

Zion Lutheran Church



December 1st, 2019
First Sunday in Advent



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C 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 Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

Service of the Word

Introit



- P** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
 righteous and having sal- | vation.
C Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
 O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
 Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
 We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
 The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
 Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
 you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
 righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

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 A - men.

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 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

8:00am – Adult Choir – Advent Alleluia

Epistle - Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

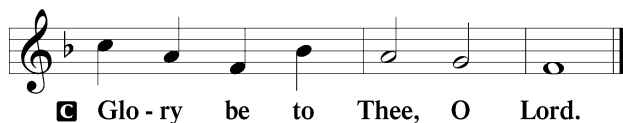
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not

have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn - Savior of the Nations, Come

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Sermon

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering *(Please fill out the Red Attendance booklet at the end of your pew)*

Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord in your mercy.

C ...Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

☐ **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sharing of Peace

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus #685

Once He Came in Blessing #333

O Lord, We Praise Thee #617

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

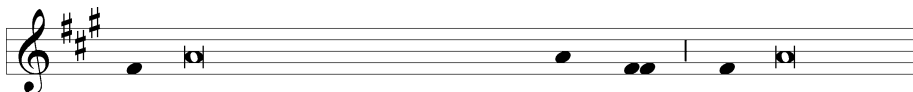


A Bless we the Lord.

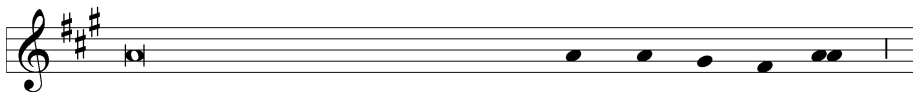


C Thanks be to God.

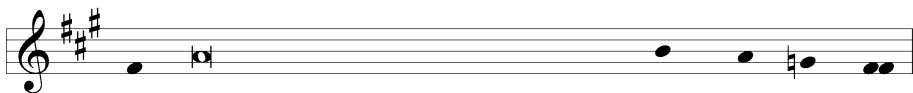
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn - Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Helen Erbrecht, Laverne Eckels, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-**Healing for:** Tevia Grimenstein, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Lou Mitchell, Brent Miller, Chuck Koester, Almut Dill, Connie Canale, Jamie Kistler, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, Tom Richards and Tim Fitzgerald.

-**For our missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma.

-**For those who serve:** Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Will Schrag (8:00) Olivia Bonacci (10:30)
The Greeters:	Brian & Megan Pasquini (8:00) Ed & June Malachosky (10:30)
The Ushers:	Shane Bryant, Ken Schrag, Bill Schrag & Tim Sheldon (8:00) Susie Bishop, John Lemonvich Vince Kimberland, Anna Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Sharon Bogdan & Christine Chilcott

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/24) – 145

Sunday Offering (11/24) \$12,177.36

Online Offering - \$1,275.00

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

Acknowledgments

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December 1st – December 8th

SUNDAY 12/1	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 12/2	6:00 PM – 1 st year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2 nd year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUESDAY 12/3	7:00 PM – Board of Education Meeting
WEDNESDAY 12/4	6:00 PM – Advent Dinner in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM – Advent Midweek Service
THURSDAY 12/5	7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 12/6	
SATURDAY 12/7	5:30 PM – Christmas Decorating Party
SUNDAY 12/8	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 12:00 PM – Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Elsie DallaPiazza in memory of grandparents Andrew & Julia Wagner.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Jane & Mike Kozak in memory of loved ones.

CAROLING TO SHUT INS...Join us on Sunday December 8th after service as we Christmas Carol to our shut ins. We will meet after service and have some time to eat a packed lunch that you bring and then we will head out to Christmas Carol.

GIVING TREE... Starting November 10th the giving tree will be set up in the back of the church. Please select an angel and purchase a gift for those in need this Christmas. The gifts are due back no later than December 15th.

DINNER & A SHOW... Mark your calendars for our all church Christmas Celebration. We will have dinner followed by the Christmas program presented by the Sunday School children and some of our Zion musicians. The celebration will be on Sunday December 15th starting at 5:00pm. More details to come.

LADIES CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP... All ladies are invited to our Ladies Christmas fellowship on Tuesday December 17th at Burgh's in Bridgeville. We hope to see you all there!! Contact secretary@zlc.org with any questions.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY... It's that time of year again for our annual church decorating party. Join us for dinner and decorating on Saturday December 7th at 5:30pm.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made for your weekly offering. Go to our website and click on donate and then set up an account. This is an easy way to do your weekly offering when traveling.

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery is located in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance)

ONLINE SERVICE...Want to watch the service if you missed church or if you just want to watch again? We now have video that you can access to watch! Download a QR code reader then scan the QR code provided!

Lenten Paraments

We are ready to purchase our next set of paraments. Please consider donating towards our Lenten paraments. Mark “paraments” in the memo line of any checks.



Video of Services Now Available!

You can now watch a video of the service if you missed church, or would like to see one of the services again.

It's easy! ... go to zlcb.org/video to view the video, or download a QR code reader then scan the QR code provided!

VIDEO: Sunday October 13, 2019 - Complete Service



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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.

