



**Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA
Third Sunday of Advent
December 11 & 12, 2021**

Prelude:

Confession and Forgiveness: Page 94

Entrance Hymn: ELW # 257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Stanzas 5, 6)

Apostolic Greeting: Page 156

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

AM: We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s Advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord’s coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. 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 3)

Kyrie: Page 156

All Glory Be to God on High: Page 159

Prayer of the Day: Insert

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

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

Glory to You O Lord: (Spoken)

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Praise to You O Christ: (Spoken)

Homily: Pastor Tedd Cogar

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 251 “That My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

Nicene Creed: Page 104

Prayers of Intercession: Insert

Peace: Page 161

Offertory Anthem:

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 #265 “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

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 #248 “People, Look East”

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

C: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude:

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

5:30 PM – LECTOR: Dante Adamson; ALTAR GUILD: AM Jan Cilowski, PM Bev Wissinger; ASSISTING MINISTER: Rik Wissinger; USHERS – Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki.

9:30 AM – LECTOR: Dawn Seagren; ALTAR GUILD: Becky Slade; ASSISTING MINISTER: Beth Grafton; USHERS: Gary & Tyson Ellenberger.

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 13

Monday	6:30 - Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting 7:00 - Midweek Advent Service
Friday	Zion Office Closed
Saturday	12:30 - Mehus Birthday Party 5:30 - Liturgy
Sunday	8:30 - Choir Practice

9:30 – Liturgy / Soup Sale
10:45 - Choir Practice
Sunday School
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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".

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