

Sunday Morning Worship
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HOPE



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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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come, O Precious Ransom

Arr. Burkhardt

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candle of Hope

The Lopez Family

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light, there is HOPE. Because of Christ, we not only have hope, but we believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world.

HYMN Red hymnal #188

Create in Me a Clean Heart

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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.**

HYMN Red hymnal #436

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

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 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. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

R: ¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for

all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal page 103

C: Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is **Luke 21:25-36**

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

P: [Jesus said:] ²⁵"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.

²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³²Truly I tell you, this generation ³²will not pass away until all things have taken place.

³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be 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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #435

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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 . . .

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.

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.

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.

HYMN #244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Arr. Burkhardt

In Helpful Service

Pastor

Pastor Jeff Glawe

Greeters

John & Jill Greer

Reader

Gary Groth

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Billie Fischer in memory of Fred Fischer.

Staff

Jeff Glawe, Pastor; Lori Sebastian, Organist;

Choir Directors; Bill Jones & Susie Gray

Jackie Glawe, Christian Education Director; Linda Short, Office Manager;

Susan Rambeau, Treasurer; Tina Putnam, Sexton

Total Attendance 11/20 & 11/21: 97
OFFERING: Total Unified: \$2,015.00
Total Building: \$ 245.00

Sunday School Attendance
Adults: 17
Children: 5

TREASURER'S REPORT:	September 2021	
Unified Giving:	\$16,328.25	Expenses: \$20,783.21
Building Fund Giving :	\$ 1,602.29	Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00
Building Fund Balance:	\$23,250.43	

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of September 2021, on the table as you leave worship. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to The Lopez Family for lighting the Candle of Hope this morning.

POINSETTIA ORDERS are due tomorrow, *Monday November 29th*. Order forms are available on the table in the back of the church.

MISSION OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER: Adopt A Family

A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

MISSION OF THE MONTH DECEMBER: 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.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY, Dec. 4 & 5

- **Food Pantry Collection** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel next to the elevator. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- **Thank Offering** will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Faith. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

DECEMBER COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Dec. 5 & 19 (1st & 3rd Sunday)

December 11 (2nd Saturday)

December 24 (Friday 5:00 pm & 7:30 pm)

* There will be no Saturday service on Dec. 25th, Christmas Day.

OHIO VALLEY BRITISH BRASS BAND

On **Friday, December 10 at 7:30** here at Zion there will be an evening of Christmas, hymn, classical and contemporary selections played. Admission is free. Free will offerings are appreciated. Donations over \$250.00 will be given to Zion Lutheran Church. To hear a sampling of OVBBB's music, go to: Ohio Valley British Brass Band—YouTube.

CALENDARS

2022 Wall Calendars have arrived. Beautiful sturdy calendars with NIV Bible verses and scenery for \$7.00 each. All proceeds go to the Zion Youth Gathering Fund.

FLOWER CHART

The 2022 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 Flowers of Tipp and are \$40.00 for two vases. Color preference may also be requested. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (**please designate under other "altar flowers"**).