

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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

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| Sunday 11/28 | 7.45 am | Bell choir |
| | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | | No SCS/ Confirmation |
| Monday | 7.00 pm | AA meeting |
| Tuesday | 5:00 pm | Tae Kwan Do |
| Wednesday 12/1 | 7:30 pm | Praise band |
| Thursday 12/2 | 6:30 pm | Hymn Singers/Special Music Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 pm | Zion Choir |
| Sunday 12/05 | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | | First Communion |

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| Jena Dietrich | Lay Reader |
| Shawn Rogers | Greeter |
| Maggie Munz | Greeter |
| Beverly Tyson | Altar Guild |
| Barbara Grubb | Hymns |

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| Maggie Munz | Greeter |
| Beverly Tyson | Altar Guild |
| tbd | Hymns |

We thank you for your service.

Sunday, November 28, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "Prepare the Royal Highway", Tune: Swedeish Folk Tune, 14th C., Arr. J. William Greene

On Allen Organ-"O Word of God Incarnate" Tune: MUNICH, Arra. Janet Harris

On Piano-"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Tune: 11th Century Plansong, Arr. by Mark Hayes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the beginning, there was chaos. There were troubled dreams, uncertain sounds, and fear in the darkness. Then, when the chaos was most threatening, when uncertainty seemed the only certain thing, the cup seemed perpetually half empty, and the light at the end of the tunnel turned out to be just our imagination, God said, “Let there be light.”

And there was Hope. [*Light first Advent candle*]

The light of Hope lifts our eyes and calls us forward in Advent. To our uncertain and timid world, it proclaims brazenly that there is a tomorrow. It asserts that hope for the future is not to be found in improved financial portfolios or better self-affirmation. The candle of hope reminds us that there is something to cling to:
God is and God will.

Candle lighting

O come, O come Emmanuel

ELW 257

Text: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; Music: French processional, 15th cent.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn- ELW # 242 Vs. 1 & 4

Text and Music: Marty Haugen

Please be seated

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

*In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts
righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future
name "The Lord is our righteousness" proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.*

R: A reading from the book of Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel
and the house of Judah. In 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. In those days Judah will be saved and
Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our
righteousness."

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

R: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day long.

C: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

R: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

C: You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

R: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”- ELW 247, vs. 1
Text: Geon-yong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope, Text © Geonyong Lee.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God’s purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God’s people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God’s promised redemption.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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: God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Helen** Christman, **Courtney** Mendelhall, **Jeff** Winter, **David** Grubb, **Nicki** Grubb, **Joy** Moyer, **Anne** Carroll, **Bill** Bull, **Ralph** Finkbiner and those we lift before you now. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. 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

Nov. 28, 2021 (1st Sunday of Advent, Year B)

Psalm 25:4—Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

The First Sunday of Advent's theme is hope. Christians find our hope in God. We hunger for God and ask for guidance and strength to live fully as steward/disciples.

Please be seated

OFFERING with Special music

Bell Choir- I Wonder as I Wander - Text and Music: Appalachian carol; collected by John Jacob Niles



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

Text: Omer Westendorf, Music: Robert E. Kreuz,

#2- "I am the Bread of Life"- ELW #485

Text and Music: Suzanne Toolan

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

Blessed be the God of Israel- ELW #250, All Verses

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Advent of Our God"- Tune: Franconia, by Johann B. Konig, Arr. J. William Greene

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | 2 Samuel 7:18-29 | David's prayer of thanks |
| Tuesday | I Chronicles 16:8-36 | David's song of praise |
| Wednesday | Luke 1:1-38 | Two births foretold |
| Thursday | Luke 1:39-80 | Songs of praise and prophecy |
| Friday | 2 Peter 3:1-18 | Growing in Grace |
| Saturday | Psalms 90 | Prayer for life from God |