

**SundayWorship**  
**December 6, 2020**

**Second Sunday in Advent**



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## INTRODUCTION

*John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candle of Peace

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light, there is PEACE. For Christ is called the "Prince of Peace". Christ's name is also Emmanuel, "God with us." The presence of Christ with us gives us peace day by day.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Arr. Bottomley

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: **we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, + comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #260 ( vs. 1-3 )**

*The King Shall Come*

**GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Kervyn Mach**

**R:** <sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

**Kervyn Mach**

R: <sup>8</sup>But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #251 ( vs. 1 ) *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness***

C: **My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!  
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.  
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age, This blessing shall proclaim—  
Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel is **Mark 1:1-8**

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

P: <sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river

Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

SERMON Dale Schaefer

HYMN #256

*Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*

### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith,  
C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,  
C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

#### OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

#### OFFERTORY SONG #815 (verse 1)

C: **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus**  
*Refrain* **In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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** *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

### **BLESSING**

**P:** The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, + now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN #257 ( vs. 3-5 )**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

**C:** **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:  
“Serving Christ through serving others.”**

**P:** Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE** *Away in a Manger / Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming* Arr. Bottomley

*Please follow the guidance of the leaders as you exit to  
participate in Holy Communion.*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Pat Cowan in memory of Charlie and Daniel.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted  
to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.*

**Total Attendance 11/28 & 11/29: 68**

Unified Giving: \$1,913.00

Building Fund: \$ 310.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Unified Giving: \$14,833.00

Expenses: \$17,161.50

**September 2020**

Building Fund Giving: \$1,948.72

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

**Building Fund Balance: \$29,919.10**

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of September 2020, on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISSION OF THE MONTH . . . *The Good Samaritan Fund*** assists individuals with utility bill help, rental assistance, gas, an emergency hotel stay, etc. No cash is given to the individual. We help in the form of a check to the a utility or rental company. A gas card only good for fuel is given when needed by an individual. For a hotel stay we work out an agreement with the person in charge. For food assistance we refer them to the Food Pantry. We do keep a list of individuals and their request in order to control repetitive requests.

**ANNUAL MEETING . . .** This years annual meeting will be conducted in various ways because of Covid-19. Correspondence will be relayed through the mail, bulletins and on the church's website. The voting on the budget and new council members can be done on the church website or in person at the worship services. The final balloting results will be announced after the Sunday Church Service on December 13th. Please look for a letter in the mail along with the church budget the week of November 30th.

### POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you ordered a **Marble Poinsettia Andy's Garden is out of them.** They will substitute pink for the marble. If you are not satisfied with that, please call the church office as soon as possible to either cancel your order or choose a different color (red or white).

## **2021 WALL CALENDAR SALE**

This sale is to benefit the Zion Youth Group. We have sold them in the past and the price is \$7.00. Please watch for the calendars.

## **FLOWER CHART**

The 2021 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write your name under “presented by”. You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Altar flowers are ordered from **Always Blooming** and are \$40.00 for two vases. Color preference may also be requested. Payment can be put in your offering envelope ( **please designate “altar flowers”**). Below is the address and phone number of the shop for your information.

**Always Blooming / owner: Jessica Echols**  
**108 E. Main Street**  
**Tipp City— 1 (937) 506-7460**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS for December:**

We have a new florist in Tipp City. The following individuals are signed up:

**Dec. 13**        Mary Rogers  
**Dec. 20**        Dean & Lilo Myers  
**Dec. 24**        Jeff & Jacque Mitchell  
**Dec. 27**        Earl & Cindy Moore

## **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**12/24**—Services will be held at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Communion will be available at both services as well as candle lighting.

**12/25**—**Christmas Day: No worship—office closed—Merry Christmas!**

**1/1/2021**        **Happy New Year! - office closed**

**1/2/2021**        **5:00 pm Worship**

**1/3/2021**        **10:00 am Worship & Communion**

## **Staff**

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;  
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*