



**Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4 & 5, 2021**

Prelude: *Marche Religieuse on Handel's "Lift Up Your Head"* Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Confession and Forgiveness: Page 94

Entrance Hymn: ELW # 257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Stanzas 3, 4)

Apostolic Greeting: Page 156

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

AM: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's Advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. 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 2)

Kyrie: Page 156

All Glory Be to God on High: Page 159

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they

present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David. R**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of | all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. R**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. R**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Glory to You O Lord: (Spoken)

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Praise to You O Christ: (Spoken)

Homily: Pastor Tedd Cogar

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 249 “On Jordon’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Nicene Creed: Page 104

Prayers of Intersession: Insert

Peace: Page 161

Offertory Anthem: "O Thou, that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" . F. Handel (1685-1750)

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 #256 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

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 #259 “Fling Wide the Door”

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

C: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude: Prelude in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

5:30 PM – LECTOR: Karen Gresh; ALTAR GUILD: AM & PM Louise Buchanan;

ASSISTING MINISTER: Kim Balcerak; USHERS – Walt & Jan Cikowski.

9:30 AM – LECTOR: Jim Chapman; ALTAR GUILD: Sue Dickson; ASSISTING

MINISTER: Rik Wissinger; USHERS: Don & Dawn Seagren.

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

THIS WEEK AT ZION – DECEMBER 6

Wednesday	6:00 - Adm/Finance Mtg (<u>Special Time</u>) 6:30 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting 7:00 - Midweek Advent Service
Thursday	11:30 - Staff/Volunteer Holiday Luncheon
Friday	Soup Sale Zion Office Closed
Saturday	5:30 - Liturgy / Soup Sale
Sunday	8:30 - Choir Practice 9:30 – Liturgy / Soup Sale 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 on line 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. Please respond by December 12.

News from the Kitchen:

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.

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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