



**Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA
Christ the King Sunday
November 19 & 20, 2022**

Prelude Marissa Bruno - Substitute Organist

Entrance Hymn: ELW # 705 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

Cwm Rhondda

Apostolic Greeting: Page 156

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"All Glory Be to God on High": Page 159

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm: Psalm 46

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**

and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
³though its waters | rage and foam,
 and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
 God shall help it at the | break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R
⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”
¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Page 160

Glory to You O Lord: (Spoken)

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself

if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Praise to You O Christ: (Spoken)

Homily: Saturday-Dory Campbell Sunday-Jenn Rising

Hymn of the Day: “Creating God Renew Us” (insert in back of hymnal)

Nicene Creed: Page 104

Prayers of Intercession

Peace: Page 161

Offertory Anthem

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

Offertory Payer:

A: Let us pray

C: Blessed are you, maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Order for Lay Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: ELW # 583 “Take My Life, That I May Be”

Toma Mi Voluntad

Post Communion Prayer:

A: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn for Peace: ELW #749 “O God of Love, O King of Peace”

Prayer for Peace

A: Let us pray

C: Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen

Blessing:

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: ELW #796 “How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

Dismissal: AM: Go in Peace. Be a blessing to the world.

C: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

5:30 PM - LECTOR: Dante Adamson; ALTAR GUILD: Sat AM & PM Louise Buchanan;

ASSISTING MINISTER: Kim Balcerak; USHERS: Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki.

9:30 AM – LECTOR: Gail Sechrist; ALTAR GUILD: Becky Slade; ASSISTING

MINISTER: Beth Grafton; USHER: Don & Dawn Seagren.

Church Attendance Last Week (November 12 & 13)

Saturday 12 -- Sunday 27 -- Online 76

Giving - November (First 2 Weeks)

\$9,022.30

THIS WEEK AT ZION – NOVEMBER 21

Wednesday	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Thursday	Holiday - Office Closed
Friday	Zion Office Closed
Saturday	5:30 - Liturgy
Sunday	8:30 - Choir Practice 9:30 – Liturgy 10:40 - Choir Practice Sunday School

Parking will be available at Graystone Presbyterian Church (next door) for the Annual Meeting on Sunday at 4:00 PM.

STAFF & VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

The annual staff and volunteer Christmas Luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, December 8, in the Social Hall. This is for anyone who has ever volunteered (past-present-future). A sign-up sheet is in the office directly under the clock. Please join us! Parking will be available next door at Greystone's for this.

PRAYER LIST

Remember all those requesting prayer: Katrina Albright, Ron Anderson, Liesl Andrie, Jessica Badowski, Tamie Blank, Becky Bono, Peter Broad, Tom Brown, Susan & Bob Butchkoski, Jim Chapman, Adam Chilenski, Lonnie Cogar, Jeff Davis, Paul Davis, Donald Dustin, Akou Ester, Beth Ford, Harry Ford, Heidi Good, the Guella family, Gene Hartzell, Chris Howard, Dan Howard, Diana Howard, Michael Kowchuck, Richard Lamberski, Ronda Leasure, Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Karl & Dorrinna Martini, Judy Matsko, Marvin McClure, Darla Mechling, Paula Miller, Dave Nycum, Shawn Otto, Fred Park, Loretta Piper, Scott Potterask, Bob Reifsteck, Jason Roney, Christian Santos, Coleen

Seagren, Sande & Gene Shotts, Aurora Shultz, Deborah Stephens, Denny Swanson, Jr, Bob Tierney, Brett Tyger, Kristine Volpatti, Jane Williams, Dominic Yensi.

We, at Zion, are privileged to pray for you and your loved ones and friends. Please be sure to let us know of your prayer requests. And it would help us so much if you could also update us on the status of those on our prayer list.

We want to continue praying for those who are in need, to give thanks to God for those who have been healed and to pray for any family if they lost a loved one. That can only happen if YOU keep in touch with Zion's office and update us regularly.

You can speak to Beverly Monday through Thursday from 8AM until 2 PM or email her at zion.lutheran@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for your partnership in this prayer venture.

Zion Announces Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule

Zion Council, at its August meeting finalized service schedules for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

Beginning on Wednesday November 30, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Zion will hold the first of four Advent devotions. These devotions will continue each Wednesday through the four weeks of Advent.

*****NOTE: Our Wednesday Advent devotions will be held in the Zion office meeting area.***

Zion will hold its Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 7:30 PM

There will be a Christmas Day Breakfast on Sunday, December 25, at 8:30 AM hosted by Pernell & Sheri Bowersox.

Zion will hold services on Christmas Day Sunday December 25, 2022 at our normal Sunday time of 9:30 AM

No services will be held on Saturday December 31, 2022

Zion will hold services as normal on Sunday January 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

We will provide additional notice of our worship schedules in the future.

Annual Blessing of Nativity Returns

On Sunday December 4, 2022, during our regularly scheduled Sunday 9:30 AM service, We will bless our family Nativity displays.

We will begin accepting your nativity displays for display on Sunday, November 20. We hope you will share your family heirloom Nativity display.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Recreation & Fellowship Committee is hoping to find one or two individuals willing to work together to transition to take the lead in making sure kitchen functions happen! A vital part of Zion's family ministry, this would include such things as calling together a crew to cook or provide desserts, set up/clean up the dining room for the occasional dinner, event, or funeral luncheon, and help to keep the storage room supplied and organized. Benefits include: learning techniques and shortcuts from fellow kitchen crew members, building and strengthening bonds and friendships, enjoying fellowship with each other and guests, and much more. You'll be provided with accumulated info from all past events, recipes, and other ins-and-outs we've learned through the years. *Only if requested, I would be happy to continue with behind-the-scenes work, i.e. planning events with hosts, arranging menus, providing recipes and hints, researching, shopping, etc. An endless supply of moral support and prayers will come your way! And last, but certainly not least, having fun has always been a kitchen requirement!*

If one or two of you are moved to take on this part of Zion's ministry, please get in touch with me to talk about it. kathygaylor6@gmail.com or 724-422-6761. And thank you!

STAFF BONUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Our staff works hard throughout the year to support the Worship Life, Education, and Mission Outreach programs of our congregation. Keeping our facilities clean and ready to support our mission work, providing worship materials, newsletters and other communications for the congregation and preparing and overseeing our educational programs is all work our staff does behind the scenes for us during the year. Now we can show our heartfelt appreciation to our staff by contributing generously toward the Christmas bonus to be distributed to the staff. You can contribute using your weekly envelopes or the envelopes in the pew rack. (Mark the envelope with the amount you wish to contribute to the staff bonus by writing the amount and "Staff Bonus" on the envelope). We will be accepting contributions through Sunday December 4.

Food Pantry News from Calvary Presbyterian

Food insecurity numbers for Indiana County are alarming. The county's food insecurity rate is 12.6% (10,650 total), 0.8% higher than national average. The annual food budget shortfall to meet the needs is \$5,678,000. Also note the average cost per meal is \$3.31*. The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank estimates that Indiana County's 2021 child insecurity rate was 17.9%.



To be part of the solution Calvary Presbyterian Church set up a food cupboard outside the office entrance at 695 School Street. This food is available to all, no forms to complete, no income guidelines, just the honor system to take only what you need. It is stocked with donations from generous individuals and families. We invite you to be a part of this ministry to feed our neighbors in need. Some donation ideas include canned goods, soups, boxed meal kits, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, baking supplies, cereals, crackers, tuna, pasta sauce, dessert mixes, cold beverage mixes, tea & coffee or monetary contributions. **There is a red donation box outside the School Street entrance to Calvary for your non-perishable food gifts.**

We hope this endeavor will be a unifying ministry among our congregations. Call Dory Campbell at 724.463.9197 if you would like more information.

*Stacker.com

Christmas Candles and Funds – 2022

Due to the increased cost, care, clean-up, and disposal of fresh poinsettias and greens the Worship and Music Committee has switched to silk for the Christmas season. Therefore, members may want to consider other options for memorializing or honoring your loved ones.

- _____ Instrumental Musicians
- _____ Kelly Jones Lutherlyn Scholarship Fund
- _____ Emergency Fund for Members
- _____ Helen Myers Memorial Musicians
- _____ Candelabra Candles @ \$ 10.00 each
- _____ Processional Torches @ \$ 15.00 each
- _____ Votive Lights (Altar) @ \$ 5.00 each
- _____ Sanctuary Lamp @ \$ 5.00

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

Envelope # _____

Please place your order form (with payment) in the offering plate OR return it to the Zion office by December 4, 2022.

PARISH ED/SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Parish Ed/Sunday School are collecting hats, mittens/gloves and socks to be given to Family Promise and Alice Paul House. Please bring in your donations and put in the back of the Nave. Deadline is December 11.

A Note About Jim Chapman

Jim Chapman is in Arizona and has just had a knee replacement. The surgery went fine and he is now having rehab. If you would like to send him a card, here is his address in Arizona (his daughter's).

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