



Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12 & 13, 2022

Prelude Sarah Hosterman-Kirsch - Substitute Organist

Confession and Forgiveness: Page 94

Entrance Hymn: ELW #327 "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

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Apostolic Greeting: Page 203

Glory be to God in Heaven: Page 204

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,

the world and those who dwell therein.

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity. R

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Acclamation: Page 205

Glory to You O Lord: (Spoken)

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Praise to You O Christ: (Spoken)

Homily: Pastor Tedd Cogar

Hymn of the Day: ELW #629 “Abide with Me”

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Apostle’s Creed: Page 105

Prayers of Intercession

Peace: Page 206

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.

Great Thanksgiving: Page 206

“Holy, Holy, Holy”: Page 207

Eucharistic Prayer: Altar Book

Lord’s Prayer: Page 208

Lamb of God: Page 208

Invitation to Communion:

P: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

Communion Hymn: ELW #471 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Break Bread Together

Communion Blessing:

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”

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

C: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude:

Postlude

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

5:30 PM - LECTOR: Karen Gresh; ALTAR GUILD: Sat AM & PM Sharon O'Keiff;

ASSISTING MINISTER: Rik Wissinger; USHERS: Rik & Bev Wissinger.

9:30 AM – LECTOR: TBD; ALTAR GUILD: Sue Dickson; ASSISTING MINISTER: Beth Grafton; USHER: Jim Slade.

Church Attendance Last Week (November 5 & 6)

Saturday 17 -- Sunday 33 -- Online 0

Giving - October

\$16,232.60

(\$3,126.35 over budget)

THIS WEEK AT ZION – NOVEMBER 14

Monday	6:30 - Council Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 - Property Meeting
Wednesday	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Friday	Zion Office Closed
Saturday	5:30 - Liturgy
Sunday	8:30 - Choir Practice 9:30 – Liturgy 10:40 - Choir Practice 4:00 - Congregational Meeting

PRAYER LIST

Remember all those requesting prayer: Katrina Albright, Leo Ambrisco, Ron Anderson, Liesl Andrie, Jessica Badowski, Noelle Battick, Tamie Blank, Becky Bono, Abby Bowser, Peter Broad, Tom Brown, Tom Bush, Susan & Bob Butchkoski, Rochelle Calvetti, Jim Chapman, Adam Chilenski, Lonnie Cogar, Deb Cosgrove, Jeff Davis, Paul Davis, Donald Dustin, Dale Ebner, Akou Ester, Beth Ford, Harry Ford, Heidi Good, the Guella family, Gene Hartzell, Annah Hill, Shirley Horner, Chris Howard, Dan Howard, Diana Howard, Bill Johnston, Linda Kanyan, Michael Kowchuck, Billie Kurtz-King, Richard Lamberski, Pam Laney & family, Ronda Leasure, Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Karl & Dorrinna Martini, Judy Matsko, Marvin McClure, Tracey McEldowney, Darla Mechling, Paula Miller, Jim Muller, Betty Nicolette, Dave Nycum, Janice & Rick Olsen, Shawn Otto, Fred Park, the Petras family, Loretta Piper, Scott Potterask, Bob Reifsteck, Jason Roney, Quinn Santini, Christian Santos, Paolo Schianchi, George Schulze, Coleen Seagren, Sande & Gene Shotts, Aurora Shultz, Deborah Stephens, Denny Swanson, Jr, B. Tamski, Bob Tierney, Brett Tyger, Lisa Vavro, Kristine Volpatti, Kim Walls, 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**

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 future newsletter issues.

Annual Blessing of Nativity Returns

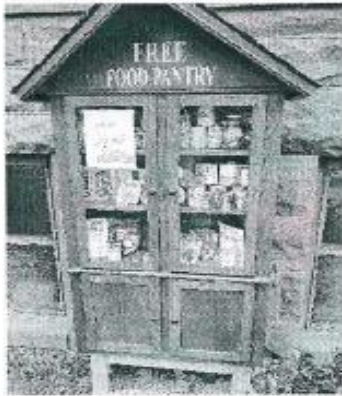
On Sunday December 4, 2022, during our regularly scheduled Sunday 9:30 AM service, we will bless our family Nativity displays.

We will begin accepting your nativity displays for display on Sunday November 20, 2022.

We hope you will share your family heirloom Nativity display.

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.

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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.

STAFF & VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON (DATE CORRECTION)

The annual staff and volunteer Christmas Luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, December 8 (incorrect date in the last newsletter), in the Social Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the office directly under the clock. Please join us!

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.

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