



**Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA
First Sunday of Advent
November 27 & 28, 2021**

Prelude: Three choral setting of *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* ("Savior of the Nations, Come") Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Confession and Forgiveness: Page 94

Entrance Hymn: ELW # 257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Stanzas 1, 2)

Apostolic Greeting: Page 156

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

AM: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's Advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen

Hymn: ELW #240 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (Stanza 1)

Kyrie: Page 156

All Glory Be to God on High: Page 159

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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."

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- |
ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Stand up and raise your heads – your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia!

Glory to You O Lord: (Spoken)

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“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. ²⁶People will

faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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."

Praise to You O Christ: (Spoken)

Homily: Pastor Tedd Cogar

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 263 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Nicene Creed: Page 104

Prayers of Intercession: Insert

Peace: Page 161

Offertory Anthem: "Christ is the King" Donald Busarow (1934-2011)

Offertory Canticle: ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Offertory Payer:

A: Let us pray

C: 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. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving: Page 161

"Holy, Holy, Holy": Page 162

Eucharistic Prayer: Altar Book

Lord's Prayer: Page 163

Lamb of God: Page 164

Communion Hymns: ELW #254 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Post Communion Blessing: Pastor Tedd Cogar

Post Communion Prayer:

A: Let us pray

C: 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 guest. 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.
Amen

Recessional Hymn: ELW #264 "Prepare a Royal Highway"

Dismissal: AM: Go in Peace, Christ is near.

C: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude: Prelude in D Major, BuxWV 139 Buxtehude

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

5:30 PM – LECTOR: Dante Adamson; ALTAR GUILD: AM Sue Dickson, PM Shirley Horner ASSISTING MINISTER: Rik Wissinger; USHERS – Dave & Linda Malin.

9:30 AM – LECTOR: Tyson Ellenberger; ALTAR GUILD: Becky Slade; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jenn Rising; USHERS: Pernell Bowersox, Jim Slade.

PRAYER LIST

Remember all those requesting prayer: Tom K, Chris, Tom W, Deb, Don, Alice, Pam & Family, Hannah, Rylan, Donald, Sharon, Marvin, Dick, Roy, Paul, Jenn, Bishop Lozano, Jessica, Prisca, Jim, Sande, Ruth, Cliff, Vonda, Dory, Loretta, B. Tamski, Ken, David,

Allison, Adam, Dennis, Kristine, Ken, Gene, Tom, Dominic, Dave, Tom, Dave, Karen, Susan, Lonnie, Jeannine, Petras Family, George, Denny, Jeannie, Martha, Ray, Paolo, Ron, Billie, Bill, Liesl, Bob, Peter, Bob, Nancy, Abby, Jim, Royce, Rochelle, Jacqueline, Judy, Kim, Katrina, Quinn, Heidi, Bill, Lisa, Elaine, Leonard, Noelle, Ronda, Janice&Rich, Linda, Annah, Gene, Guella Family, Betty

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THIS WEEK AT ZION – NOVEMBER 29

Wednesday	6:30 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting 7:00 - Midweek Advent Service
Friday	Zion Office Closed
Saturday	5:30 - Liturgy
Sunday	8:30 - Choir Practice 9:30 – Liturgy 10:45 - Choir Practice Sunday School Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

DECEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

With the busy holiday season coming soon, if your committee won't be meeting in the month of December or there is a special event (dinner, etc), please let the office know so it can be marked on or taken off the calendar. Thank you

STAFF & VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

The annual staff & volunteer Christmas Luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, December 9, in the Social Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the office directly under the clock. Please join us! This includes all former volunteers from Katie's Closet, the original bulletin mailing crew and anyone else who has volunteered at the church.

SNOW BIRDS

All Zion members who go "South" during the cold months and would like to have their Newsletter mailed to them, could you give me your name, your winter address and the dates you will be there. The address can be changed prior to mailing the newsletter each month and then you can receive it. Thanks, Bev

Staff Bonuses – A Great Way To Say Thank You

Zion's staff has again worked very hard to provide us with the support necessary to keep Zion functioning. The staff has been vital as we all are less present within Zion's walls. The pandemic has not prevented the phones from ringing, the bills from coming, the dust from collecting, the grass from growing, or the snow from falling. We have continued to worship both online and in-person and the staff has been there throughout the year to provide the support necessary for Zion to function. We greatly appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

Holiday time is a great time for us to remember our staff and their dedication to us and the ministry of Zion. Please consider a generous donation toward this year's staff bonus. It's a great way to say thank you to those who provide so much to Zion.

News from the Kitchen:

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our recent Oktoberfest dinner a huge success! It was wonderful to see over 60 members and friends of Trinity 3-2-1 in our social hall enjoying this festive German tradition. It felt good to have our kitchen and social hall back in operation!

Council has approved a dedicated "Kitchen Restoration Fund", in which profits from luncheons, dinners, food sales, or other social functions might be deposited. The goal is to eventually be able to replace the decades-old flooring and ceiling in the kitchen. Of course, anyone inclined to add to this fund may do so by indicating "Kitchen Restoration" in the "other" space on your church envelope.

Again, thank you all for your support and participation. Watch for more good things coming in 2022.

Food Pantry Update:

Beginning in January, the Zion Community Food Pantry will move indoors with a streamlined operation. On the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 AM to Noon, the Church Street glass door will be open for families to enter the church, walk to the social hall, pick up three bags of groceries, and exit via the red Church Street door, without having to wait in line or complete paperwork. We will simply record the number of

families visiting each month. This new process will prevent close contact and keep us all socially distanced and safe.

Anyone interested in helping out in this once-a-month venture may contact Kathy Gaylor, Barb Lockard, or Beverly in the church office. We especially need a few volunteers for January and February. This is truly "God's Work, Our Hands".

Frozen Soup Sale:

The Recreation & Fellowship Committee will hold a **Frozen Soup Sale** the weekend of **December 10-12, 2021**. Choices are Winter Chili, Tuscan Chicken Soup and Carrot & Sweet Potato Soup (vegetarian). \$7.00 per quart, freshly made and already frozen. A great opportunity to stock your freezer for the cold winter! Soup will be available to the public on Friday, December 10 at the glass Church Street Door from 4PM to 7PM. It will also be available after the Saturday service until 7PM, and again after Sunday service until 1PM. Mark your calendars!

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