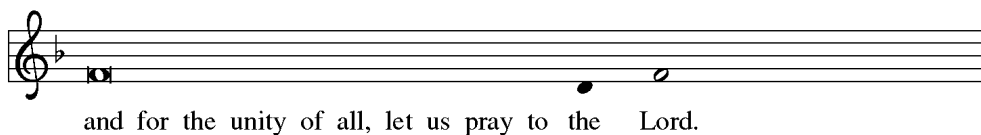
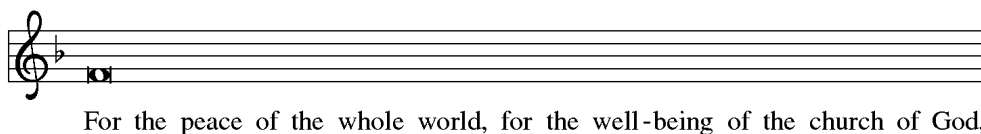
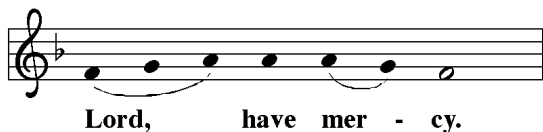
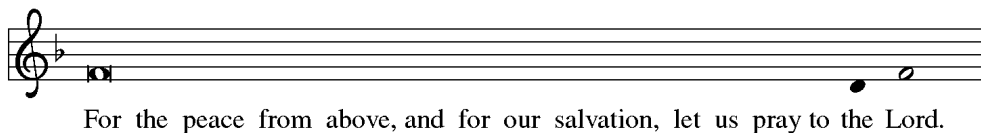
C: **Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

R: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

R: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

Light the First and Second Candles, the Candles of Hope and Peace.

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Light the Third Candle, the Candle of Joy.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

R: Let us pray:

C: **Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.
2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.
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

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† THE WORD †

1 Samuel 3

“Darkness Holds Promise”

A: ¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. ²¹The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 12:2-6

Please read responsively

A: ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

C: ³**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-7

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

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

MUSICAL OFFERING

We Need Christmas More

D. C. Albin

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The King Shall Come

ELW 260

1. The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Luke 3:7-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

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

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the

amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

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

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Rev. Melody Sell

Please stand if you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242

1. Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.
2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3. In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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NICENE CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power
of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death
and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians (*especially*). With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace. By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Additional petitions may be inserted.

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, 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 †

OFFERING HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

ELW 490

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way;
as the Light of light, descending
from the realms of endless day,
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
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.**

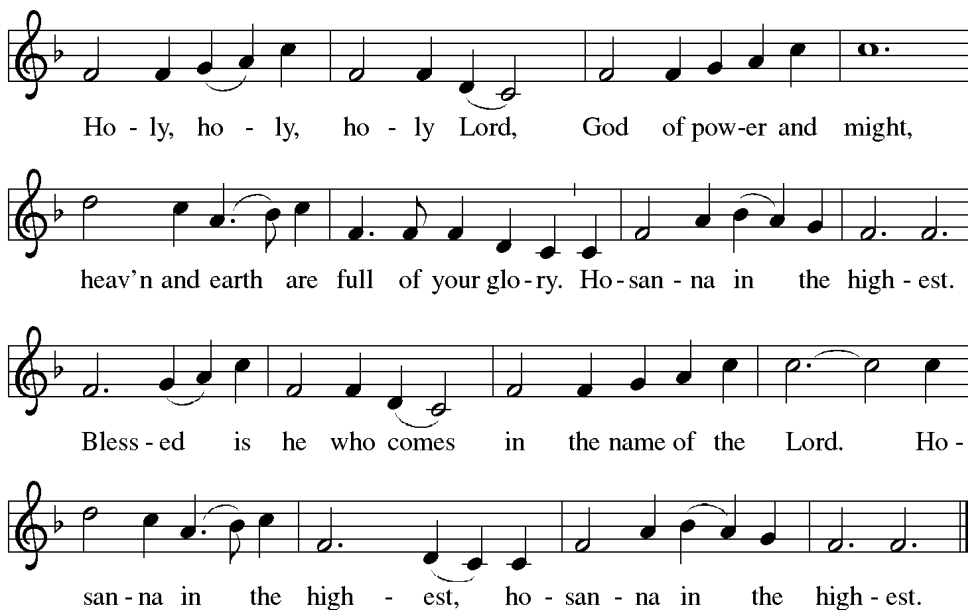
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Preface

P: It is indeed right and our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God for in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have given us a new revelation of your glory; that seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to love those things which are not seen. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.*

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: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

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.

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: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

ELW 267

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude on Joy to the World

THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH

Sunday, December 12 -- *Third Sunday of Advent*

** The altar flowers are sponsored by the Benedicts in celebration of Christian's birthday on Tuesday.*

** The bulletins are sponsored anonymously in celebration of the music ministry at Zion this holiday season.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in joyful celebration this Advent season.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. (Parlor)

Wired Word Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. (Social Room)

Monday, December 13

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms)

Social Outreach – 6:00 p.m. (Randy Miller's Home)

Wednesday, December 15

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 16

Community Meal – 5:15 p.m. [Last one until 1/13]

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 17

Bridge – 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Connection Zone)

Saturday, December 18

Sunday, December 19 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

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Adult Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. (Parlor)

Wired Word Sunday School – 10:15 a.m. (Social Room)

Hempfield High School Ensemble Holiday Concert – 3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Christmas In A Barn – 7:00-8:30 p.m. (The Wittel Farm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Advent blessing and reflection devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table. There are also children's activity booklets! Help yourself! If you won't be at the church but would like one, let the office know.

JOYFUL NOISE

The collection through this month will go to Night to Shine. Night to Shine is an annual prom experience event for those with special needs. This event is one that these folks look forward to all year; it is one that gives them the chance to feel like other kids who get to experience the prom or some other special dance night.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes are typically held every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m.

➤ ***IN THE SOCIAL ROOM***

The class explores current events and other relevant topics within a biblical and Christian framework.

➤ ***IN THE PARLOR***

Today, this class continues the series of Box Office Bible Studies, featuring a four-part Advent presentation based on scenes from the Frank Capra classic starring Jimmy Stewart, "It's a Wonderful Life."



Thank you to all who helped with the meal this past Thursday. Your willingness to volunteer is what makes it possible to provide these meals to those in need possible. This Thursday's meal will be the last until January 13. If you know of any organization or group that might be interested in sponsoring a meal in 2022, please have them contact Mary Hetrick (psuocn92@comcast.net). Thank you!! Zion's next meal to sponsor is on December 9th.

THE COFFEE TABLE IS BACK!

Cookies, coffee, and hot water for tea are available on Sunday mornings again in the Narthex. Beverages can be found in the carafes. Decaffeinated coffee will be available in the Zone using Keurig single cup pods. Anyone interested in helping with the coffee set-up should contact Sue Wise (swoogle53@aol.com).



MINISTRY TEAMS

Please start thinking about your team's year-end ministry report. It is important to share what your team was able to do this year even in the midst of transitioning back to a more normal rhythm. Please be sure to include what has been done and also what has not been. Please email your report to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net) by December 31.

CLOCK IN THE PARLOR

If you are interested in purchasing the grandfather clock that is currently in the Parlor, please contact Dave Dumeyer. We want to give church members the first opportunity to buy it. It will be sold based on sealed bids. If no one expresses interest by the end of the year, it will be advertised to the general public.



OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS



The December/January/February ODB devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the Narthex and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

If you are participating in the Angel Tree gifting this year, presents need to be brought to the church (or picked up by Kim) today!



2022 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

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

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FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

There is nothing to report from the Call Committee as they are just waiting to receive a candidate from the Synod.

WOMEN'S ADVENT BREAKFAST

In case you missed the Facebook post or weren't there to enjoy it yourself, a great group of women enjoyed breakfast and holiday celebration time together at the Centerville Diner last Saturday morning! Stay tuned for future gatherings!

ZION MUSIK CONCERTS THEY ARE COMING BACK!

2022 Zion Musik Concert Series

*To help sustain the Zion Musik Concert Series at Zion Lutheran Church, consider being a sponsor.
Please complete this form and place in the offering plate or mail to:*

Zion Lutheran Church
Attn: Concert Series
85 East Brandt Blvd.
Landisville, PA 17538

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Amount I wish to donate: _____
Please note the sponsorship levels from the categories below:

Diamond Sponsor \$400+
Platinum Sponsor \$300 - \$399
Gold Sponsor \$200 - \$299
Silver Sponsor \$100 - \$199
Bronze Sponsor \$50 - \$99
Copper Sponsor \$1 - \$49

In memory/honor of: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Zion Lutheran Church

[Please indicate "Zion Musik" in the memo line on your check.]

Visit www.zionhempfield.net for more information about the Zion Musik Concert Series and upcoming concerts!



This Sunday afternoon we welcome the Hershey Handbell Ensemble!

There were several concerts that had to be cancelled in 2020 that we are working on rescheduling in 2022.

Please consider being a Concert Series Sponsor to help sustain this ministry of the church for us and for the community!

Sponsor forms are available on the ushers' table and on the window ledge in the back hallway.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT ZION

Hershey Handbell Ensemble

Christmas

Concert

AT ZION

Sunday, December 12
at 3:00 p.m.

TODAY

Come enjoy the sounds of the season!

*Music will feature 7 ½ octaves of handbells
played by the 15 member ensemble!*

A free-will offering will be collected to help support the Zion Musik Concert Series.
info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org – (717) 298-7071 – hersheyhandbellensemble.org

*For more information about the Hershey Handbell Ensemble,
go to:*

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

Holiday Concert at Zion

Sunday, December 19



3:00 p.m.

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*Featuring the Hempfield High School
Chamber Singers*



CHRISTMAS EVE @ ZION

In-person & on-line
7:00 p.m.



Music; Candle Lighting;
Scripture; Communion

http://bit.ly/Zion_Live





*For more information about upcoming events and to register,
go to: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>*

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN
A BARN**

December 19

7:00-8:30 p.m.

At The Wittel Farm

*Join us at the farm for our
4th annual Advent/Christmas
night. Come gather around
the outdoor fire and have
cookies and cocoa in the
barn.*

Lights and decorations!



SPECIAL NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION...

- ❖ Thank you to the Zion congregation/family for the outpouring of cards, condolences, and support with the passing of my dad, Ron Crawford! Our family greatly appreciates it.
Fondly, Lynda Crawford & family

- ❖ Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanks for letting us come to the church to get food during the year. We miss your dinners, but since the pandemic, we haven't been able to come. May God bless you for everything you have done for our family.
From Michael, Crystal, Adrianna, Jeremiah, and Brandon Brodman

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SPONSORS

Jess & Matt Barcaro

In honor of Grant

Ed & Cindy Blough

In memory of Henry and June Duke

In memory of Charlie Blough

Dave & Donna Dumeyer

In honor of our daughters and their families

In memory of our parents

Robin Ginther

In memory of my parents

Gloria Grube

In honor of my family

James Grube

John & Kathy Hay

In honor of our children and grandchildren

Scott & Mary Hetrick

In honor of Maria and Katie

Pat & John Hinkle

In memory of our fathers: Elwood J. King and John F. Hinkle, Sr.

The Kautter Family

In memory of Patricia Kautter

Adele & Sam King

In honor of our grandchildren: Alex, Emme, and Leia

In honor of our children: Alison, Justin, and Jessica

In memory of our departed family: mothers, fathers, grandparents, and Betty

In memory of our departed friends: Jan, Sharon, Mary, and Rick

Nina Laliberte

In memory of Aunt Helen

Rick & Deb Long

In honor of our mothers: Ruth Burkett and Mary Long

In honor of our children and their spouses

In memory of our fathers: Francis Deller and Merrill Long

In memory of Rick's sister, Betsy

In honor of the birth of our Lord Jesus

Randy Miller

In memory of Mary Keiper and Donald Oeschager

In honor of my family

Harry & Janey Musselman

In memory of our parents, George & Lena Miller

In memory of Howard & Leone Musselman

In memory of Rebecca Miller and Pat Lorah

Jan Reeves

In memory of Arlie

Dawn Reinhart and Sons: Jeffrey, Kevin, and Mark

In memory of our beloved Chis

Sue & Doug Rhoads

In honor of our children, grandchildren, and Gigi

Marvin & Wenda Ruch

In memory of our parents

Cathy & Bob Shirk

In memory of Dolores Derr and Eugene & Phyliss Shirk

Jo Stone

In memory of all my beloved family who are no longer with us.

Brenda Stover

In memory of Lillian Stover

Bob & Judy Traup

In honor of our children, grandchildren, and Zion friends

In memory of our parents: Mamie, Mary Ann and Chuck Tregel

Bob & Barb Wildasin

In memory of Bob, Helen, and Cork & George Doll

In memory of Cleo, Lillian, & Harry Wildasin

Kurt Wildasin

In memory of Sarah Wildasin

Dave & Sue Wise

In memory of John and Martha Wise, Daves's parents

In honor of John and Loma Slike, Sue's parents

In honor of Grant Matthew Barcaro, grandson



PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

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| Joanne Grim | Dolly Overly | Doug Grow |
| Marvin Ruch | Kate Donnan | Barbara Williams |
| Don Heartter | Joe Adams | Judie Ingersoll |
| Bill Grove | Kay Crawford | Holly Hoover |
| Sam King | Mary Zimmerman | |
| Janet & Harry Musselman | Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise) | |
| Bobbi (Friend of a member) | William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube) | |
| Skipper Mann (Sister of Dolly Overly) | | |
| Meghan Frey (Friend of the congregation) | | |
| Ashley LaFata & Mike Walker (Bill & Julia Grove's Granddaughter & Husband) | | |
| Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman) | | |
| Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove) | | |

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

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| Thelma Pearson | Lucy Davis | Betty Stoner |
| Arlene Miller | Deb McCartney | Bette Geibel |
| Richard & Marilyn Heim | George Potts | |
| Jess, Matt, & Grant Barcaro | Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict) | |
| 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

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| Evan Benedict | Christopher Wright | Chris Andrew |
| Thom Whitesel | Ryan Stitzel | Doug Kautter |
| Justin Gorlaski | Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves) | |
| Jared Shiner (Grandson of Diane Gerlach) | | |
| 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!

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

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Today's Assisting Minister
Advent Readers & Wreath Lighters

Members of the Congregation
Rev. Melody Sell
John Landis
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Adele King
David Wise
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)
Lisa Nelson
Jeff & Amy Thompson

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

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| In-Person Worship | Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. |
| Christmas Eve Worship | 7:00 p.m. |
| Livestream & Recorded Link for all services | http://bit.ly/Zion_Live |
| Adult Sunday School Classes (Parlor & Social Room) | Sundays @ 10:15 a.m. |
| Church Office | 717-898-2911 |
| Pastor | 570-916-8835 |
| Parish Administrator | 717-945-4585 |
| Council President | 610-247-1497 |
| Office Email | adminzelc@comcast.net |
| Pastor Email | prmsell2@ptd.net |
| Council President Email | adelel3@aol.com |
| Music Director Email | zionlandisvillemusic@gmail.com |
| Website | www.zionhempfield.net |
| Facebook | Zion Lutheran Hempfield |
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