

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 am Sunday, November 29, 2020

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✝ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

Greeting And Announcements: *The Lord be with you!* **And also with you!**

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[*Kneel*]

Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit



[Antiphon] Behold, your king is | •coming• to you; || righteous and | •having• sal- va-__ | tion.

- Verse 1 : To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul. || O my | God, in you I | trust;
- Verse 2 : let me not be | put to shame; || let not my enemies | ex- ult ov- er | me.
- Verse 3 : Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; || they shall be ashamed who are | wan- •tonly• treach- er- | ous.

Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!

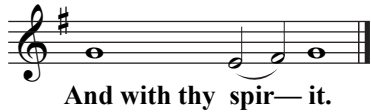
[Antiphon] Behold, your king is | •coming• to you; || righteous and | •having• sal- va-__ | tion.

Kyrie



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the First Sunday in Advent: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.




- [Be Seated] + The Office of the Word of God +
- Old Testament Reading..... Isaiah 64:1-9
- [After the reading] This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
- Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- [After the reading] This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

[Rise] Alleluia Sequence


[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia!



Holy Gospel St. Mark 11:1-10
[The Gospel is announced.] [The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day Savior of the Nations, Come Burgundy Hymn 332
[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanzas 3 & 5; Men sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8; Rise for Stanza 8.]

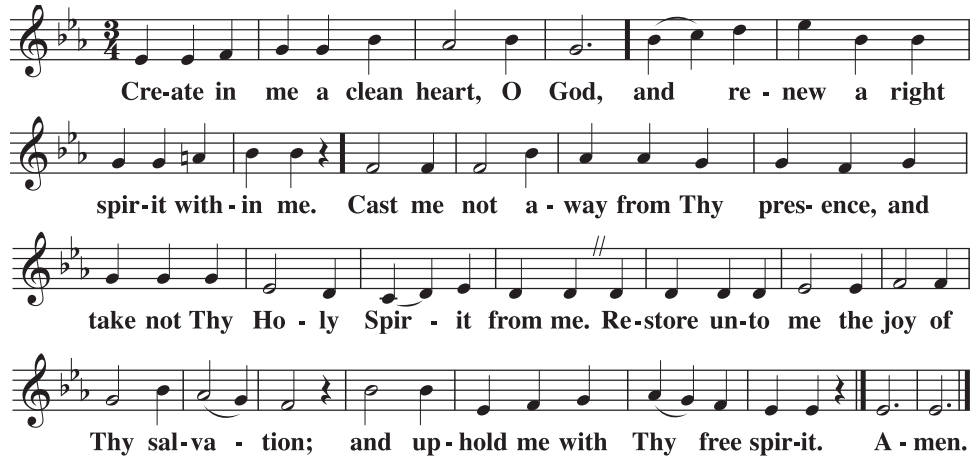
Sermon

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] **Offerings, Voluntary**

[Rise] **Offertory Hymn Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



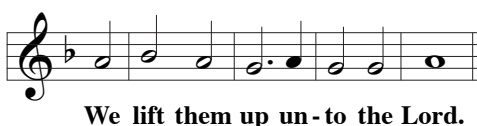
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

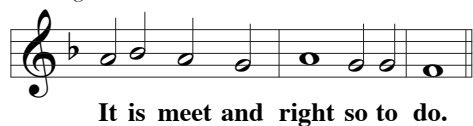
Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

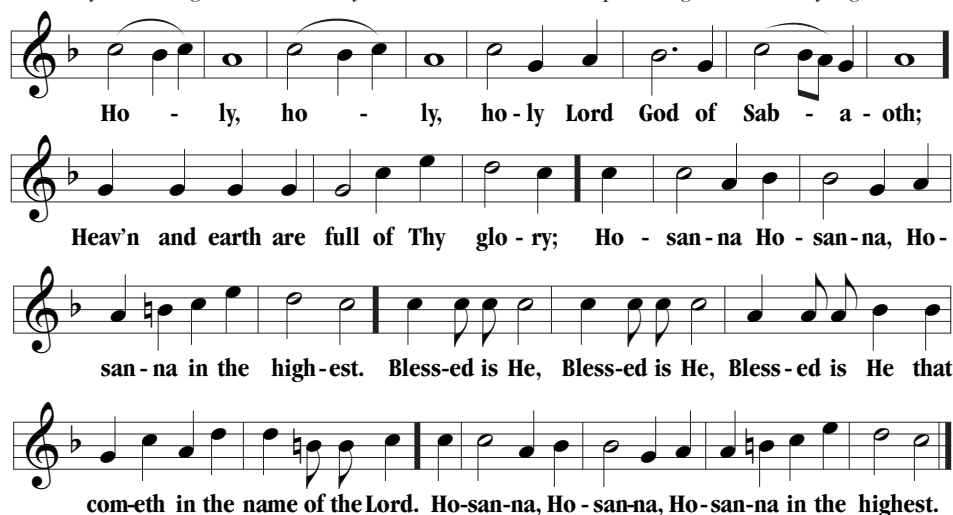


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

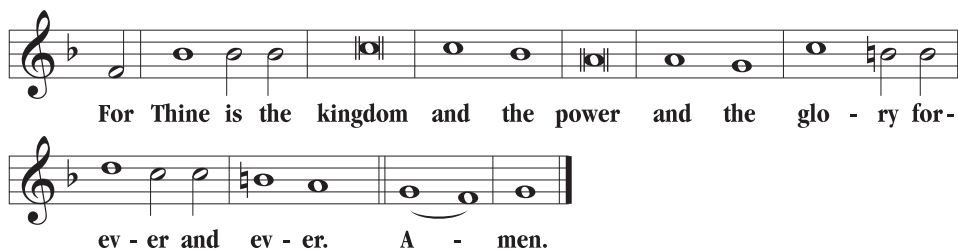


Proper Preface for Advent, Sanctus

It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer** [Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art ... but deliver us from evil.*

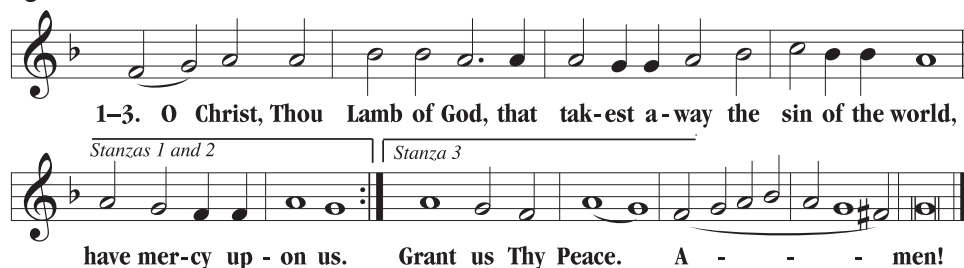


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns ... O Lord, How Shall I Meet You Burgundy Hymn 334

Come, Thou Precious Ransom Burgundy Hymn 350

The Advent of Our King Burgundy Hymn 331

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4;

All sing stanzas 5 & 6; Rise for stanza 6.]

Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.

2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre— pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



3. a Light to light—en the Gen—tiles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo—ple Is - - - ra-el.



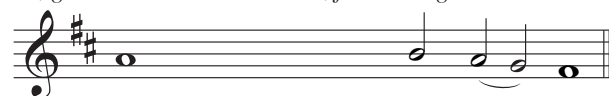
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



5. As it __ was in the
beginning, is
now, and e—ver shall be, world with—out end. A—men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.



And with thy spir — rit.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A—men, A—men, A — men.

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn O Bride of Christ, Rejoice Burgundy Hymn 335

Postlude

Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly!

**Come join us at Zion Lutheran Church
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.**

- Advent Services, Wednesdays at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ
Prelude begins at 6:30pm • Service begins at 7pm
- Christmas Day Festival Service
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ
Prelude begins at 8:45am • Service begins at 9am



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Readings for the First Sunday in Advent

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony

about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel is Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say,” The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’ “And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Hymns for the First Sunday in Advent

LSB332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Ambrose of Milan

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1. Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—Woman's offspring pure and fresh.
3. Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.
4. Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.
5. God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
6. For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.
7. From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- Δ 8. Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

LSB334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Paul Gerhardt

1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.
2. Your Zion strews before You Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never Withhold the honor due.
3. 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.

4. Love caused Your incarnation; Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
Oh, love behond all telling, That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.
5. Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing Eternal life in heav'n.
6. He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.

LSB350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come Johann Gottfried Olearius

1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.
2. Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my guest divine!
3. My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
4. Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

LSB331 The Advent of Our King

Charles Coffin

1. The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.
3. O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.
4. As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5. Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.
- Δ 6. All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

LSB335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

Danish, c. 1600

1. O bride of Christ, rejoice; Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story.
- Refrain:* Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.
2. Let shouts of gladness rise Triumphant to the skies.
Now comes the King most glorious To reign o'er all victorious.
- Refrain*
3. A humble beast He rides, Yet as a King presides;
Though not arrayed in splendor, He makes the grave surrender.
- Refrain*
4. The weak and timid find How meek He is and kind;
To them He gives a treasure Of bliss beyond all measure.
- Refrain*
5. Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him And honor and adore Him.
- Refrain*

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

Mark 11:1-10

1 Peter 2:13-25

1 Peter 3:1-22

1 Peter 4:1-19

1 Peter 5:1-14

2 Peter 1:1-21

2 Peter 2:1-22

DAILY LECTIONARY

The First Sunday in Advent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 64:1-9

Isaiah 6:1-7:9

Isaiah 7:10-8:8

Isaiah 8:9-9:7

Isaiah 9:8-10:11

Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34

Isaiah 11:1-12:6

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy,.....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy,.....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy,hear our prayer. Amen!

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:1-14

Mark 1:1-8

The First Sunday in Advent



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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

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Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvina Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary all back at school,
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Jill Stokes, Ralph Beck, Frank Jackson, Dave & Janeen Kaiser, Zach Muehl, Nikki Wideman, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Jerry Seifert, Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed, especially Kedrin Thomas and Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger.
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the First Sunday in Advent. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger by Kevin & Maribeth Leininger. The Altar Vase is given in loving memory of Kedrin Thomas by Creasie Hill and family. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

November 29, 2020 thru December 5, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
MON.			
TUES.	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Advent Evening Prayer	Church
THURS.	10AM-3PM	District Board of Directors	Church (Zoom)
FRI.			Church
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Put up the big tree	Church

December 6, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: As we continue to gather in Bauer Hall with an appropriate amount of distancing, we get to enjoy the teaching of Dr. Voelz delving into the Gospel according to St. Mark. Don't be shy. Come! Dr. Voelz is an engaging teacher.

THANK YOU to those serving today in Pastor Punke's absence.

DECEMBER 1ST is Giving Tuesday. Look for ways to give to Lutheran RSOs and agencies on this day.

ADVENT begins today, and Advent Midweek Evening Prayer services will begin this Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7 PM, with Sem. Peter Wagner preaching. Zion leadership decided that this year we would not hold Advent Suppers prior to Evening Prayer in order to minimize the chance of being exposed to the coronavirus. Don't let that keep you away from your prayers in this preparatory season.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available for pick up in the Great Hall. See Julie Ganaway if you have questions. Also, Julie has some Zion postcards for purchase at her table. You get 10 postcards for \$5.

THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA order insert shows that we are not getting the 10" poinsettia plants this year. Also, we will not have access to nursing homes to deliver plants after Christmas, so we are asking you to please send Christmas cards to the shut-ins. An insert with their addresses is added to this month's bulletin. Thank you!

PLEASE HELP: Zion will continue to collect food and other hygienic items for the Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op through December 13th. You can pick up a grocery sack in the Great Hall with the listed items on it. Ed & Janice Grim will deliver these items to the Co-op weekly. In addition to the grocery sacks for food items, there is a small box on the table, in which you may place a gift card or cash, if you prefer that way of giving.

LSUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is online this year. I'll share the link as soon as I have it.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: State positive numbers have come down a bit, but we're still high. Similarly, in Allen County; we're in the red. Moreover, the hospital census for District 3 is near its peak. Our health care workers need some relief. Let's do our part to protect one another and to stop community spread. Churches exempt from the governor's restrictions on the number that can attend church, but we cannot let our guard down. Let's be responsible in loving and serving our neighbors, in church and around town.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? We yearn for Jesus' return in glory in this week's verse — Revelation 22:20 "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Last week's verse was 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.

CLHS: Aloha! And thank you for your support of Concordia's Cadets in Cadence Auction! We are writing to announce that we are shifting our annual auction to an interactive online party. Contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com or (260) 483-1102, ext. 298 for more information. We have a great event planned for December 5, and we will be sharing those details with you in the coming weeks. Hope to "see" you there.

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What Doctor Luther Says:

About Christ's Kingship Hidden in Foolishness

[T]he prophet wishes to show that Christ is a King ordained by God the Father and that many great Gentiles and Jews, kings and rulers, have not been able to hinder His kingship with their counsels, oppositions, strivings, and rages. They spent everything so fruitlessly that they made a mockery of themselves; the more they resisted, the more they promoted the kingdom of Christ. It is as though the psalmist wished with this psalm to provide an illustration for what he said in Ps. 1:3: "Whatever he does, shall prosper," insofar as this applies to Christ. The words of Ps. 45:4 are related to this: "Increase in Thy splendor and beauty, prosper and rule." And Ps. 118:25 f.: "O Lord, give us success! Blessed be He who enters in the name of the Lord." For the prosperity of Christ, as I have said, is not of this world or of the flesh, but of the spirit. Is there anyone who, while Christ was suffering, would not have thought that He would never become even the lowest of men or live again, much less be King over all things? Who would not have believed then that the meditations of the people were confirmed and not in vain, when they gloried in the fact that they had condemned Him to the curse of the cross by the authority of God Himself and thought that their meditations were secure for eternity? What is more, faith and hope are always necessary in the works of God, requiring not only a submission but an understanding; for His works are fulfilled contrary to all sense and beyond all comprehension.

... For God rules the earth and turns their wisdom into foolishness, so that those who are reputed to work for the glory of God in reality serve to blaspheme Him, and those who are accused of blasphemy truly contend for the glory of God. His way is in concealment, in faith, and in the holy place.

Luther's Works, 14:315-6.

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Indiana positive cases are the highest they've been since the pandemic began. Let's do our part to keep each other healthy – you know how.
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Staged responses in the state are over; now it's county by county.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
 - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
 - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ Continue to wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. Fist bumps or forearm bumps, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin and texts home after service or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.

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