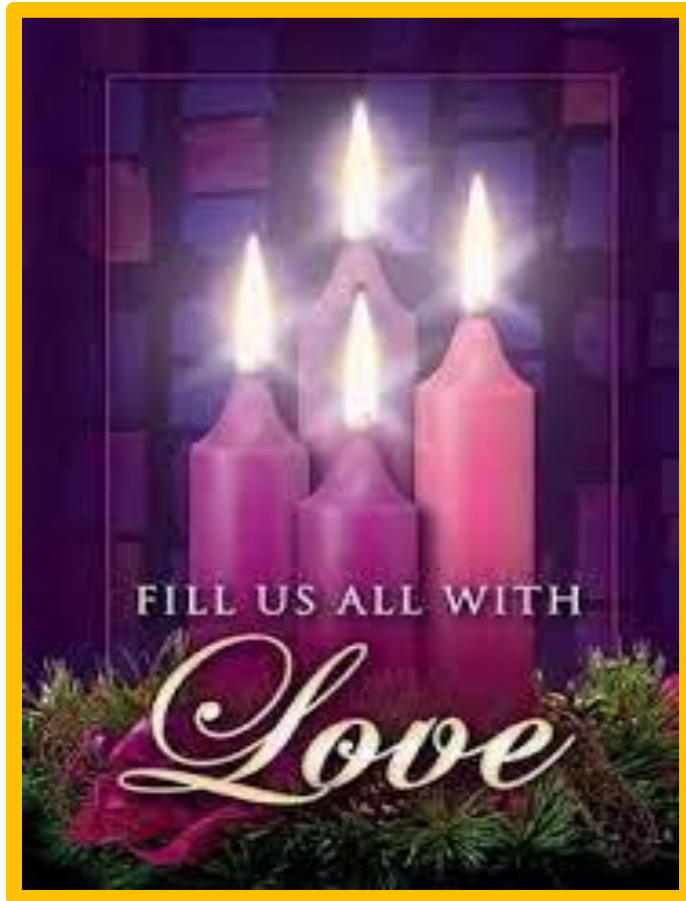


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Service of Word & Sacrament

December 18, 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 Fourth 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

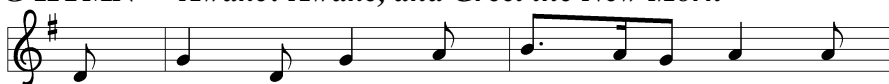
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing,
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing,
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.





Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Jess, Matt, & Grant Barcaro

R: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. - Matthew 12:7

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

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

ADVENT SONG

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

4. Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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† THE WORD †

Isaiah 7:10-16

The sign of Immanuel.

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear

a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Please read responsively.

A: ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

C: ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Romans 1:1-7

Paul's greeting to the church at Rome.

A: ¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the

flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

An Advent Acclamation

arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

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 1:18-25

A God near at hand.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name

him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

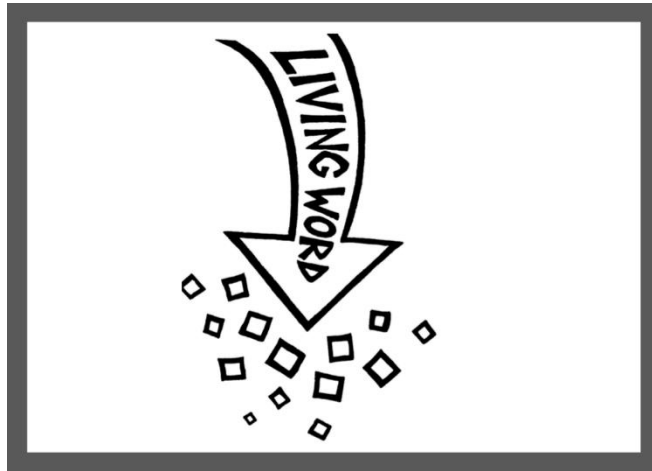
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

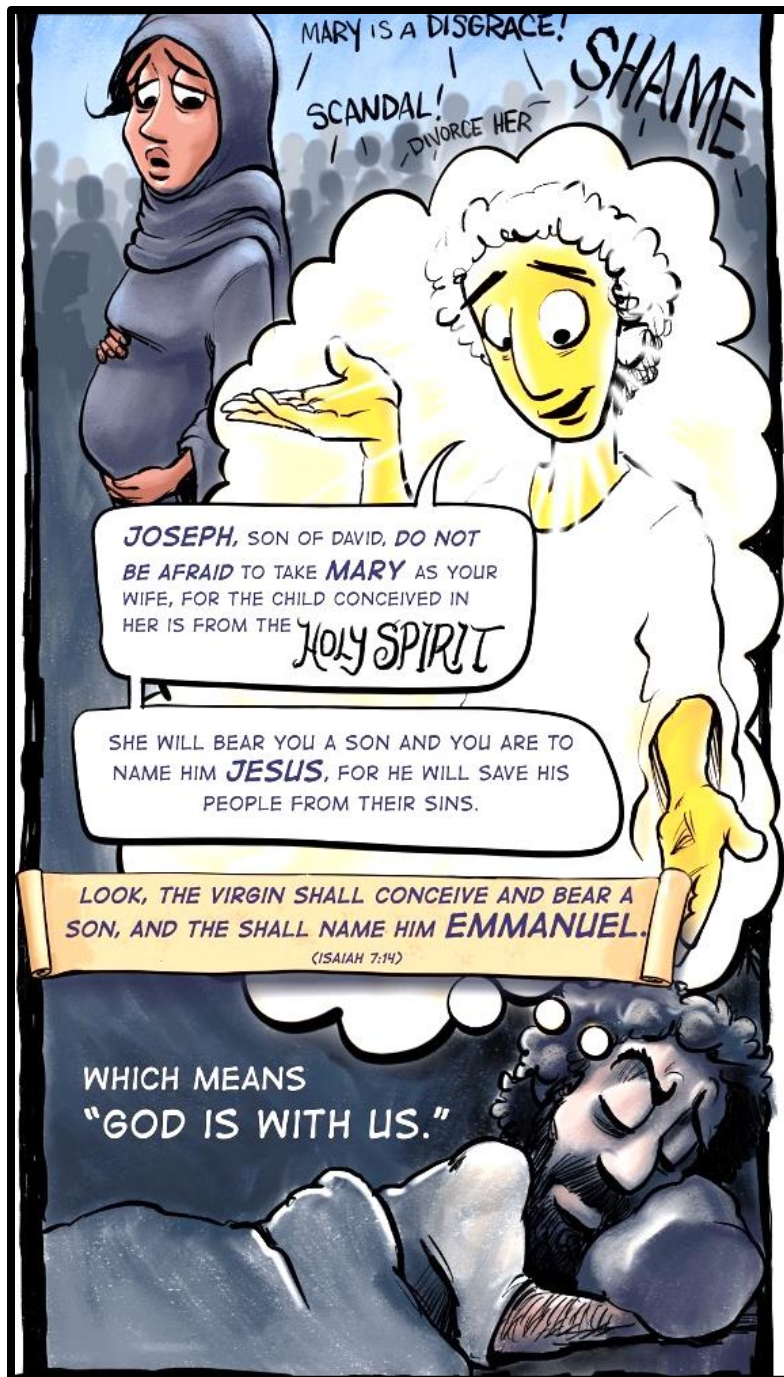
The Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown





Because King Ahaz
was afraid...

...God,
through the prophet
Isaiah,
gave
him
the
sign
of
Immanuel.



JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID, DO NOT
BE AFRAID TO TAKE **MARY** AS YOUR
WIFE, FOR THE CHILD CONCEIVED IN
HER IS FROM THE

HOLY SPIRIT

SHE WILL BEAR YOU A SON AND YOU ARE TO
NAME HIM **JESUS**, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS
PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

LOOK, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A
SON, AND THE SHALL NAME HIM **EMMANUEL**.

(ISAIAH 7:14)

WHICH MEANS
"GOD IS WITH US."

When
Joseph
was afraid
to marry Mary...

...he was given Jesus
(the One who would
save us from our sins)
who was also to be
known as Immanuel
(the God who
is with us).



She
will bear
a **SON**, and
you are to name
him **Jesus**

MATTHEW 1:21

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257

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

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Refresh the hearts that long for you;
Restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

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. God our shepherd, let your Spirit move with power throughout the church. Give discernment and wisdom to our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Take away our fear, so that we serve and love, confident that you are guiding us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

God our source, awaken us to the beauty of the earth and the marvelous variety of life. Unite humankind in repairing and caring for your creation. Protect creatures and habitats in peril due to rising seas and warming temperatures. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our vision, raise up leaders in every nation who dream of freedom and justice for all people. We pray for the work of international organizations that promote peace and human rights, especially Amnesty International. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our helper, come to the aid of all who cry out to you. Shelter migrants, refugees, and those fleeing war and famine. Bring relief to individuals and families experiencing hunger, homelessness, or impoverishment. Comfort any who are isolated or lonely. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our Emmanuel, you are with us in our life together. We give you thanks for gathering us in worship and fellowship, and we remember those who cannot be present. Watch over those who travel. Heal the sick and speed their recovery. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our hope, you bring life out of death, and you promise to be our God forever. Shine upon the faithful who now rest in the fulfillment of your promise and bring us also into your blessed reign of peace. 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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who





seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth,
1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4

Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

1. Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Meaning-Making Name

Names are powerful makers of meaning both in the scriptures and in our lives. Consider how much we associate people with their names. A name is merely a word, a sound, yet it can completely represent a person. And our names can be powerful. Think about the resurrection account in John 20 when a distraught Mary Magdalene does not recognize Jesus in the garden. She does not recognize him until when? He speaks her name.

The texts for the fourth Sunday of Advent invite us to explore the name “Emmanuel.” “Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). And he shall be called “Emmanuel,” *God with us*. This reality changes everything. Never is God so *with us* as in Jesus of Nazareth. Here is God-made-flesh, and in his very name, the Son of God proclaims just how *with us* and *for us* God really is. This fulfillment of prophetic promise offers us a delicate and dramatic reality: God has slipped into skin and walks among us in a totally new way, offering us life and salvation.



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, December 18 -- *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

** The flowers are sponsored by Jeff & Michele Rickert in honor of Johnny and Chrissy's second wedding anniversary today!*

** The bulletin sponsors are Dave & Sue Wise in loving memory of Dave's parents, John and Martha Wise.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by the Church Council in appreciation to Adele for her service as president.*

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. (Zone)

Monday, December 19

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

Tuesday, December 20

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Sunday School Rooms)

Wednesday, December 21

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 22

No Community Meal (Will Resume on 1/12)

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24 – *Christmas Eve*

In-Person Worship – 7:00 p.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 7:00 p.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Sunday, December 25 – *Merry Christmas!*

In-Person Worship [Service of Lessons & Carols] – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

No Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

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 4th banner design has swirls ascending upward leading to a city with a heart in the middle and a star above. This banner illustrates the journey to Bethlehem. 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.



...to Kim P., Mary H., Diane R., Cathy B., Adele K., Donna & Dave D. Millie G., Brenda S., and Pat L. for stepping up their decorating game to get the Sanctuary and other areas of the church decorated for this season! And, thank you to everyone who contributed by sponsoring poinsettias! Doesn't the church look great!?! The list of sponsors is on the pages at the end of the announcements before the prayer list.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

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



ANNUAL REPORTS

Has your ministry team started to write its 2022 annual report? If not, it might be something to think about! *[Hint, hint!]* 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 next year are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a great way to help offset the church's cost for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements.



A great big THANK YOU to the committees at Zion and Lisa Bernhard's tennis team for stepping up and sponsoring the open meal dates in February and March. The remaining open dates through June are:

April 6 and 20, and May 4. It is wonderful to see everyone coming together to keep this ministry going. If you haven't been involved with the Community Meal before and would like to participate, please contact Mary Hetrick (psuocn92@comcast.net).

And, just a reminder that there will be no meal over the next several weeks over the holiday. The meal will resume on January 12.

INSTALLATION BREAKFAST FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

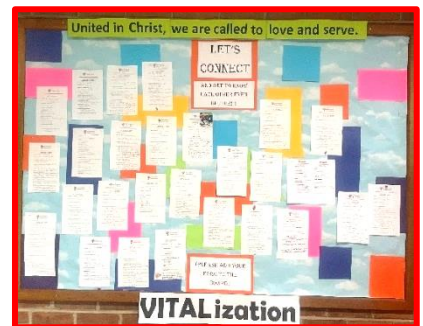
Many who were at the breakfast for Pastor Tim's installation have requested the recipe. You're in luck -- Amy Thompson has graciously agreed to share it! For those who did not get a chance to try it, here's your chance!

<i>½ loaf French bread, cubed (about 8 oz)</i>	<i>2 cups milk</i>
<i>½ cup butter</i>	<i>2 tsp vanilla</i>
<i>1 cup packed brown sugar</i>	<i>1 tsp cinnamon</i>
<i>6 eggs</i>	<i>1 Tsp brown sugar for topping</i>
<i>Powdered sugar (if desired)</i>	

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.*
- 2. Butter a 9x13 baking pan and set aside.*
- 3. In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Once butter has melted, stir in brown sugar until dissolved and mixture is smooth. Pour mixture into the bottom of the 9x13 pan and spread evenly.*
- 4. Add bread cubes to the pan spreading over the top of the butter/brown sugar mixture.*
- 5. In a medium sized bowl whisk together the eggs, milk, vanilla, and cinnamon. Pour egg mixture over the pieces of bread.*
- 6. Sprinkle with remaining tablespoon of brown sugar.*
- 7. Bake in preheated oven for 25-30 minutes until top is golden brown.*
- 8. Remove from oven and sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.*

LET'S CONNECT!

Have you completed your "Let's Connect" form yet!?!? If not, 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].



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The classes will meet together in the Zone [NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE!] for Holiday Trivia! All are welcome to come join the light-hearted fun (and yes, maybe a little bit of competition)!

[There will be no Sunday School on December 25 or January 1.]

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
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Scripture
Communion

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Connecting with God
Connecting others with God
All are welcome!

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Christmas Day
at Zion

Sun., Dec. 25
9:00am

Service of Lessons
and Carols with
Holy Communion



CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRENDA ALIMO

I am so happy to have received the beautiful card and the booklet from you! How are you all at Zion? I hope you are all fine. I thank the almighty God for keeping you safe.

Thank you so much for loving me and changing my life. You hold a special place in my heart and I can't stop thinking about you people! I am fine and busy with books since I just have a few weeks before I sit for my primary learning examination. I am very hopeful that I will pass well.

Thank you so much for the happy birthday wishes that you have wished to me! I am so happy and I had a wonderful birthday. Even though I had my birthday at school my friends sang for me happy birthday songs! Thank you so much for the love and care that you have for me and my family. We love you so much.

All from Brenda Alimo, your friend

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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.lutherancamping.org>



***RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF
THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND!***

TODAY



WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

January 6-8

At Kirchenwald

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter!

*Play broom hockey and other
games on the frozen pond. Have
fun sledding, playing snow soccer
and other winter games. Creative
Bible studies and worship
experiences led by the summer
camp counselors are an important
part of this retreat. Other indoor
and outdoor activities will also be
included!*

*For more information & to register,
go to:*

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/winter-youth-retreat-2023/>

Chicken & Waffles

at Nawakwa

Sunday, January 15, 2023

12:00pm - 2:00ish

Spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner. Bring your sleds (if there's snow) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories!

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at 717-677-8211 by January 11.



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*For more information &
to register,
go to:*

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/chicken-waffles-2023/>



Winter Fun Day

at Kirchenwald

Sunday, January 15

Sunday, February 19

1:00pm - 6:00pm

Bring your family or youth group and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



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In memory of loved ones

Joseph and Susan Hindes

In memory of William Robert May

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

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In memory of Pat Kautter

Adele King

In honor of our families making life full and joyful!

In honor of Brenda Stover for being a superior Council Secretary and recording minutes. You are a blessing and a tremendous help.

In honor of Anne Rankin for being a great resource for me over the past years.

Thanks for all your help. You are a blessing!

In memory of friends who have passed this year: Hal, Jim, and Austin

In honor of all my former vice presidents who helped me tremendously: Scott Hetrick, Mark Coons, Dave Wise (x2), and Dave Dumeyer

Harry & Janet Musselman

In memory of Rebecca Miller

In memory of Pat Lorah

The Paternoster Family

In memory of our parents: Bill, Rocco, and Marie

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Cathy & Bob Shirk

In honor of Tyler, Taylor, and AJ

In memory of Dolores Derr and Eugene & Phyllis Shirk

Jo Stone

In honor of her children and grandchildren

In loving memory of her parents, brothers, sister, and grandparents

Brenda Stover

In memory of Lillian Stover

Bob & Judy Traup

In honor of our children, grandchildren, great grandson, and Zion friends

In memory of our parents, Mamie, Mary Ann

Dave & Dottie Wauls

In honor of the Wauls and Duhart families

Bob & Barb Wildasin

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In memory of George Doll

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In memory of Harry Wildasin

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

In honor of their grandson, Grant Barcaro



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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!

Today – Diane Ramer, Nate Deibler
20 – Brenda Stover, Cameron Reed
21 – Todd Reed
23 – Linda Bear, Don Wierschke
24 – Sue Wise, Holly Hoover
25 – Dave Wauls, Mary Gerlach

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Chrissy (Rickert) and Johnny Fenwich today!

CONDOLENCES

...to Dawn, Jeff, & Mark Reinhart as they grieve the death of Kevin on Thursday, December 8.

Cards can be sent to Dawn at:
3952 Columbia Ave.
Apt. 37
Columbia, PA 17512

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Adele King
Dave Dumeyer
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship
Christmas Eve Worship
Livestream & Recorded Link
Sunday Scholars Class (Parlor)
Wired Word Class (Zone)

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
December 24 @ 7 p.m.
http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

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

*The classes will be combined in the Zone today for Holiday Trivia.
No class on 12/25 or 1/1.*

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