

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Service of Word & Sacrament

December 5, 2021



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**85 E. Brandt Boulevard
Landisville, PA**

Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ZION! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us with in-person or online this morning! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

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

ONLINE: Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [*http://bit.ly/Zion_Live*](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Mask wearing is recommended for all who attend or participate in any indoor gathering, including worship, at the church. This recommendation is for those who are vaccinated as well as for those who are not. If you are not vaccinated, we are asking you to please wear a mask to keep your fellow congregants as safe as possible. Church should be a loving, caring environment, and we would like to keep it that way.
- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

Second Sunday of Advent

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE


Prelude on "Veni Veni Emmanuel"

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

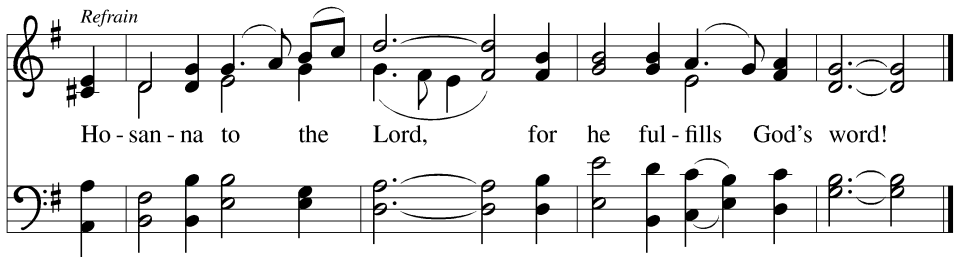


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.





Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

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

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

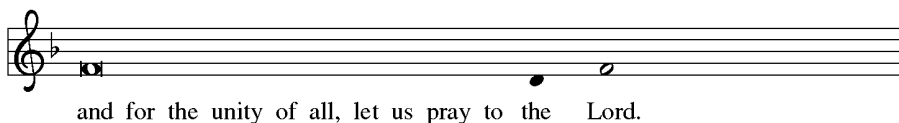
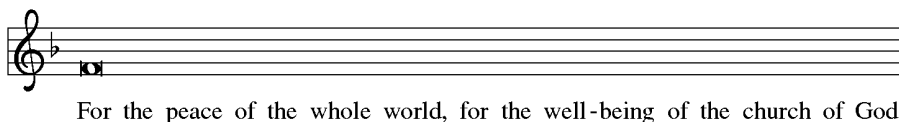
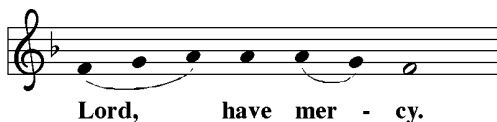
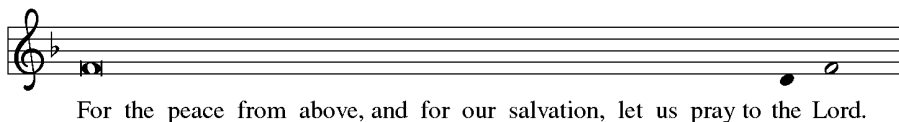
C: **Amen.**

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A** **-** **men.**

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

R: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

R: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace. Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

Light the First Candle, the Candle of Hope.



Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

Light the Second Candle, the Candle of Peace.

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

R: Let us pray:

C: **Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

ADVENT SONG

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

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 †

FIRST READING

Song of Solomon 1:2-6

“Darkness is Beautiful”

A: ²Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine,
³your anointing oils are fragrant, your name is perfume poured out; therefore the
maidens love you. ⁴Draw me after you, let us make haste. The king has brought me
into his chambers. We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more
than wine; rightly do they love you. ⁵I am black and beautiful, O daughters of
Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. ⁶Do not gaze at me
because I am dark, because the sun has gazed on me. My mother's sons were angry
with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not
kept!

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 1:68-79

Please read responsively

A: ⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set
them free.

C: ⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant
David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,
⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to set us free from the hands
of our enemies,
**free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days
of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go
before the Lord to prepare the way,
⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

A: ³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The King Shall Come

ELW 260

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

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Rev. Melody Sell

Please stand if you are able.

SERMON HYMN

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounce - 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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

NICENE CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death

and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Additional petitions may be inserted.

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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

OFFERING HYMN

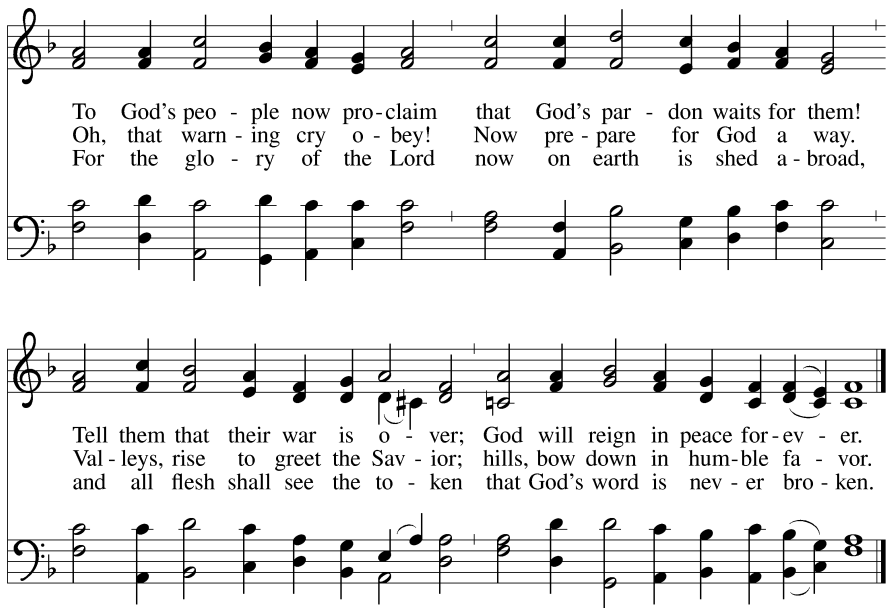
Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW 256

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

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

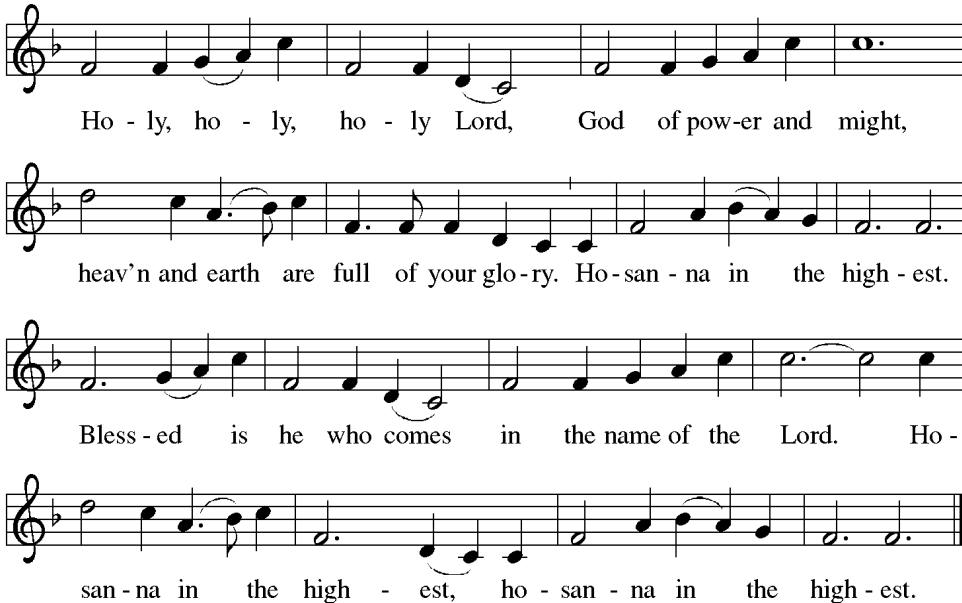
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Preface

P: It is indeed right and our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God for in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have given us a new revelation of your glory; that seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to love those things which are not see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn with these words:

C:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray together.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

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

FOR THOSE COMMUNING WITH THE KITS

Open the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

Open the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

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

FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD

For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."

AFTER COMMUNING

Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seat.

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

† **THE SENDING** †

BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

ELW 254

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Your Kingdom Come on Earth

Luke sets the preaching of John the Baptist clearly in the midst of the political and religious environment of his day. We are told the names of the emperor, governor, and other political rulers of the day. They are the ones who are supposed to care for the welfare of the citizens of their territories. Although John gave his message while he was in the wilderness, it was intended to have its impact in the farms, villages, and cities where the ordinary and the powerful live out their daily lives. John is not satisfied with the way things are, and his words help prepare us for the coming of one who will turn the world upside down. John's words tell us to examine our own lives and the world around us. We should not be complacent in the face of injustice, but instead seek forgiveness and strive for lives that bear fruit according to God's vision for the world.

We all have the potential to "over-spiritualize" the Bible and our faith, so that they become disconnected from the real needs of the world around us. This potential can be even greater in the days around Christmas, as we may seek to justify over-spending on gifts, excessive eating and drinking, or simply desire to escape from the difficulties of ordinary life for a time. John provides a warning about ignoring the truth about our sinfulness and the brokenness in the world. But John also repeats the promise that God ultimately will not settle for the way things are in the world, and that God's salvation will be made known in the one who is to come: Jesus.



THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH

Sunday, December 5 -- *Second Sunday of Advent*

** The altar flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her mother – Helen Elizabeth Gensemer, born December 4, 1918.*

** The bulletins are sponsored by Lisa Nelson in honor of the Advent season.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in celebration of the Second 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 – 10:15 a.m. (Parlor)

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

Monday, December 6

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Property – 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)

Tuesday, December 7

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms)

Worship & Music – 7:00 p.m. (Zone)

Wednesday, December 8

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 9

Community Meal – 5:15 p.m. [Zion Preparing & Serving]

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 10 – *Poinsettia Sponsor Deadline*

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

Saturday, December 11

Church Holiday Decorating – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 12 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Hershey Handbell Ensemble Concert – 3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

*Help Beautify the
Worship Space this Season!*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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Cost: \$10/poinsettia
Deadline: Friday, December 10
Order forms are on the ushers' table.



**THE CHURCH WILL BE
DECORATED ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 11, SO IT CAN BE
ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE
WEEKS LEADING UP TO
CHRISTMAS!**

POINSETTIA SPONSOR FORM	
Cost: \$10 per poinsettia Deadline for Orders: Friday, December 10 th	
I would like to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s). Enclosed is _____.	
In honor of _____	
In memory of _____	
Other occasion: _____	
Name of Sponsor _____	
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 member mailbox wall, mail (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville 17538), or hand deliver to the office.	
You may take your poinsettias after Christmas Eve worship.	

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

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

JOYFUL NOISE

The collection through this month will go to Night to Shine. Night to Shine is an annual prom experience event for those with special needs. This event is one that these folks look forward to all year; it is one that gives them the chance to feel like other kids who get to experience the prom or some other special dance night. Last month, a total of \$61.55 was collected for Housing Development Corporation.

NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Do you have an old-fashioned Victorian-style pitcher and wash bowl? Or an Amish-style broom? If so, please contact Pastor Sell...she would like to borrow them for the Christmas Eve service! Thanks in advance!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

➤ **IN THE SOCIAL ROOM**

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

➤ **IN THE PARLOR**

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



The meal will be suspended on December 23, 30, and January 6; it will resume on January 13. Looking ahead to 2022, sponsors are needed to keep this weekly ministry going! We do

have faithful partners in the community who sponsor meals frequently, however there are 11 empty slots thru June that need to be filled. If you know of any organization or group that might be interested in sponsoring a meal, please have them contact Mary Hetrick (psuocn92@comcast.net). Thank you!! Zion's next meal to sponsor is on December 9th.

THE COFFEE TABLE IS BACK!

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



MINISTRY TEAMS

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

ANGEL TREE GIFTS



You have one more week to bring in gifts for the families on the Angel Tree. We are supporting three families with a total of 21 children who live in low income housing nearby. The names and requested items can be found on the tree in the Narthex. Gifts must be returned by next Sunday, December 12th. Kim Paternoster is happy to pick up the gifts from you if you don't plan to be at the church before December 5th. You can also arrange to do a porch drop off with her or you can bring them to the church office.

CLOCK IN THE PARLOR

The Property Team and Council, in addition to communication with others, have decided to sell the clock in the parlor. If you are interested in it and would like to purchase it, please contact Dave Dumeyer. We want to give church members the first opportunity to buy it. It will be sold based on sealed bids. If no one expresses interest by the end of the year, it will be advertised to the general public.



OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

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



2022 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities next year are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a

great way to help offset the cost for the church for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements



HOLIDAY EVENTS AT ZION

Holiday Concert at Zion Sunday, December 19



3:00 p.m.

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*Featuring the Hempfield High School
Chamber Singers*




CHRISTMAS EVE @ ZION

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

Music; Candle Lighting;
Scripture; Communion

http://bit.ly/Zion_Live





Hershey Handbell Ensemble

Christmas

Concert

AT ZION

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

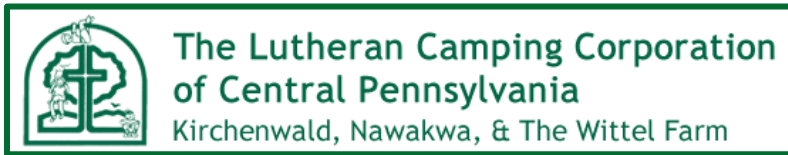
Come enjoy the sounds of the season!

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

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

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

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



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

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN
A BARN**

December 19

7:00-8:30 p.m.

At The Wittel Farm

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

Lights and decorations!



SPECIAL NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION...

- ❖ Thank you to the Zion congregation/family for the outpouring of cards, condolences, and support with the passing of my dad, Ron Crawford! Our family greatly appreciates it.
Fondly, Lynda Crawford & family
- ❖ Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanks for letting us come to the church to get food during the year. We miss your dinners, but since the pandemic, we haven't been able to come. May God bless you for everything you have done for our family.
From Michael, Crystal, Adrianna, Jeremiah, and Brandon Brodman

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

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

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
Bette Geibel
Richard & Marilyn Heim
George Potts

Jess, Matt, & Grant Barcaro
Jim, Kim, & Cory Paternoster
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)
Brenda Alimo (Zion's Sponsored Child)
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

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

IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6th – Jaden Myers
7th – Bradley Green
10th – Philip Smeltz
11th – Bill Flood

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

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

Today's Assisting Minister

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	7:00 p.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link for all services	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Adult Sunday School Classes (Parlor & Social Room)	Sundays @ 10:15 a.m.
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