

SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 4, 2022
Second Sunday in Advent

PEACE



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

As Dark Awaits the Dawn

Arr. A.K. Organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Candle of Peace* The Garvic 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 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 #257 (verses 3,4)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another**

and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

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 nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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

Director: Susie Gray

Bring Us Hope

Composer: Ruth Elaine Schram

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

P: ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall

play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

P: ⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: 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 **Matthew 3:1-12**

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

P: In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Purple hymnal ACS #901

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

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: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #246

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

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	Dale Schaefer	
Greeters	John & Jill Greer	
Usher	Garry Yunker	
Reader	Chuck Drake	
Communion	Linda Holt	Assistant

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 Pat Cowan in memory of Daniel.

Total Attendance 11/26 & 11/27: 66

OFFERING: Total Unified: \$1,823.00

Total Building: \$ 180.00

Sunday School Attendance

no Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to the Garvic 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: "Misfit Island" during 10:00 am worship service Sunday Dec 11th!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following worship we will have a congregational meeting for the purpose of authorizing

the purchase of a new boiler and air conditioning units for the sanctuary area. The proposed cost is \$54,162. We have the money and the contractor says all the necessary parts are available, so he can complete the work in seven to ten days.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: 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.

FLOWER CHART

The 2023 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write you 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”**).

CHEER PLATES

Preparing and delivering Cheer plates to our shut-ins is an annual Christmas tradition at Zion. Debbie Turner has requested that 2 dozen baked goods (cookies, breads, brownies, fudge, candy fruits, (No Nuts). We will also need people to assemble and deliver plates.

Deadline for bringing in items: 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 5

Assembling plates: Begin at 10:00 am Monday, Dec. 5

OHIO VALLEY BRITISH BRASS BAND

On **Friday, December 9th at 7:00** in the Fellowship Hall 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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Monday, Dec. 5	10:00 am	Cheer plate assembly & delivery
	11:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Property Committee
Tuesday, Dec. 6	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Advent Service
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 9	7:00 pm	Ohio Valley British Brass Band Concert / Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Dec. 10	5:00 pm	Worship / Dinner @ Dos Lunas following worship
Sunday, Dec. 11	10:00 am	Worship / Christmas Program
Monday, Dec. 12	11:00 am	Quilting
Tuesday, Dec. 13	10:00 am	Quilting
	5:00 pm	Communications / Welcoming Mtg.
Wednesday, Dec. 14	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 17	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, Dec. 18	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship

Staff

Dale Schaefer, *Pastor*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*;
Choir Directors; Bill Jones & Susie Gray
Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*; Linda Short, *Office Manager*;
Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*