

**Sunday Worship  
December 5, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Advent**



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## INTRODUCTION

*Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Trio on People, Look East*

Arr. Wold

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE      The Johnson Family      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.

### 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 #254**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### **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.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Prepare for the Coming of the Lord!*

Director: Bill Jones

Composer: Lloyd Larson

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4**

**R:** <sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11**

R: <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6**

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

P: <sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.'  
<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Jeff Glawe

**HYMN** Red hymnal #249

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*Red hymnal page 227*

*Teagan Sue Sauls*

*Sponsors: Jordan & Kate Stum*

*Parents: Camden & Hilary Sauls*

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**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 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** Red Hymnal #264

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

## 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**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Arr. Burkhardt

## In Helpful Service

Pastor

Pastor Jeff Glawe

Greeters

Jeff & Donna Slyman

Reader

Dale Schaefer

*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 Chalmer & Judy Mader in celebration of their 59th anniversary and in honor of family.*

**Total Attendance 11/27 & 11/28: 85**

**Sunday School Attendance**

**OFFERING: Total Unified: \$3,644.00**

No Sunday School

**Total Building: \$ 420.00**

**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 Johnson Family for lighting the Candle of Peace this morning.

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

You are invited to come and support the children and youth of Zion as they present: "The story of the birth of Jesus" during 10:00 am worship service Sunday Dec 12th!

**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.

## DECEMBER COMMUNION SCHEDULE

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

**December 11** (2nd Saturday)

**December 24** (Friday 5:00 pm & 7:30 pm) **Dec. 25th**, Christmas day, NO SERVICE

**THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION** following worship services on Saturday, December 18 and Sunday, December 19. People of Zion Lutheran plan to participate in one of these fellowship gatherings as we celebrate our 7+ years in partnership with Pastor and Jackie. This is Pastor's last weekend leading worship. Pastor's last day at Zion Lutheran is December 23.

## 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 are available. 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"**).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the back of the church. Please pick up your box of 2022 envelopes as you leave worship. Please do not use these envelopes until Jan. 1 and Jan. 2, 2022.

### 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*