

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Service of Word & Sacrament

November 27, 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 first 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.

First Sunday of Advent

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

ELW 263

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Refrain

Kyrie Eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

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

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



3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
For friends and family;
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*

4. For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives
In the water and the word;
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord; let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain*

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Deb and Melissa Grube

R: Today is the First Sunday of Advent.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. - Hosea 6:6

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

Light first candle, the candle of Hope.

1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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† THE WORD †

Isaiah 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace.

A: ¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Please read responsively.

A: ¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

C: ²Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.”

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good.

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep.

A: ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Rejoice, Rejoice!

Aaron David Miller

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

King of Kings

BB 69

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Repeat.

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

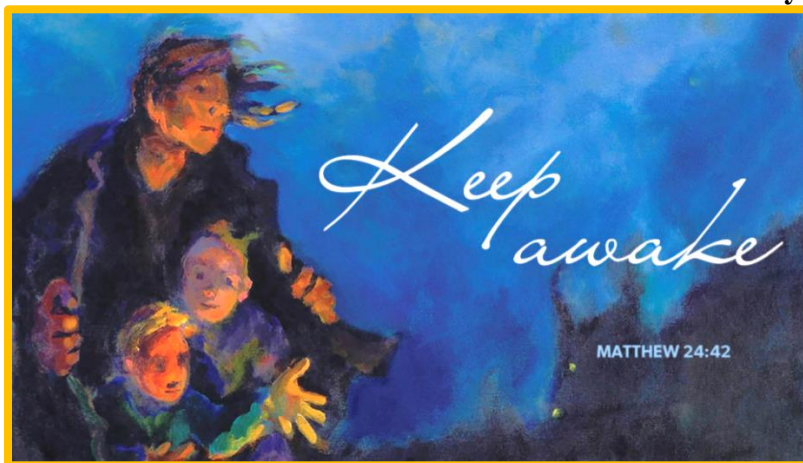
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown



Christ, the Ultimate Peacemaker

- Isaiah 2:1-5
(Swords into Plowshares)
- Matthew 5-7
(Sermon on the Mount)
- Matthew 15:21-28
(Cannanite Woman's daughter)
- Matthew 1:1-17
(The Genealogy)



Christ has
come, Christ is
coming, and
Christ will
come again.

WOMEN IN MATTHEW'S GENEALOGY

- Tamar, Daughter-in-Law of Judah
- Rahab
- Ruth
- Wife of Uriah (Bathsheba)
- Mary, Mother of Jesus

Advent

- Christ has come
- Christ is coming
to us right now
- Christ will come again



Jesus calls us away
FROM “weaponizing”

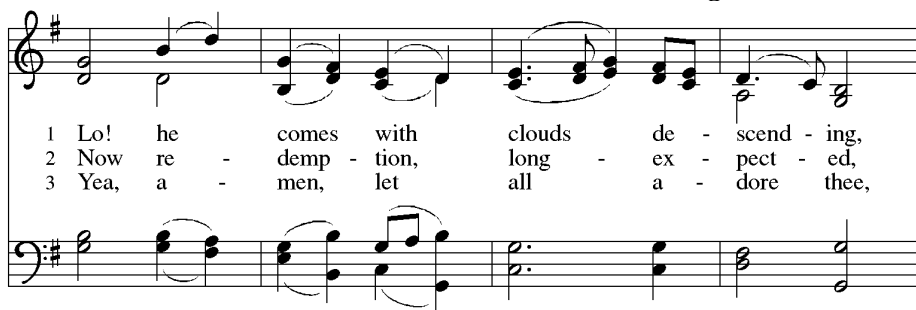
TO “digging
deeper into our
imaginations to
create peace”



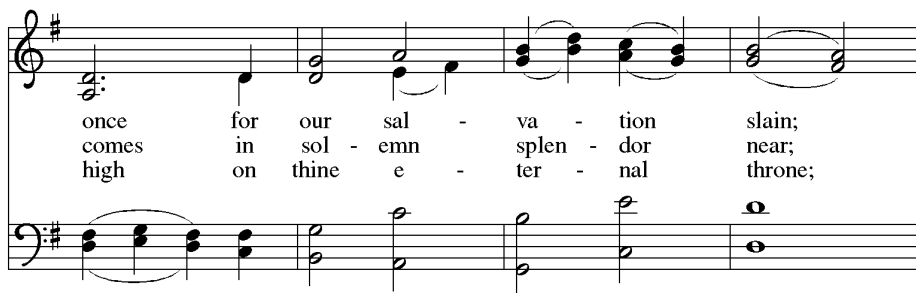
CAN YOU
IMAGINE...

the leopard
lying down
and not
devouring the
kid?!!!

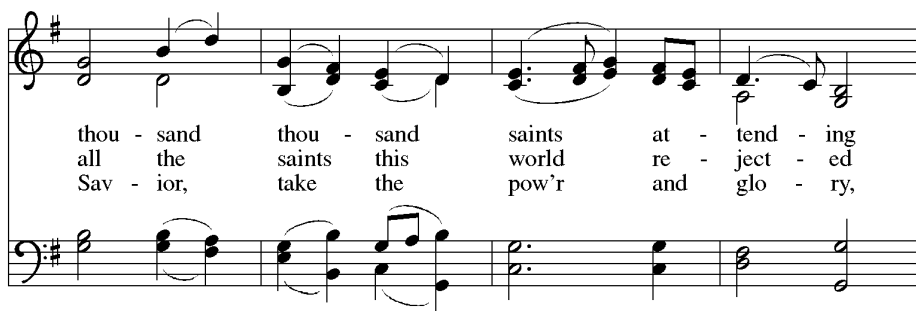
Please stand if you are able.



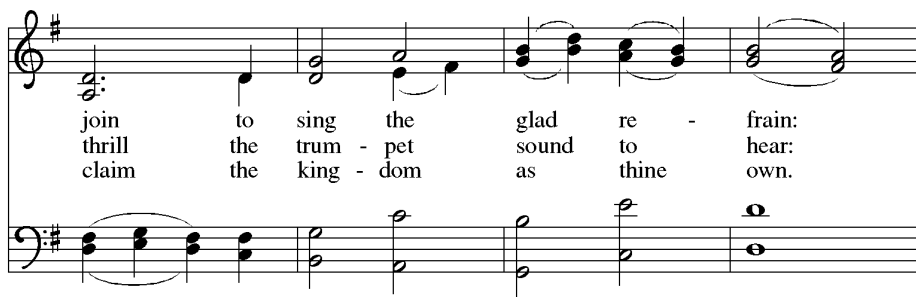
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

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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 of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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.

- 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: 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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

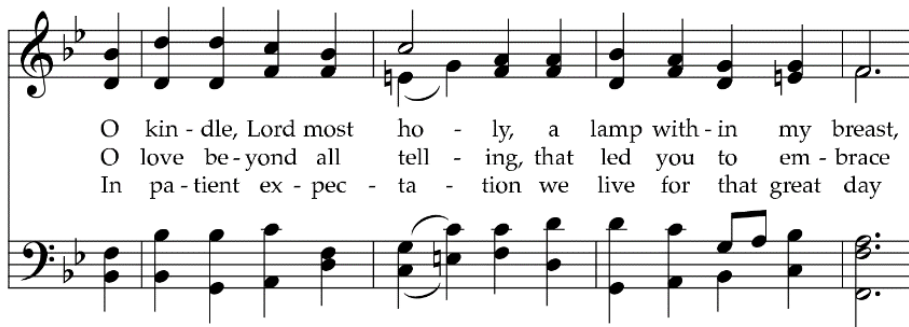


1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

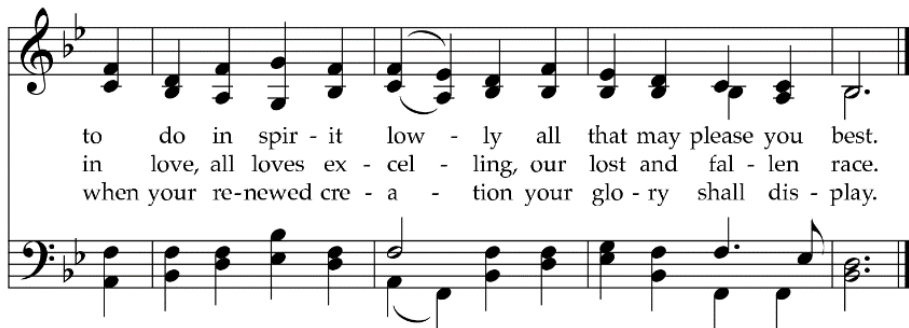




Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Turn On. Tune In. Wake Up!

In the 1960's people were urged to turn on, tune in, and drop out—to leave the material world behind in favor of an alternate reality. In today's gospel, Jesus also urges us to tune into an alternative to the material world, one he called the coming of the Son of Man. In Jesus' person, the dominion of God comes into the world, and the risen Christ continues to give us abundant signs of its presence. Jesus commands his followers not to drop out of the world, but to be on the lookout for him in it.

Christians await the second coming of Christ, the *parousia*, when we believe we will experience God's reign in its fullness. In the meantime, we live, in the words of some theologians, "already, but not yet." We look for glimpses of the dominion in the here and now. The season of Advent, and today's readings, are designed to help turn us on to the excitement and anticipation of God's reign in our lives and tune in to the infinite opportunities we have to participate in it. In other words, they want to wake us up!

St. Paul exhorts us in today's second reading to lead lives of faithful obedience until the final day. He also challenges us to participate in God's dominion in the here and now, calling us to wake from sleep, to "put on Christ." Eyes wide open and wrapped in Christ, we are called to a new day. Isaiah describes his own vision: gathered by God, learning and teaching God's ways, walking in God's paths, beating swords into ploughshares and spears to pruning hooks. Wide-awake, active, and ready for encounters with Jesus, we may find God's dominion when and where we least expect it.



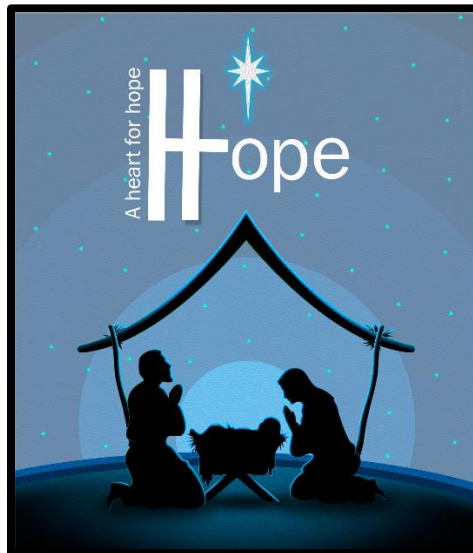
Be Watchful! Be Alert!

Images in the Readings

The apocalyptic imagery of **the end of the world**, like the flood sweeping all things away, echoes from the Old Testament into the preaching of Jesus, and continues in contemporary disaster movies and terrorist activity. For Christians, fear about the end always comes to rest in trust in the presence of God. When all is over, at our end, is God.

Today's readings expand and challenge our society's welcome of God arriving as only baby Jesus, for God comes as **judge** and calls us into a life of justice for all, evoking in us both anticipation and fear. Often in classical art, Justice is a towering robed woman who judges right from wrong.

Often in the Bible God meets with humankind on a **mountain**. Our language even calls "a mountain-top experience" one so overwhelming that it changes one's future. Sinai, Horeb, Jerusalem, the mount of Jesus' sermon, the Mount of Transfiguration, the Mount of Olives, Golgotha, Zion: all are superimposed on our church buildings, for the Christian mountain is wherever we receive the word and sacraments. In English, the phrase "**swords into plowshares**" indicates the hope for world peace, a hope for which Christians pray to God.



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, November 27

** The flowers are sponsored by Rodger and Nancy Myers in celebration of Jaden's 21st birthday on December 6.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Jo Stone with thankfulness for her church family.*

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>)

Monday, November 28

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Sunday School Rooms)

Wednesday, November 30

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

Women's Advent Breakfast – 10 a.m. (Centerville Diner)

Liederkrantz Holiday Concert – 5 p.m.

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

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Installation Program (Brunch, Service Project, Service)

No Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

LET'S CONNECT!

Now that the ReVITALization initiative has wrapped up, the next step is to build on it! With gathering for one service now, there are surely people you don't know. Let's connect with each other and get to know each other better.

"Let's Connect" forms can be found on the ushers' table; please complete one and then return it to the office basket between the mailboxes. This information will then be displayed on the bulletin board in the Narthex and in the bulletin. 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 TEAM

You are invited to participate in Zion's Prayer Chain Team. 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.

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

Apparently the December-March ODB devotionals got lost in the mail as we have not yet received them as expected.

Another shipment has been sent and will hopefully arrive without too much more delay. As soon as they are delivered, they will be available on the ushers' table.



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.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH



All are invited to come hear a performance of Handel's Messiah on 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).

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING



Today is the final day to give to the Joyful Noise Offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts in Florida. Beginning next Sunday, the offering will go to the Hempfield School District.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The class that meets in the Parlor will do an Advent/Christmas study today and on 12/11.
- The Wired Word class meets in-person and on Zoom: (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>).



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS, CALENDARS, AND BOOKS

There is an assortment of Advent devotionals, calendars, and books on the ushers' table. There is quite an assortment 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)!

NEXT SUNDAY ... DECEMBER 4 ... A SPECIAL DAY AT ZION!

PASTOR TIM'S INSTALLATION

Sunday, December 4
~Following Worship~

YOU ARE INVITED!

- Brunch
- Service Project
- Brief Service of Installation

PLEASE BRING
INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED SNACKS &
TREATS TO INCLUDE
IN THE GIFT BASKET
SERVICE PROJECT!!

WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST



WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST

December 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Centerville Diner (corner of Columbia Ave. and Centerville Rd.)

*This is always a fun time for all the women of
the church as we prepare for Christmas.
Friends are welcome to come along too!*

*Please sign up on the bulletin board across
from the mailboxes by Sunday, November 27.*

Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313)

There will also be two optional activities!

★ Gift Exchange

- Bring a wrapped gift (\$3 or less)
to exchange with others!

★ Show and Tell

- Bring an object to show that
gives you special JOY at this
time of year!

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LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS AT ZION

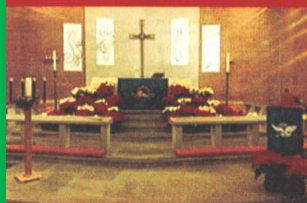


CHRISTMAS EVE @ ZION

In-person + On-line
7:00 p.m.

Music; Candle Lighting;
Scripture; Communion

<http://bit.ly/Zion-Live>



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



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*Featuring the Hempfield High School
Chamber Singers*

Winter Concert



Lancaster Liederkranz Chorus

Barry L. Sawyer, *Director*
William L. Rhoads, *Accompanist*

Saturday, December 3, 2022 • 5pm

Zion Lutheran Church

85 East Brandt Blvd., Landisville

***Free Admission**

**A freewill offering will be accepted to benefit
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Help Beautify the
Worship Space this Season!*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Cost: \$10/poinsettia
Deadline: Friday, December 9
Order forms are on the ushers' table.

POINSETTIA SPONSOR FORM

Cost: \$10 per poinsettia
Deadline for Orders: Friday, December 9th

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.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org



Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 3, 2022
9am - 2pm

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



There is a \$15 registration fee.
Lunch will be provided.

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit
www.LutheranCamping.org to register by November 18.

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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/](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!

27th – Janet Musselman
2nd – Kaylee Thompson
4th – Tracie Andrew

UPDATED ADDRESS

Mary Ann Cupach
c/o Kadina Physical Rehab.
125 S. Broad St.
Lititz, PA 17543



MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Members of the Congregation
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John Landis
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Adele King
Dave Dumeyer
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 12/4)
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/4)
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266
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