

Sunday Worship
December 3, 2023

HOPE



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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- C:** You love justice and You hate wrongdoing.
 We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us
 reluctant to work against oppression.
 We are complicit in systems of exploitation.
 We choose comfort over courage.
 We are careless with creation's bounty.
 Look upon us with mercy.
 Turn our hearts again to You.
 Make us glad to do Your will and to walk in Your ways for the sake of
 our waiting world. Amen.
- P:** Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of
 salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender
 compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.
- C:** Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #257 (v1-4)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the
 communion 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 awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and
 keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and
 reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen**

HANDBELL CHOIR

Still, Still, Still

Arr: Organ

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

R: ¹O that You would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the
 mountains would quake at Your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood
 and the fire causes water to boil—to make Your name known to Your
 adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at Your presence! ³When You did
 awesome deeds that we did not expect, You came down, the mountains quaked
 at Your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
 no eye has seen any God besides You, who works for those who wait for Him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember You in Your ways. But You were angry, and we sinned; because You hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on Your name, or attempts to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all Your people.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

R: ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, You that are enthroned up on the cherubim.

C: ²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up Your strength and come to help us.**

R: ³Restore us, O God; let Your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: ⁴**O LORD God of hosts, how long will Your anger fume when Your people pray?**

R: ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; You have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C: ⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

R: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: ¹⁷**Let Your hand be upon the one at Your right hand, the one You have made so strong for Yourself.**

R: ¹⁸And so will we never turn away from You; give us life, that we may call upon Your name.

C: ¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let Your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

R: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you

wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #103

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised;
we will trust your Word.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Mark 13:24-37**

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then He will send out the angels, and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal # 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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 *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #188 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #260

The King Shall Come

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. Keep awake

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Arr: Webber

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Chalmer & Judy Mader in celebration of their 61st anniversary .*

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

In Helpful Service

Acolyte	Jason Schlater
Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Reader	Linda Holt
Greeters	Co Holley & Beverly Bashore
Usher	Jeff & Jaque Mitchell

ATTENDANCE 11/25 & 26: 115

Unified Giving 11/25 & 26: \$1,218.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 FLOWER CHART: The chart to sign up for flowers next year is posted in the fellowship hallway. *Please indicate what they are honoring and color choices.*

MISSION OF THE MONTH: ELCA GOOD GIFTS

On the Christmas tree in the lounge area, you will find ornaments that have pictures of animals and other needed items for those in need throughout the world. For example, you may pay for ten chicks for \$10, honeybees for \$20, seeds and gardening tools for \$50, a clinic visit for a child for \$10. You can also donate any amount of money and the Women of Zion can put the money toward a more expensive animal - like a goat for \$50!

Please take an ornament and return it with a check made payable to Women of Zion. Please place your check in the basket on the table in the lounge.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

LIVE NATIVITY: Wednesday, December 6th

Zion will be participating with nine other churches in a live nativity, with 5 of the 9 stations taking place in our front yard. Volunteers are needed and a sign up sheet will be passed. The other 4 stations will be in the Methodist church parking lot.

Refreshments will be available here and in the Methodist church.

WOMEN OF ZION CHRISTMAS DINNER: Thursday, December 7th

Gathering time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and music by Micah at 7:00. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a child's hat and/or gloves with you, which will be donated to local schools for children who need them this winter.

CHEER PLATES: The Women of Zion will be doing cheer plates again this year and would appreciate any donations of fruits, nuts, cookies, candy, muffins, bread, mini breads, raisins, etc. Please bring your donations by Sunday December 10th. Help is also needed to assemble them **December 11th at 10:00 am**, as well as to deliver the plates. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship hallway. Contact Sharon Byrd or Ginger Schaefer with questions.

ADVENT DATES:

Advent Service - Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Children's Service – Sunday, December 17th, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

There is NO Sunday School that morning

Regular church service at 10:00 am and Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm

