

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*November 28, 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.

# First Sunday of Advent

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Wachet Auf, Ruft uns die Stimme*

**J.S. Bach**

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### OPENING HYMN

*Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

**ELW 241**

1. O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
    how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
    my hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,  
    your lamp within my breast  
    to do in spirit lowly  
    all that may please you best.
2. I lay in fetters, groaning;  
    you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
    you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me,  
    a treasure safe on high  
    that will not fail or leave me  
    as earthly riches fly.



3. Love caused your incarnation;  
love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
that led you to embrace  
in love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

4. Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,  
who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn your joys departed and tremble at your doom.  
All hail the Lord's appearing!  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
send forth your beams so cheering and guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite

## 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.

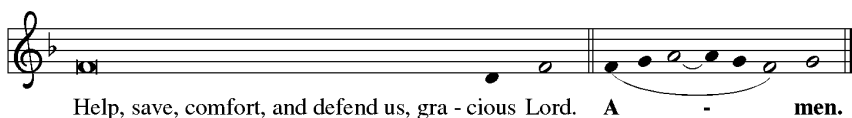
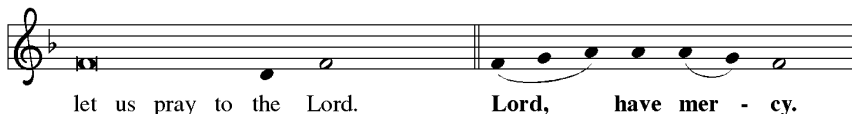
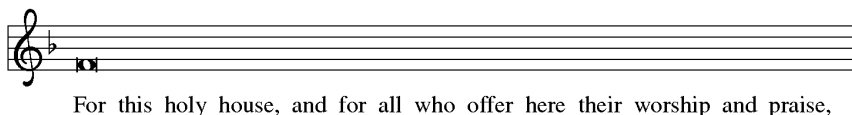
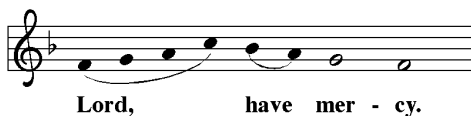
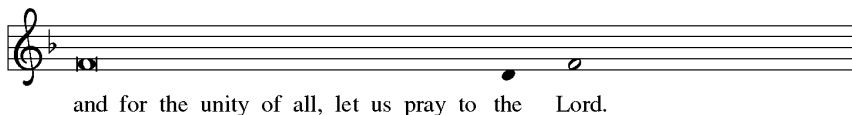
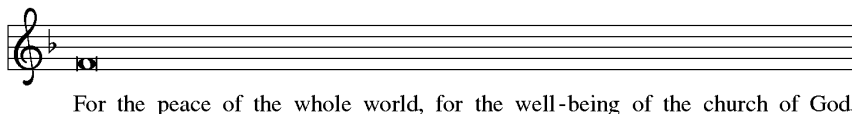
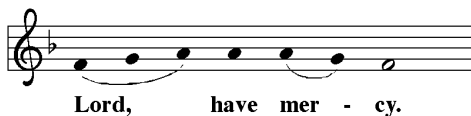
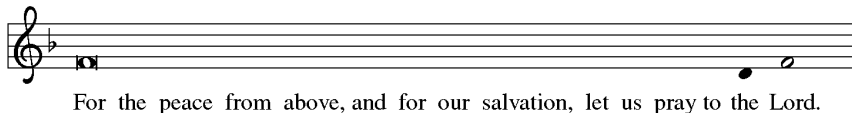
C: **Amen.**

## 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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, 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

R: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

R: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth. *Light the First Candle*

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

R: Let us pray:

C: **God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. 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.

## † THE WORD †

### FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-19

#### *“Darkness Is Holiness”*

A: <sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 25:1-10

*Please read responsively*

A: <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: <sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be <sup>1</sup>put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup>truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A: <sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

<sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT



*Please stand if you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death***ELW 452**

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984

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**GOSPEL****Luke 21:25-36**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**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

### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**ELW 257**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

#### *Refrain*

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

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

3. O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

4. O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalteriolum Canticorum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
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## 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. God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. 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 †**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*



1. Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

## 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.**

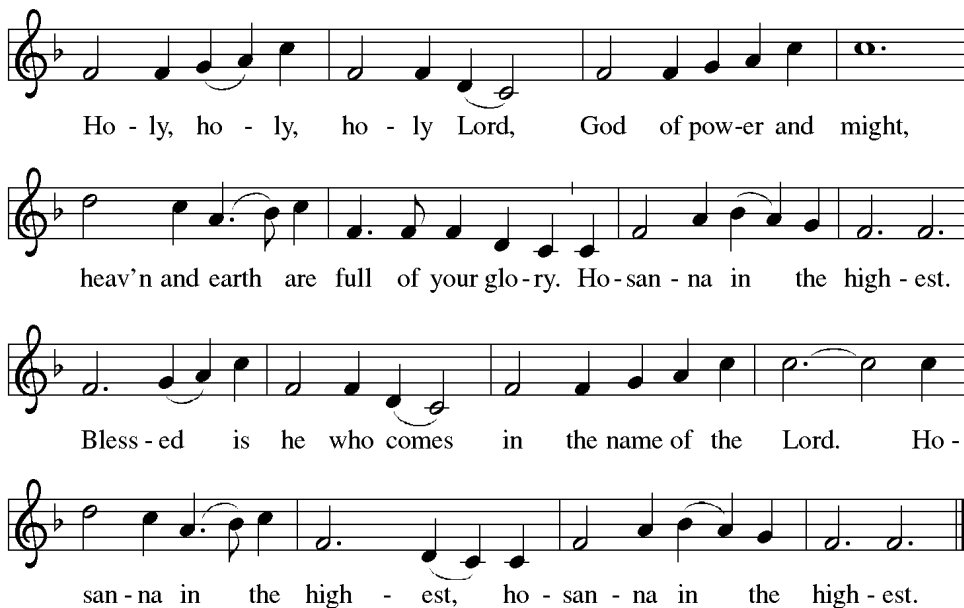
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Preface*

P: It is indeed right and our duty and our joy...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 seen. And so, with all the choirs of angels...

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 SONGS**

#### ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
    behold the King of glory waits;  
    the King of kings is drawing near;  
    the Savior of the world is here.

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
    make it a temple, set apart  
    from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
    adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
    Let me thy inner presence feel;  
    thy grace and love in me reveal.

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



# **DON'T WAIT FOR THE KINGDOM—SEE IT**

As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world in the light of a text that promises his final coming. We, like the gospel writer, Luke, live in the time between these two "advents" of Jesus. Today's gospel gives us guidance on how to live faithfully as we wait for Jesus to return. However, in this in-between time, it is easy for us to become distracted and lose sight of the promises of Jesus. Daily tasks and routines can lull us into apathy. Ease and success can allow us to ignore our spiritual needs. Struggles, setbacks, and disappointments can cause us to lose hope and fall into despair. But Jesus tells us we should not feel beaten down or defeated by the struggles of this world, but instead "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus goes on to say that there will be signs, signs of new life and growth, such as the sprouting of a leaf on a fig tree in the summertime. These signs are perceptible to us here and now. These signs help us know that God's kingdom is coming. In fact, they remind us that in Jesus, God's kingdom has already come near, and Jesus words will not pass away until this kingdom has fully come. We should live with our eyes focused on today's signs that demonstrate God's reign and trust that Jesus' redemption of the world will one day be complete.



# **THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, November 28 – *First Sunday of Advent***

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Dave & Sue Wise in memory of Dave's father, John F. Wise, Sr. His 105<sup>th</sup> birthday would have been on November 30.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored anonymously as we begin this Advent season in a spirit of hope!*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Cathy and Bob Shirk with thanks to God for the bounty and beauty of the earth.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

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

No Wired Word Sunday School (Will resume 12/5)

## **Monday, November 29**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## **Tuesday, November 30**

Bible Study – 9 -- 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms)

## **Wednesday, December 1**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Liederkrantz Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m. [set-up @ 6:00 p.m.] (Sanctuary)

## **Thursday, December 2**

Community Meal – 5:15 p.m.

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

## **Friday, December 3**

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

## **Saturday, December 4**

Women's Advent Breakfast – 10:00 a.m. (Centerville Diner)

Advent Day Apart – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (The Wittel Farm)

Liederkrantz Holiday Concert – 4:00 p.m.

## **Sunday, December 5 – *Second 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)

## 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<sup>th</sup>

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.*



### JOYFUL NOISE

This is the last Sunday to give to the Joyful Noise offering for the Housing Development Corporation (HDC). This organization owns and runs low-income housing for seniors, including the Landisville Apartments on Elizabeth St. The collection in December will go to Night to Shine.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	OCTOBER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Income from Offering	\$27,972	\$216,280
Expenses	\$17,870	\$199,792
Budget	\$27,516	\$327,298

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

### ➤ IN THE SOCIAL ROOM

*This class will not meet today, but will resume on December 5. 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 Community Meal continues to serve a free meal every Thursday to members of our local community. We continue to average 100+ meals per week. Special thanks to the Hempfield Food Pantry for purchasing 1000 take-out containers and for contributing the baked potatoes for the meal Zion sponsored in October. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with both of the meals that Zion sponsored last month. Another special thanks to Kim and Jim Paternoster and Randy Miller for managing the meals while Mary was away in October. Zion's next meal to sponsor is on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:psuocn92@comcast.net)). Thank you!!

## 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.





## ANGEL TREE GIFTS



Zion is participating in the Angel Tree project again this holiday season! We will be 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 5th. Kim Paternoster is happy to pick up the gifts from you if you don't plan to be at the church before December 5<sup>th</sup>. You can also arrange to do a porch drop off with her or you can bring them to the church office.

## 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

### FLOWERS

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*Come to the Table*

### 2022 BULLETIN SPONSORS

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## HOLIDAY EVENTS AT ZION



# WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST



December 4 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!*

*There will be no charge for your breakfast. It will be paid for in memory of Shirley Cates by a friend of her and her first husband, Ted King.*

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!

Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes by Sunday, November 28.

**DEADLINE**

## Holiday Concert at Zion Sunday, December 19 3:00 p.m.




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*Featuring the Hempfield High School  
Chamber Singers*





# 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!*

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*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/>



# LANCASTER LIEDERKRANZ WINTER COMMUNITY CONCERT

SATURDAY

Saturday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.

This seasonal concert featuring  
traditional German selections is held  
annually at Zion.

A free-will offering will be taken.



*For more information about the Lancaster Liederkranz, go to:*  
<https://www.lancasterliederkranz.com/>



## CHRISTMAS EVE @ ZION

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

Music; Candle Lighting;  
Scripture; Communion

[http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)







The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

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

## **Advent Day Apart**

at The Wittel Farm

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**  
10am - 2pm



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



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

**<https://www.lutherancamping.org/g/event/advent-day-apart-2021/>**

## **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!*



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

**<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2021/>**

**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)  
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!**

December 2 – Kaylee Thompson  
December 4 — Tracie Andrew

## **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.)  
Adele King

Today's Assisting Minister

## **WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION**

In-Person Worship  
Livestream (9:00 a.m.) & Recorded Link  
Adult Sunday School Classes (Parlor & Social Room)  
Church Office  
Pastor  
Parish Administrator  
Council President  
Office Email  
Pastor Email  
Council President Email  
Music Director Email  
Website  
Facebook  
Church Address  
Office Address

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
[http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)  
Sundays @ 10:15 a.m.  
717-898-2911  
570-916-8835  
717-945-4585  
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