

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Service of Word & Sacrament

December 4, 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 Second 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

We welcome The Rev. Richard Jorgensen, Assistant to the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, to Zion this morning. In celebration of Pastor Tim's Installation Sunday today, Rev. Jorgensen will be preaching.

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,



Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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 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.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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

Todd & Cathy Benedict

R: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. -Matthew 5:7

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

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

ADVENT SONG

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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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.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
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† THE WORD †

Isaiah 11:1-10

From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace.

A: ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Please read responsively.

A: ¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

C: ²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Romans 15:4-13

Live in harmony, welcoming one another.

A: ⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹²and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

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 3:1-12

A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord.

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

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

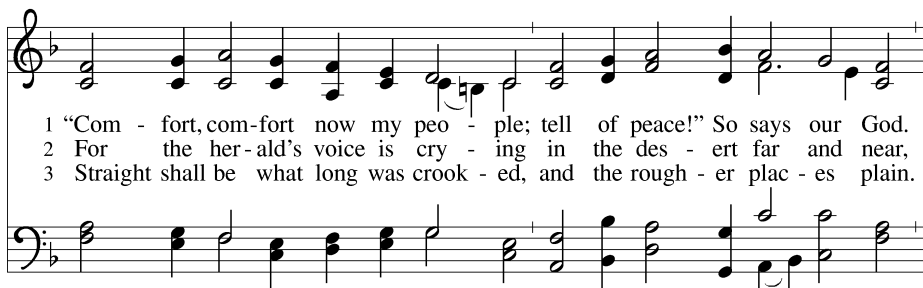
The Rev. Richard Jorgensen

Please stand if you are able.

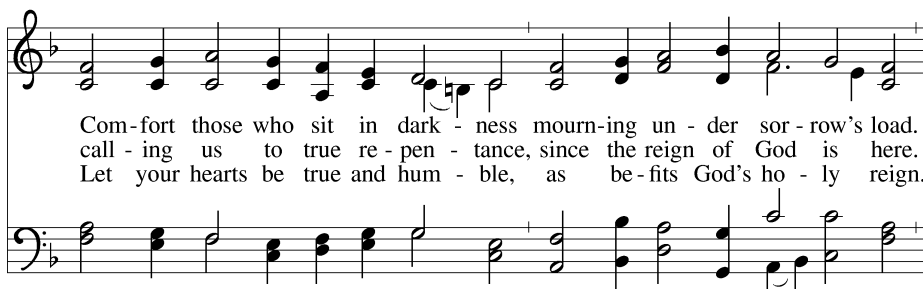
HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation. We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. 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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are five lines of lyrics, numbered 1 through 5. The lyrics are: 1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es; 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the; 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge; 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us; 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Freu dich sehr"

arr. Timothy Albrecht

Please join us after worship for
 Pastor Tim's Installation Program.

- ★ Brunch (Social Room)
- ★ Service Project (Social Room)
 - Gratitude Baskets benefiting the
 counselors and social workers in the
 Hempfield School District.
- ★ Brief Service of Installation (Sanctuary)

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, December 4 -- *Second Sunday of Advent/Installation Sunday*

* *The flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her mother, Helen Gensemer, born on December 4, 1917.*

* *The communion elements are sponsored by the Thompsons in honor of Pastor Tim's installation today.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Installation Program – Immediately following worship (Social Room and Sanctuary)

No Sunday School

Monday, December 5

Comforters – 9-11 a.m. (Social Room/Kitchen)

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

Property – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

Tuesday, December 6

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Sunday School Rooms)

W&M – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 9 – *Poinsettia Order Deadline*

Saturday, December 10

Sunday, December 11 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Advent/Christmas Study – Parlor

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

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].



SHEETS NEEDED FOR COMFORTERS



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

PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to participate in Zion’s Prayer Chain. If you are willing to pray for others during times of crisis this opportunity might be one for you – all it requires is a heart open to the power of prayer. When a prayer request comes in, you will be notified by text, phone, or email, and you will then be requested to pray for a person or situation. No meetings to go to, just a few minutes spent in prayer for someone who is in need. If you are interested, please contact Dolly Overly at 717-917-9549.



PRAYER SHAWL RACK

On the rack across from the coffee table, there are prayer shawls which you may take to give to someone needing comfort, prayer squares to carry in your pocket, and several hats for women suffering hair loss from chemo. Help yourself.

THEY ARRIVED! OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

Better a little late than never! The December-February devotionals have finally arrived! You can find them throughout the church – on the ushers’ table, on the kiosk across from the mailboxes, on the window sill in the back hallway across from the choir room, and on the podium in the Narthex by the Welcome Packets.



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 1st 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. The 2nd Advent 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.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH



All are invited to come hear a performance of Handel's Messiah next Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Chiques United Methodist Church (1215 E. Main St., Mount Joy)!

COME SING WITH US AT CHRISTMAS TIME!

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

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

As in years past, we are collecting gifts for families and children in need. There are tags for 23 children on our Angel Tree. The focus this year is to teach the children about giving rather than receiving. There are specific age group presents requested for the kids. These items should be returned unwrapped by next Sunday, December 11. We will also be sponsoring a local family – stay tuned for more information about that. Thank you once again for helping our Hempfield community children and families.



JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Beginning today and going through December, the Joyful Noise Offering will go to the Hempfield School District.

ANNUAL REPORTS

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

RENEWAL UPDATE

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

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

The **Care/Fellowship Team** planned an Advent Breakfast for the Women of Zion which was held yesterday morning at Centerville Diner. This team has also put together bags for the children and youth who are members of the church. In addition, the team has discussed the need for people to get trained on the AED machine and to be CPR certified. Sign-up sheets for these opportunities will be made available soon. More people have joined the **Prayer Team** – no one would argue that it's possible to have too much prayer! This team will begin to meet monthly.

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

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

The **Social Outreach Team** is participating in the "Angel Tree" project again this year – you are welcome to take a tag and get gifts for families and children in need this holiday season. Thanks to Kim Paternoster for organizing this outreach connection.

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

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



The Community Meal resumed this week after a break for Thanksgiving. *Zion will be serving a ham loaf dinner on December 15, which will be the last meal for 2022.* Information about helping with this meal will be forthcoming; we hope you will be able

to be a part of the preparation and serving of this meal as a Christmas gift to our community. After taking a break over the holiday weeks, the meal will resume again on January 12, 2023.

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

In addition, Mary would like to build a "Community Meal Team" at Zion. This team would be a core group of people working together on the meal and the weekly commitment it provides to our community. Anyone with an interest -- or questions or ideas -- about the meal can contact her (psuocn92@comcast.net or 717-333-6173).

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

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.



2022 Holiday Season at Zion Landisville

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



**Featuring the Hempfield
High School Chamber Singers**

Christmas Eve at Zion
Sat., Dec. 24

In-person & Online
7:00pm

Music
Candle Lighting
Scripture
Communion



http://bit.ly/zion_live

Christmas Day
at Zion

Sun., Dec. 25
9:00am

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



85 E. Brandt Blvd.
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717-898-2911

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Zion Lutheran Hempfield 

Connecting with others
Connecting with God
Connecting others with God
All are welcome!

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ADVENT DEVOTIONALS, CALENDARS, AND BOOKS

There is an assortment of Advent devotionals, calendars, and books on a table in the Narthex across from the mailboxes. There is quite a selection so please find something that you can use or that would be meaningful to you this Advent season ... help yourself (and take something for someone you know)!





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**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN A
BARN**

**December 18
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

At The Wittel Farm

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

Lights and decorations!



For more information & to register, go to:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2022/>

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

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

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
George Potts
Richard & Marilyn Heim
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)

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

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

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

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4th -- Tracie Andrew
6th – Jaden Myers
7th – Bradley Green
10th – Philip Smeltz
11th – Bill Flood

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Tim's niece, Abby Null, on the birth of her son, A.J. on Wednesday, November 30.

UPDATED ADDRESS

Mary Ann Cupach
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125 S. Broad St.
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MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers	Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
Guest Preacher	Rev. Richard Jorgensen
Music Director	John Landis
Parish Administrator	Anne Rankin
Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Lay Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Adele King
Council Vice President	Dave Dumeyer
Sextons	Brian Bourassa (a.m.) Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Sunday Scholars Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except today)
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except today)
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266

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

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