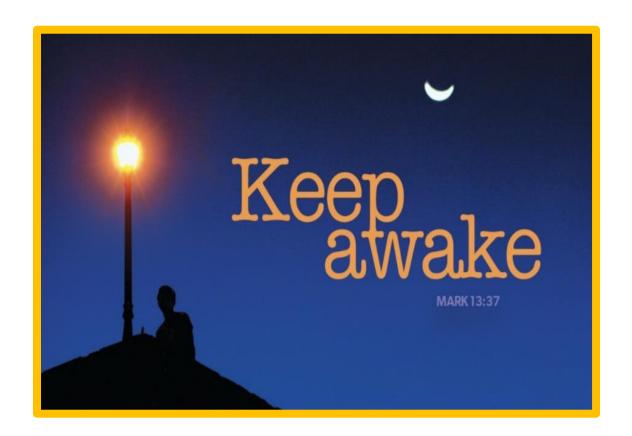
# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Service of Word & Sacrament December 3, 2023



### 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 today! 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 he sitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: <a href="http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live</a>. 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. When the service is held outdoors, there will be no live-stream.

## FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- \* Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. <u>Infant changing tables</u> 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.
- ❖ <u>Ushers</u> are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.
- ❖ <u>Mask wearing</u> is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

# First Sunday of Advent

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

### † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

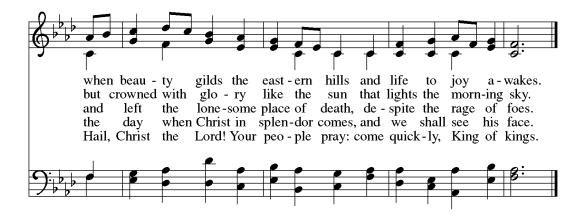
**PRELUDE** 

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.S. Bach

Please stand if you are able.





Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.
- C: Amen.
- **P:** God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

- P: Everlasting God,
- C: you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

C: Amen.

### **KYRIE**

### Refrain

Kyrie Eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the Church.
For the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*.

2. That we may live out your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain* 

- 3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
  For friends and family;
  For life and for love, for our work and our play,
  Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*
- 4. For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives
  In the water and the word;
  That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
  Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

### † THE WORD †

### Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer that God would come with power and compassion.

A: <sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Please read responsively.

- A: <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- C: <sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. <sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

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

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

### 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end.

A: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING/CHILDREN'S CHAT

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

Pastor and Hetricks: Say it with us: Christ has come, Christ is coming, and Christ will come again!

### C: Christ has come, Christ is coming, and Christ will come again.

Hetricks: [After cleansing the leper] Jesus, sternly warning him, sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter. (Mark 1:43-45)

Why didn't Jesus want the leper to tell others about him? We thought we were supposed to tell others about Jesus. I am confused!

P: Jesus knew that the leper didn't yet understand who he really was and is as the Messiah. People who know Jesus understand, "Anyone who wants to be first and greatest must be last of all and the servant of all."

Hetricks: We light this first Advent candle as a reminder that Jesus comes to heal the lepers of our world, the ones who have been rejected by society. Let us pray. Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly and teach us who you really are and what you are all about. Form us to be like you, willing to take the lowest place by serving others as you have served us. Amen.

P and Hetricks: "I want to be last! Let me serve you first." "No, I want to be last! Please, let me serve you first!"

### All: We get to be last and first together!

He came down that we may have love;
 He came down that we may have love;
 He came down that we may have love;
 Hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Please stand if you are able.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION King of Kings

**BB 69** 

Sing twice thru.

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah! King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah! Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! (*Repeat line*)

### Mark 13:24-37

The sudden coming of the Son of Man.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

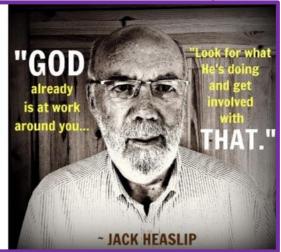
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**Pastor Timothy Seitz-Brown** 



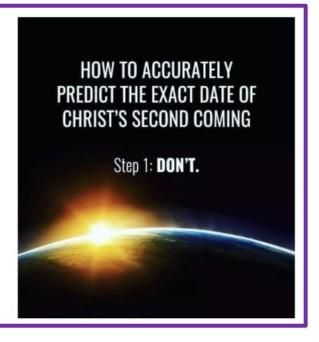


# Arrival or Presence



# Christ has come. Christ is coming. Christ will come again

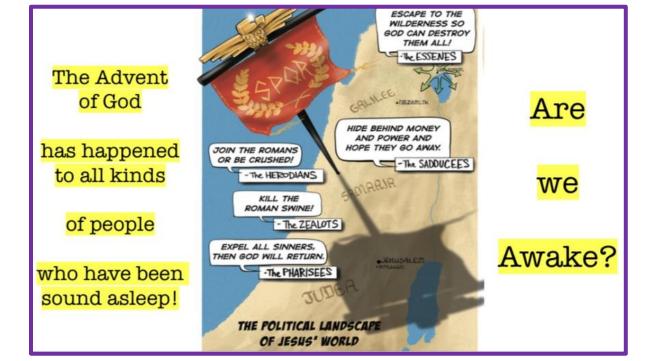
- First Advent: people were <u>asleep</u> and didn't realize WHO HAD ARRIVED in the Christ Child.
- Advent Today: it's quite possible we are asleep to the ONE WHO IS ARRIVING in our midst right now.
- Ultimate Advent: we are encouraged to be ready to encounter Christ and his Reign in every moment!

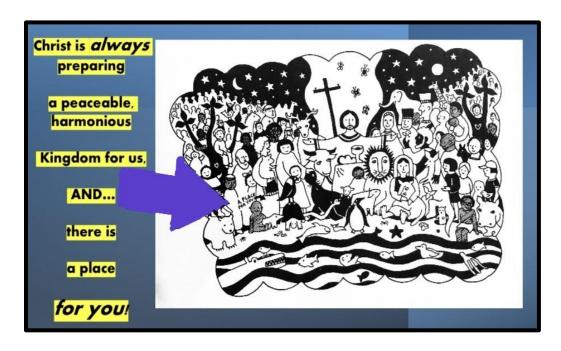


Even though we fall asleep on Jesus...

Christ faithfully returns to us over and over again!

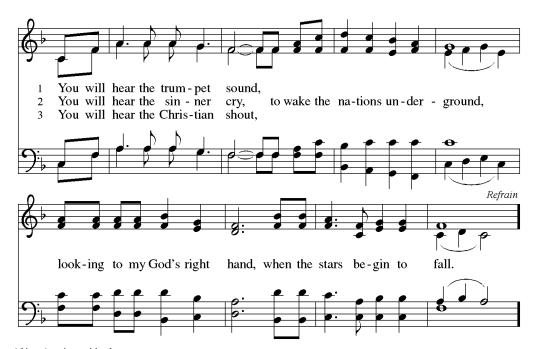






Please stand if you are able.





Text: African American spiritual Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

### **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: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration. Loving Creator, with everything going on in our world today, we join your ancient people in crying out, "Tear open the heavens and come down to us!" Quake this planet's people into the way of your peace and burn away our warring madness, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Palestine. Guide our nation's leaders in your ways of justice. Merciful God,

### C: receive our prayer.

Saving Lord, restore your faithful people around the world in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, the Lower Susquehanna Synod, and the Konde Diocese. Shine your face upon us. Restore us to become human beings who love like Jesus. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Holy Spirit, remind us of this congregation's spiritual abundance. Show us how to steward what you have entrusted to us so that we might witness to your gracious, universal reign and that generations yet unborn may praise your name. Make us awake and alert to the opportunities to serve organizations and agencies including Bethany Christian Services, Off the Streets, Habitat for Humanity, ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Hempfield School District, Coats for Kids, and the families identified on the Angel Tree. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Triune God, help us to live in the mystery of your advent among us in this and every moment. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth, to accompany the grieving, the despairing, and those without hope. Send people in our lives who will challenge us to live faithfully. In your good time, gather us with the elect of every time and every place. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

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

- P: Listen to our these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.
- C: Amen.

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

### † THE MEAL †

### **PRAYER**

- A: God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.
- C: We praise you, O God.
- P: Generations bless your faithfulness through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.
- C: We bless you, O God.
- P: We give you thanks for your dear Son at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.
- C: We thank you, O God.
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit in our gathering, within this meal, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- C: Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: We pray together.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

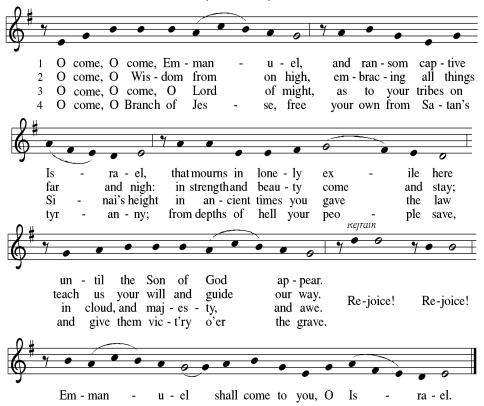
Please be seated.

### PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament by coming forward to receive the elements. 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 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 giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."

Please use this time for quiet reflection or join in singing the communion hymn until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.



- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 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*

Please stand if you are able.

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

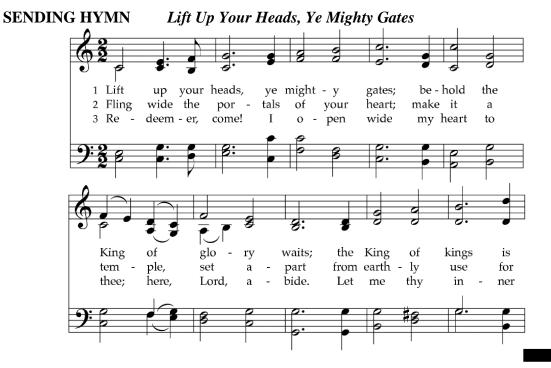
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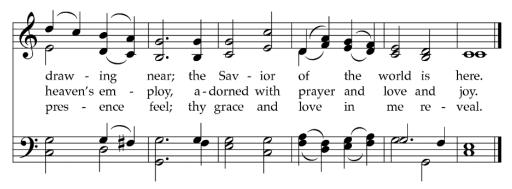
### † THE SENDING †

### **BLESSING**

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.





### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**



### THIS WEEK AT ZION

### Sunday, December $3 - 1^{st}$ Sunday of Advent

- \* The flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her mother, Helen Gensemer, on her birthday which was December 4, 1918.
- \* The communion elements are sponsored by Diane and Al Ramer for this Advent season of preparation.

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live

Advent Fellowship Gathering – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

### Monday, December 4

Comforters – 9 a.m. (Social Room)

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Property – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

### Tuesday, December 5

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room, Classrooms, and Social Room)

W&M - 7 p.m. (Zone)

### Wednesday, December 6

Food Pantry -10 a.m. -1 p.m.

Care Team -3 p.m. (Zone)

### Thursday, December 7

Wedding Policy Sub-Committee – 5:30 p.m. (Zone)

Choir -6 p.m.

### Friday, December 8

### Saturday, December 9

Church Christmas Decorating – 9 a.m.

### Sunday, December $10 - 2^{nd}$ Sunday of Advent

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class (An Advent Study) – Parlor

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Martin Luther defines an "idol" as anything that we trust above God.

Meanwhile, Jesus warns us that we cannot simultaneously serve both
God and Mammon. The reason why we encourage giving to God "first"
is so that we might live to serve the Lord and not money.

God provides for us! We must share our blessings with others at Zion and with those in our communities locally and around the world.

May our practice of stewardship form us to more faithfully follow Jesus.

Amen.

### ADVENT FELLOWSHIP - TODAY!

You are invited to come to the social room after worship today for an Advent Fellowship gathering! There will be activities including Christmas Bingo, word games, and a cookie-share! This gathering is in place of Sunday School – we hope you will join us!

### ANGEL TREE

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



### ANNUAL REPORTS: ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY TEAMS!

Now that it's December, it is also Annual Report time! All ministry teams need to email your report about what was accomplished this year and what is on your to-do list for 2024 to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).



The Joyful Noise offering through December will go to Bethany Christian Services' Safe Families for Children program. For more information about this program, visit: https://bethany.org/help-a-child/emergency-care/safe-families



### **OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS**

The December-February devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the narthex, on the window ledge in the back hallway, and on the kiosk across from the mailboxes. Advent devotionals are there as well.

### **COMFORTER MINISTRY**

The Comforter Ministry is still collecting colorful clean sheets and fabric! Please place any donations in the blue bin in the narthex!

### 2024 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.



### **TODAY AFTER WORSHIP:**

All are invited to gather in the Social Room for a time of Advent Fellowship during the Sunday School hour!

Classes will resume next Sunday (12/10).

- ➤ The Wired Word class typically meets in person and on Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266
- > The class that meets in the parlor is doing an Advent study.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

There are a variety of Advent devotionals on the ushers' table in the narthex. In addition, there are also copies of the Advent Prayer cycle for the Middle East and the Holy Land from the ELCA and her ecumenical partners. Help yourself!

### HELP BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Order forms are available on the ushers' table in the narthex.

# POINSETTIA SPONSOR FORM Cost: \$10 per poinsettia Deadline for Orders: Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s). Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ Other occasion: \_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church Place your sponsor form and payment in the office mail basket in the narthex on the window sill by the mailbox wall, mail (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville 17538), or bring to the office. You may take your poinsettias after Christmas Eve worship.



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# Advent Day Apart

at The Wittel Farm



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



Join us for an Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm, a day of Bible study, worship, and prayerful reflection as we seek to prepare for the coming of the Christ.

Registration fee (\$15) includes lunch.

December 9 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



Join us at the Wittel
Farm for our annual
Advent/Christmas
night. This year,
we'll gather around
the outdoor fire and
have cookies and
cocoa in the barn.
Lights and
decorations!

December 17 7-8:30 p.m.

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 our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat.

Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends.

Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.

January 5-7, 2024 \$170





Contact John L. with questions or if you would like to be a sponsor for this year's concerts!

johnplandis@gmail.com

717-875-6182

This concert features a mix of holiday songs! You will recognize some songs and some may become new favorites!

The Hershey Community Chorus
Presents

You will leave this concert in the Christmas spirit!

We hope to see you there!



Friday, December 8th - 7pm The Hershey Story Museum 63 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey

Sunday, December 10th - 3pm Hershey Free Church 330 Hilltop Road, Hummelstown

### **Ticket Prices**

Adults \$15
Students \$5
Children (5 and under) FREE

### **Pre-order Options**

- \* info@hersheycommunitychorus.org
- \* Contact John or Joanne Marrs (717-818-5509)

Tickets are also available at the door.













### CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRENDA ALIMO

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

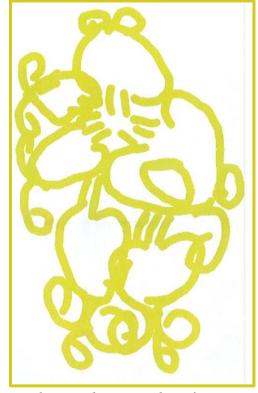
I am so happy to take this time to write to you. How is your congregation? I hope you all are fine. My family and I are all fine. My family is currently cleaning the gardens for the next planting season. During this season we plant crops like maize, millet, cassava, and sorghum. We are getting rainfall almost on a daily basis and this rain will help our crops to grow well.

Thank you so much for the birthday gift you sent me. With the \$25 (which is 93,374 Ugandan shillings) I bought a goat. I will rear at home for my future use.

I did not get good grades in grade seven so I now want to join a catering school. This will help me have a skill for a living. Thank you so much for the love and care you have shown me and my family. We love you so much. Your sponsored child, Brenda



This is me posing for a photo for you.



This is a drawing I drew for you.

### CHRISTMAS GREETING TO ZION

Thank you for allowing the Food Pantry to be in your church to give to the needy. Thank you for the meals that you have provided as well. We really appreciate what you do. May God bless you for everything you have done. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

From the "9 Family" (The Brodmans)

### **ADVENT BANNERS**

As we begin preparations for the coming birth of Jesus, the anticipation builds as a banner in front of the Sanctuary is added each week. The first Advent Banner has a large, open hand of God with a heart in the middle of the hand and a swirl descending to us. The idea is that God chooses us in grace and stirs our hearts in love and power.





### PRAYER LIST

### FOR HEALING

Dick Olson Cindy Blough **Bob Shirk** Tom Grzybowski Sam King Connie Alsedek Jess Barcaro Bill Grove Mary Zimmerman Joe Adams Marvin Ruch Kate Donnan Judie Ingersoll Joan Mays Holly Hoover **Barb Williams** Kay Crawford Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise) **Dolly Overly** 

Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)

Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)

Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)

William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)

Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)

Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)

Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)

### FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson Lucy Davis Deb McCartney George Potts Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long) Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)

Randy Miller and his family on the death of his father.

Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)

Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

### 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

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

4<sup>th</sup> — Tracie Andrew

6<sup>th</sup> – Jaden Myers

7<sup>th</sup> – Bradley Green

### MINISTRY LEADERS

**Ministers** Members of the Congregation **Pastor** Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown Music Director John Landis Parish Administrator Anne Rankin Worship Technology Assistant David Albin Lay Ministry Assistant Diane Gerlach Kim Paternoster Council President Council Vice President Denise Haun Brian Bourassa (a.m.) Sextons Tom Miller (p.m.)

### WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Worship Livestream & Recorded Link http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/3, 17, & 31) Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/3, 17, & 31) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. Morning Bible Study Church Office 717-898-2911 **Pastor** 717-332-4216 Parish Administrator 717-945-4585 Council President 717-342-3796 Office Email adminzelc@comcast.net zion1517pastor@gmail.com Pastor Email Council President Email krpkc@aol.com zionlandisvillemusic@gmail.com Music Director Email Website www.zionhempfield.net Zion Lutheran Hempfield Facebook Church Address 85 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538

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