

Zion Lutheran Church



First Midweek Advent
November 30th, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MIDWEEK SERVICE.** Please join us again next week for Advent Midweek service. Come early at 6:00pm and have dinner here!
- **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!
- **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.
- **OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available in the back of the church. Please take your envelopes. Any questions please see Nancy Klemash.
- **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!

Come, Messiah!

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

We sang this hymn last week and will continue to sing these words as advent continues. This hymn refers to Jesus as "long expected", reminding us that Jesus wasn't a surprise (or at least shouldn't have been) to those who had read the Old Testament. Promises about the one who would come to crush the head of the serpent are given in the first book of the Bible, and you cannot read the Old Testament without seeing promises about Jesus. Tonight we will explore some of these promises and consider what we can learn from the long wait of Israel for her Messiah.

May God bless your worship this evening!
-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: Hymn Sing (Concluding with LSB 338)

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... 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.

Sermon Hymn: Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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(Please Stand)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:**Matthew 1:1**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reading:**Genesis 3:9-15**

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

Reading:**Genesis 12:1-3**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Reading:**2 Samuel 7:8-16**

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'

Reading:**Isaiah 7:10-14**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Reading:**Micah 5:1-5a**

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

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.

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! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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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 Ushers:	Debbie Ford, Dale Miller (8:00) Barb & Wayne Oechslein Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester (10:30) Mike Wallace & Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula

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**

