

Second Sunday in Advent

First Communion

December 5, 2021

9:00 am

Communion



*278 Years Of
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 12/05	7.45 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
		First Communion
		SCS/ Confirmation
Monday 12/6	7.00 pm	AA meeting
Tuesday 12/7	5:00 pm	Tae Kwan Do
	7.00 pm	Executive Committee meeting
Wednesday 12/8	7:30 pm	Praise band
Thursday 12/9	6:30 pm	Hymn Singers/Special Music Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Zion Choir
Sunday 12/12	9:00 am	Worship

First Communion recipients:



Kylie Ann Beaver & Vivian Rose Ryan

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

This week (12/05)	
Bruce Wilson	Assistant Minister
Sharon Wilson	Lay Reader
Vivian Rose Ryan	Greeter
Kylie Ann Beaver	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb, Megan Shaw, and Brian Mickiewicz	Hymns

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Next week (12/12)	
Deb Batten	Assistant Minister
Amy Kirk	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
tbd	Hymns

We thank you for your service.

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.

**C: God for whom we wait, 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

Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came- ELW #265, Vs. 1, 2 & 3

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, Music: Basque carol; arr. C. Edgar Pettman, and John Wickham

Please be seated

First Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

R: A reading from the book of Philippians:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 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. 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. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: "The Annunciation and The Magnificat" from the Holden Evening Prayer,
Words and Music by Marty Haugen- Sung by Barbara Grubb**

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"- ELW 247, vs. 2

Text: Geon-yong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope, Text © Geonyong Lee.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 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.

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;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.

A: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A: You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Dean Fiorini, Helen Christman, Courtney Mendelhall, Jeff Winter, David Grubb, Nicki Grubb, Joy Moyer, Anne Carroll, Bill Bull** and those we lift before you now. Please be with the families of **Katheryn Kopicki, Emmanuel DeMutis** and **Ralph Finkbiner** as we mourn their passing. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

OFFERING INVITATION

Dec. 5, 2021 (2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Philippians 1:9-11 –And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you

may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Love is the theme for the Second Sunday in Advent. When we cultivate love in our lives as steward/disciples, it does overflow and guide our lives on the paths of strength and joy

Please be seated



OFFERING with Special music

"Whispering Hope" by Septimus Winner, 1868- Performed by Brian Mickiewicz, Guitar and Vocals, Megan Shaw & Lori Hoshaw, Vocals

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C: Amen.

Please stand



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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

P: Come to Christ's banquet.

Feast on God's gift of grace.

C: Amen.

The First Communion students are invited forward for a blessing

**Kylie Ann Beaver
Vivian Rose Ryan**

COMMUNION HYMNS

#1- "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484

Text: Omer Westendorf, Music: Robert E. Kreutz,
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#2- "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494

Text: Louis F. Benson, Music: Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, arr. William Smith Rockstro
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

A: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: Amen.

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.

THE SENDING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning ELW #723 All 4 Verses

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat, Music: Irish traditional, Star of County Down



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel- Concertino: III. Allegretto"- Tune: Veni Emmanuel, French Processional, 15th C., Arr. J. William Greene

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 40:1-11	The earth prepares for God
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 6:12-42	All the nation will know your name
Wednesday	Luke 7:18-30	John the Baptist questions Jesus
Thursday	Hebrews 11:1-40	Faith is the assurance of things hoped for
Friday	2 Peter 1:2-15	Living God's call
Saturday	Psalms 126	Prayer for restoration