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Zion Lutheran Church

Sharing the
Message of Salvation
in Jesus Christ
Strengthening
Believers
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People in Need

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"Now when these things begin to take place,
straighten up and raise your heads, because
your redemption is drawing near."

Luke 21: 28

The First Sunday in Advent

Organ Prelude

Chimes – *When the chimes begin, the congregation is asked to be seated and prepare for worship while enjoying our opening cello prelude.*

Cello Prelude: *Divinum Mysterium arr. Raymond H. Haan*

Opening Hymn: 331 The Advent of Our King

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P On this First Sunday in Advent we light a candle and call it Hope.
(The acolyte lights the first blue candle.)

P It is a candle of anticipation. Some also call it the prophecy candle. These names all fit because a Savior was promised by the prophets long before Jesus was born. Jesus is that Savior. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

Choir anthem: "We'll Welcome Him" *by Ruth Elaine Schram (see separate page)*

Please stand

Corporate Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

Order of Matins *(sung)*

LSB 219

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite (*sung*)

LSB 220

C O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what 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, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

P A reading from Luke, chapter 21.

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Apostles’ Creed

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Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: 508 The Day is Surely Drawing Near – *sung during the sermon, verse by verse*

Sermon: “The Second Advent”

Offering: “Veni, Emmanuel” *arr. Raymond H. Haan*

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, it is said...

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord’s Prayer

Collect of the Day

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C *(sung)* Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

Closing Hymn: 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Thank you to our guest cellist: Marla Gigliotti. Marla started playing the cello at the age of five through the Cleveland Institute of Music's Preparatory Program. She has a master's degree in performance from CSU and has studied with several members of the Cleveland Orchestra.

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, given in cherished memory of Raymond Dempsey by Ruth Dempsey, Ray & Heather LaManna and their children, Alaina, Sonny, Bruno and Simone.

Poinsettia Plants to Decorate the Sanctuary may be ordered for \$6.50 each. Please use the order form to indicate your dedication. The order form along with payment can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. *Please submit by next week, Sunday, Dec. 8.*

Zion's Youth Group has a great group of kids but needs a leader or two! We meet Sundays from 3:30 – 5:00 pm for fellowship, fun, and friendship! If you are interested, please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board in the lobby or contact Pastor Ziemann.

Handel's Messiah will be performed by the Messiah Chorus of Lake County today, Sun. Dec. 1 at 4 pm at St. Gabriel Church, 9935 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Concord. Some of Zion's own singers will be performing. Admission is free; however, a freewill offering will be taken.

Christmas Card Mailbox – Nov. 30-Dec. 22. Send Christmas cards to Zion members through the mailbox in the lobby. "Postage" is a freewill offering that will benefit our Outreach Ministry. Contact Diane Shook, 440-413-7654 if you would like to help sort cards.

“We’ll Welcome Him”

By Ruth Elaine Schram

In the silence and the darkness,
we have wandered, wandered,
waiting for our Savior’s birth.

And our minds and hearts are longing
for the Savior, Savior, waiting, waiting.

When our Lord descends to Earth,
we’ll welcome Him, we’ll welcome Him,
we’ll welcome Him.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded
for with blessing in His hand
Christ, Our God, to Earth descendeth
our full homage to demand.

Christ Our God to Earth descendeth
We’ll welcome Him, we’ll welcome Him
we’ll welcome Him.

PARISHSCOPE

Project Hope Christmas Adoptions – Zion’s tradition of adopting families from Project Hope for the Homeless for Christmas gifts to those who might not otherwise receive anything will start today, Dec. 1. Tags are posted on the lobby wall. Please consider taking a tag. Gifts can be returned unwrapped with the tag attached by Friday Dec. 13. I will wrap the gifts and deliver them to Project Hope. Contact Lora Babic 440-728-7281, lora5015@windstream.net.

Christmas Free Shop – Sat. Dec. 7, 9-11 am. Table Hosts should plan to set up at 8 am and are responsible for set-up, shopping time & clean-up. Only a few tables remain: *sign up today*. Zion will provide the tables. Also needed are donations of homemade cookies, packaged six per bag. Contact Marie Shinkle, 440-667-2252.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Movie. Sat. Dec. 7 at 11 am, Atlas Diamond Cinema in Mentor. Please arrive at the theatre by 10:30 am. *Sign up today* on the lobby bulletin board & submit your payment to Zion Office (clearly marked). Contact Carole Cooper, 440-376-7798.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is set up on the church office window. Only a few opportunities remain. Sign up on the sheet, remove a tag, purchase clothing & gifts for the child chosen and return your purchases *unwrapped* to the church office by Dec. 13 with the code # of the tag affixed to the gifts. Contact Cathy McIlveen 216-408-0323.

The Salvation Army Mitten Tree is in the lobby to collect *new* winter hats, scarves, gloves & mittens for those in need in our community. Deadline for donations is Dec. 13. Thank you! Contact Liz Meacham 440-289-4525.

Associate Pastor Call Committee. In accord with bylaw §6.2 and the motion passed by the September Voters’ Assembly to call an Associate Pastor, the Elders have appointed a screening committee to present a candidate to the congregation. If any Zion member would like to nominate a candidate for this position, please send his name to Stephen Surmacz (ssurmacz@yahoo.com).

Schedule for this week

Dec. 2-8, 2024:

Monday 2

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 3

7:00 am Bible Breakfast

4:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

7:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday 4

9:30 am Women in the Word

1:30 pm Women in the Word

5:50 pm Confirmation 1

6:30 pm Advent Service

Thursday 5

9:30 am Nursing Home Ministry

6:30 pm Evangelism Outreach Meeting

Friday 6

Saturday 7 -COMMUNION

9:00 am Christmas Free Shop

11:00 am Bonhoeffer Movie

6:30 pm Traditional Worship

7:30 pm Bible Study

Sunday 8 -COMMUNION

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:15 am Sun School/Bible Study

Beginner: (3 yr-Gr 1) Fellowship Hall
led by Nancy Wentling

2-5 Grade: Band Room- Cindy Garrett
Jr. High: Downstairs Choir Room

led by Monica Jones

Sr. High: Downstairs Youth Room
led by Stephen Jones

11:30 am Contemp. Worship Service

1:30 pm Confirmation I

3:30 pm Youth Group

Please pray for the members of the Pastor Call Committee: Stephen Surmacz (chair), Bob Beifuss, Chuck Biese, Vicky Campaign, Bob Jones, Cathy McIlveen, Nancy Wentling

PRAYER GUIDE

Zion members needing healing...

*Kristy Berkheimer
Mary Jane Campana
Mark Casler
Maria Cromwell
John Dean
Bill Hinton
Ron Hoerl
Edgar Horn
Chuck Hunt
Gwen Huszar
Lynn Imhoff
Dan Jacobson
Karissa Kessler
Kayla Kessler
Mary Kus
Landyn
Casey Lazdinis
Judith Palinkas
Meredith Randa
Brenda Russell
Fred Steffens
Christine Wellman
Chris Wrenn
Brandon Woodford*

Those Serving in Armed Service...

*Laszlo Babocsi
Ryan Byler
Brennan Cornell
CH Travis Henry
Austin Hoerl
Jaren
Stephen Jones
Charles Mackey
Tyler Nelson
Eric Pentek
Tristan Rihaly
Aaron Rogers*

Members with extended needs...

At home:
*William Brott
Gisela Gasztonyi
Marilyn Kettlewood
Aileen Lampella
Frank Powers
Jean Schramke*

CareCore:
Keith & Diane Bennett

Chardon Healthcare Center:
Sally Westholm

Danbury, Mentor:
*Mary Johnston
Frank Taylor*

Homestead II, Painesville:
Robert Garrett

Madison Healthcare:
Linda Kirby

Mentor Ridge:
Alice Bonness

Ohman Family Living-Holly:
Joanne Francis

Salida Woods:
Shirley Niccum

Sanctuary of Geneva:
Fred Kroggel

Commonwealth Sr. Living
Donna Heuser

Vista Springs Quail Highlands
Jim & Mary Greig



Zion member's family & friends needing healing...

*Lori Bailey
Barry
Ruth Bede
JoAnn Boldrey
Jason Bridges
Lynn Brown
Michelle Brown
Zach Buskirk
Bill Campana, Jr.
Kristel Champa
Mark Cruzer
Maryann Cuglewski
Melissa Greene Curtiss
Linda Davis
Alan Demascus
Bertha Dill
Joyce Durda
Mitchell Edmonds
Robin Edmonds
Rose Edwards
Jamie Frank
Julie Fronczek
Cindy Fueger
Kris Gaston
Melissa Gerrell
Carole Gillies
Rachel Govan
B&L Gronowski
Renee Haffey
Ingrid Hamilton
Connie Hatter
Alex Hayes
Timothy Headley
Connor Hennessy
John Hitchcock
Tommy Hoerl
Carol Hofer
Mike Hofer
Betty Holbrook
Della Horn
Linda Horsey
Alisa & Scott Hulbert
Bob Hulbert
Clara Humphrey
Kathy Hunt
Pat J.
Debbie Jackson*

*Kathy Joseph
Ann K.
Matt K.
Marcia Keller
Jacob Kenst
Tom Kiels
Sarah Koester
Butch Luzier
Kimberly Mackey
Becky Marx
Russell Mausling
Debra McClain
George McCracken
John McLaughlin
Amy Morris
Constance Miller
Don Mononen
Matthew Musarra
Rick Nelson
Steve Padden
Phillip
Chuck Phillis
Vicki Phillis
Karen Platz
Dwayne Polasko
Tom Powers
Mike Ptak
Porter Ptak
Bob Reed
Nancy & Lou Reho, Sr.
Jane Reinker
Karen & Roc Revay
Ken Rudick
Ryan
Chuck Sellers
Jill Skutom
Mary Slusser
Cheryl Smith
Family of Keith & Tammy Smith
Jeromy Smith
Mary Snyder
Marc Thiery
Heather Palesh Thomas
Ray Turk
Shelley Unger
Scott Wahlstrom
Jenni Walters
Karin Ware
Frank White
David Wilson*

New Member Weekend will be held the weekend of December 14 & 15. Please join us in welcoming our new members!



Mark your calendars!

Voters' Meeting: Monday, Dec. 30 at 7:00 pm.

The agenda includes presentation of the 2025 budget and a PowerPoint presentation by the Capital Asset Committee of the future architectural plans for Zion. Please plan to attend!

Our Shepherd Lutheran School Christmas Service

Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm. You are cordially invited to the OSLS Christmas Worship Service by Grades 6-8 in the Zion Sanctuary.



Zion Food Pantry is planning to purchase 50 quarter hams for approx. \$15-17 each to be offered to those in need. The hams along with all the fixings will be distributed December 10 & 17 to our community.

Any contribution toward the purchase of these hams is gratefully appreciated. Checks may be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church (memo: Food Pantry Hams) and placed in the offering plate or submitted to Zion Office. *Thank you.*

Looking Ahead - 2024



Mid-week Advent Services, 6:30 pm
Wed. December 4 – Advent 1
Wed. December 11 – Advent 2
Wed. December 18 – Advent 3



Sat. Dec. 21, 6:30 pm Advent 4 Trad. w/communion
Sun. Dec. 22, 9 am Advent 4 Traditional Service with Sunday School Pageant & Reception following
Sun. Dec. 22, 11:30 am Contemporary Service



Tues. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Services:
5:30 pm Contemporary Candlelight
7:30 pm Traditional Candlelight
10:00 pm Traditional Candlelight



Wed. Dec. 25, Christmas Day Service
10:30 am Traditional w/communion



Sat. Dec. 28, 6:30 pm Traditional Service
Sun. Dec. 29, 9 am Traditional w/communion
Sun. Dec. 29, 11:30 am Contemporary w/communion



Tues. Dec. 31, 6:30 pm
New Year's Eve Service w/communion

***Worship Services on all other dates are as usual.**

Poinsettia Request 2024

Please print clearly!

I'd like to dedicate _____ Poinsettia Plants

Given by: _____

Offering Envelope #: _____

If desired, flowers can be given in memory of: in honor of:



_____ Payment of \$6.50 per plant is due with order. Please submit to Zion Office by the deadline of Sunday, December 8. *Orders received after Dec. 8 are subject to availability. Thank you!*

