

Zion Lutheran Church



*First Sunday of
Advent
November 27th 2016*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Pasquini family in honor of Brian's birthday and Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of grandparents Andrew & Julia Wagner.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her father Frank Rilius.
- **SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY... SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY....THINGS TO DO** (1. Bible Study 2. Sign up to bring cookies to the Children's Christmas Program 3. Sign up to bring a Christmas gift for the Giving Tree 4. Eat a treat), **PLACES TO GO** (Women's Retreat at Camp Pioneer in March!), **PEOPLE TO SEE** (Photos!) at the **WOMEN'S MINISTRY** display in the rear corner of the Sanctuary.
- **2016 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...** WHO: Zion family and friends WHAT: Come hear and encourage our youngest believers as they share the Gospel in "*S is for Savior*" WHERE: Zion Sanctuary WHEN: Sunday, December 11, 1 PM WHY: O come, let us adore Him!
- **LUNCH IS SERVED:** Prior to the Children's Christmas Program and immediately following the second service on December 11th, you are joyfully invited to join us for a pizza/subs/salad lunch with a homemade CHRISTMAS COOKIE STATION! Kindly RSVP in the narthex by Dec. 4th.
- **KIM & JAY ANDERSON** will be hosting a Zion Holiday Open House for all members of Zion to express their appreciation for their 10 years at Zion before they move. Date: Sunday Dec. 4th in the undercroft from 5:00pm-8:00pm; hors de oeuvres, dinner and drinks will be provided. Please stop by as time permits. To get a count for food, please sign up in the narthex by Nov.30th!
- **ADVENT SERVICES** will start on Wednesday November 30th. Join us for dinner at 6:00pm and then stay for service at 7:00pm.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** leaders are needed for the January Sunday school unit "Jesus is Baptized". Available stations include: Art, Cookery, Games, Science, and Spiritual Practices. A helper for the preschool group is also needed. Please email sundayschool@zlc.org to sign up.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING** on Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in helping with February mission month, including Operation Stars and Stripes, should attend.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlc.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Happy New Year!

This is the first Sunday of Advent, the first Sunday of the church year. Right before we celebrate the birth of Christ, the cycle of the church year starts over again. These next few weeks are going to be filled with excitement and anticipation. Our worship services will be filled with familiar hymns and preaching about the coming of Jesus Christ. The church will be decorated in the coming weeks and the excitement will only build until Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Even if you've experienced a few Christmas celebrations, every year is different, and keep an eye on the young children as they enjoy one of their first journeys through advent looking forward to Christmas.

This anticipation of Christ's first coming as a baby in a manger leads us to anticipation of his second coming, when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. We await his coming with excitement because he will usher in the eternal age where we will live with him, in our bodies, forever. We prepare for Christmas with decorations, trees, and the like. We prepare our hearts to hear again that good news that our Savior was born to a virgin, reflecting on that fact and what he accomplished for us on earth, We prepare our hearts for his second coming as well. We want to be ready when he comes. As we prepare to reflect on his first coming and experience his second coming, we will look at a picture of the end from Scripture this morning.

May God bless your worship this morning!
Vicar Joshua

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ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST. SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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The Service of the Word

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel

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The Invocation

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Vicar: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Vicar: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace by the Vicar

Kyrie-LSB 152

V In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you

C And also with you

V Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in time of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant Your church Your saving peace. through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The Sharing of the Peace

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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New Testament Reading:

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit

adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

(Please Stand)

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: When All the World Was Cursed

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Collection of the Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

Offertory –

O Come O Come Emmanuel 8:00 am(Sandy Quinlan & Mark Killinger)

Bethlehem Wind – 10:30 am (Adult Choir)

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

V Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benedicamus

V: Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Benediction

V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

The Recessional: Hark the Glad Sound

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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	James Neill & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carol Schrag (8:00) Robb & Alaina Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Debbie Ford, Dale Miller (8:00) Barb & Wayne Oechslein Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Mike Wallace & Chuck LaJeunesse Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery:	Jodi & Jenny Fitzgerald & Barb Oechslein

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Offering (11/20) – \$4,539.25

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of Nov. 27th - Dec. 4th

SUNDAY 11/27	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice
MONDAY 11/28	7:00 PM - Confirmation
TUESDAY 11/29	6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 11/30	6:00 PM – Advent Dinner 7:00 PM – Advent Service
THURSDAY 12/1	7:30 PM – Elder’s Meeting
FRIDAY 12/2	
SATURDAY 12/3	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 10:00 AM – Men’s Choir Practice 4:30 PM – Christmas Decorating Party
SUNDAY 12/4	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 4:00 PM – Christmas Caroling 4:00 PM – Anderson’s Open House

Save the date for the...

Zion Christmas Decorating Party!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD 4:30PM

DINNER SERVED AT 5PM

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

*Bring the whole family and help us
decorate Zion for advent and Christmas!*

**WE'LL HAVE BABYSITTING,
CRAFTS, AND ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES!**

**PLEASE RSVP IN
THE NARTHEX BY
NOVEMBER 27TH**



S is for Savior

2016 Children's Christmas Program and Luncheon
(Pizza, Subs, Salad, & Christmas Cookie Table)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Luncheon immediately following second service
Program (Sanctuary) 1:00PM**

Kindly RSVP for luncheon on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



**COME WATCH YOUR ZION FAMILY'S YOUNGEST
SHARE THE GOSPEL!**
They will remember you came... some, all their lives !

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH UPCOMING EVENT

Where? Mt. Lebanon Rec Center (Ice Rink)
Location? 900 Cedar Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
When? Dec. 2
Time? 9:00-10:30
Who? Anyone in Middle School



Broom

Ball

Cost?
\$10

**POST-
PONED!!!**



WHEN? SAT. DEC. 3

TIME? 6-8PM

WHO? ANYONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHERE? ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION? 3197 WASHINGTON PIKE,
BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017

COST? \$0

FOOD? PIZZA

**UNTIL
JANUARY**

