



**Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18 & 19, 2021**

Prelude: A chorale setting of *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* ("Savior of the Nations, Come")
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Confession and Forgiveness: Page 94

Entrance Hymn: ELW # 257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Stanzas 7, 8)

Apostolic Greeting: Page 156

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

AM: We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's Advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your Advent among us in the word made flesh. 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 4)

Kyrie: Page 156

All Glory Be to God on High: Page 159

Prayer of the Day: Insert

First Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a

Psalm: Luke 1: 46b-55

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

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

Glory to You O Lord: (Spoken)

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

Praise to You O Christ: (Spoken)

Homily: Pastor Tedd Cogar

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 242 “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Nicene Creed: Page 104

Prayers of Intercession

Peace: Page 161

Offertory Anthem: God of Hope and Promise

Mary Mateer (b. 1950)

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 #244 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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 #267 “Joy to the World”

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

C: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude: Allegro from Concerto in A Minor BWV 593

JS Bach

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

5:30 PM – LECTOR: Josh Widdowson; ALTAR GUILD: AM Kathy Huston, PM Shirley Horner; ASSISTING MINISTER: Kevin Huston; USHERS – Rik & Bev Wissinger.

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

PRAYER LIST

Remember all those requesting prayer: Scott, 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 – DECEMBER 20

Wednesday 6:30 - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
7:00 - Midweek Advent Service

Friday Zion Office Closed
Jerry Off
8:00 - Christmas Eve Service

Saturday **NO SATURDAY LITURGY**

Sunday 8:30 - Choir Practice
9:30 – Liturgy
10:45 - Choir Practice
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Thank You from the Staff

The staff wants to express our appreciation and thanks for the Christmas bonus. Everyone is so very generous each year.

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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