



First Sunday *of* Advent

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

WORSHIP FOCUS: With Advent the Church enters a new year of grace. The First Sunday of Advent emphasizes readiness for the coming of Christ at the end of time. Such readiness consists of hope-filled watchfulness, repentance, and renewal.

LITURGY: Service of Morning Praise

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OPENING HYMN: *CW 30*

"Rise, Arise"

ADVENT

30

Rise, Arise



1 Rise, a - rise! Rise, a - rise! Chris-tians, rise to
2 Oh, re - joice! Oh, re - joice! Christ has come as
3 Crown him King! Crown him King! His ex - alt - ed
greet your King. O - pen wide the gates be - fore him;
long fore - told. The Mes - si - ah long - ex - pect - ed,
name con - fess. From his heav'n - ly throne de - scend - ing,
Let the glad ho - san - nas ring; Haste to wor - ship
The in - car - nate Word be - hold! Though by earth - ly
Je - sus, Lord our right - eous - ness, Brings us joy and
and a - dore him. Hark! The watch - man on the moun - tain
kings re - ject - ed, Hail him Lord of all with might - y
peace un - end - ing. Oh, let heart and tongue his prais - es
cries: Rise, a - rise! Rise, a - rise!
voice, Oh, re - joice! Oh, re - joice!
sing! Crown him King! Crown him King!

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Tune: FAHRE FORT (67 87 89 6) Johann E. Schmidt, 1670-1745, alt.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
(Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
(Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
(Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
(Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
(Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
(General) Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

BE SEATED



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



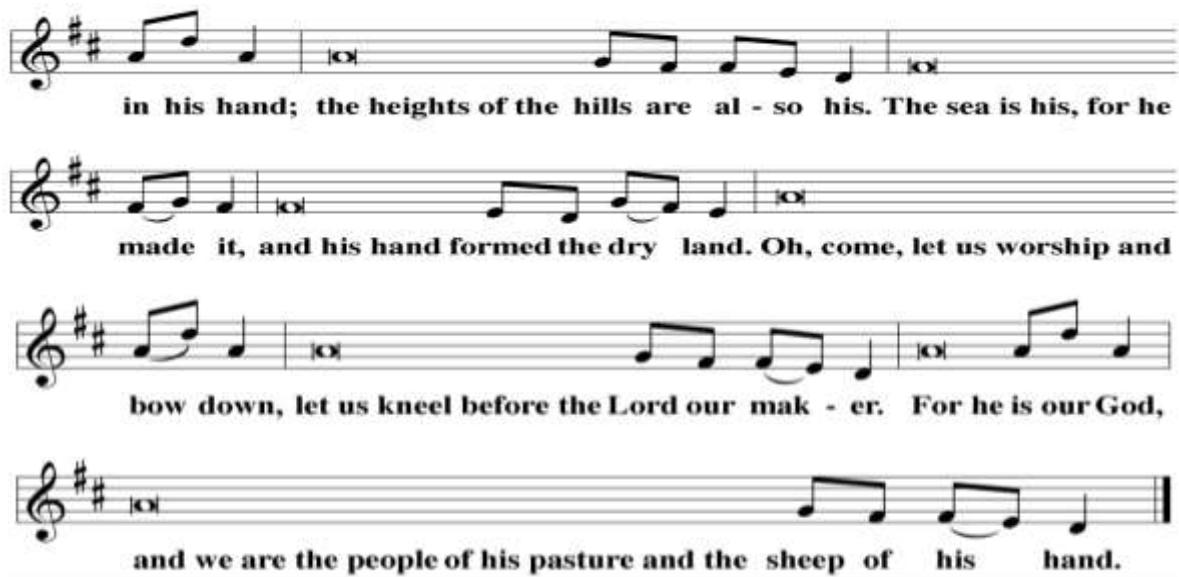
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

LIGHTING OF 1ST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN: *CW 23 (v. 1)*

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

ADVENT

23

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And close the path to mis - er - y.
Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: VENI, EMMANUEL (LM with Refrain) Plainsong melody, 15th century, alt.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

² This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² This will take place in the latter days: The mountain of the LORD's house will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it like a river. ³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. Then he will instruct us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For from Zion the law will go out, and the LORD's word will go out from Jerusalem. ⁴ He will judge between the nations, and he will mediate for many peoples. Then they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into blades for trimming vines. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the LORD. (EHV)

PSALM 18

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The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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¹¹ And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³ Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh. (EHV)

HYMN: CW 2 (vs. 1-5)

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

ADVENT

2

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

Sermon Text and Theme:

Matthew 24:37-44

³⁷ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be when the Son of Man returns. ³⁸ In fact, in the days before the flood people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the very day that Noah entered the ark. ³⁹ And they did not realize what was coming until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man returns.

⁴⁰“At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²So be alert, because you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: If the master of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴You also need to be ready for this reason: The Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him. (EHV)

ARE YOU READY?

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,

Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,

cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of

heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of

proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:

Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of

glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to

set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the

sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of

your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

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P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CHRISTMAS

45

Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly



1 Oh, re-joice, all Chris-tians, loud-ly, For our joys have
 2 See, my soul, your Sav-ior choos-es Pov-er-ty and
 3 Lord, how shall I thank you right-ly? I am saved e-
 4 Je-sus, guard and guide your mem-bers; Make us chil-dren



now be-gun; Won-drous things our God has done.
 weak-ness, too; In such love he comes to you.
 ter-nal-ly By your life and death for me.
 of your grace; Hear our prayers in ev-'ry place.



Tell a-broad his good-ness proud-ly, Who our race has
 Nei-ther crib nor cross re-fus-es, All he suf-fers
 Let me not re-gard you light-ly But on you in
 Fan-to life faith's glow-ing em-bers; Give all Chris-tians



hon-ored so, That he lives with us be-low.
 for your good To re-deem you by his blood.
 faith de-pend, Prais-ing you, my heav'n-ly friend.
 far and near Ho-ly peace, a glad new year.

Refrain

Joy, oh, joy be-yond all glad-ness, Christ has done a-way with sad-ness!



Hence all sor-row and re-pin-ing, For the Sun of grace is shin-ing!

Text: Christian Keimann, 1607–62; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: FREU'ET EUCH, IHR CHRISTEN ALLE (877 877 with Refrain) Andreas Hammerschmidt, c. 1611–75, alt.



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS — We will again be decorating the church for Christmas with poinsettia plants “in memory of” or “for blessings received” from members and friends of our congregation. Your response has been overwhelming in the past. This year’s suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. There are envelopes in the west foyer for your donations. Please complete the outside of the envelope and place it, along with your donation inside, in the church/school office. **Deadline to order is Sunday, November 27th.** A list of memorials/blessings will be in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Please call the office @ 242-1378 if you have any questions.

ADVENT TEA HOSTESSES NEEDED — Plans are in the works for a Advent Tea on **Monday, November 28th @ 6:00 p.m.** Hostesses are needed. There is not much work involved and is a wonderful fellowship opportunity. Please contact Ruth Peters @ (734) 242-4961 if you would like to attend or host a table. Men please contact Ken Vagt @ (734) 915-1873 if you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: This year Zion is once again supporting Paula’s House. There is a great need this year with more women and families there than in the past. The giving tree is in the school hallway with tags. Please have all the presents wrapped and returned by **Monday, December 12th.** This is a great opportunity to show our love and support to those who are struggling. Thank you for helping with this outreach project.

FIRST ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICE — *This is My Son*

Each mid-week Advent Service we will be exploring the Son. Here is a little information on the first week.

Just as God’s people of old waited with faith in the coming Messiah, so is our Advent anticipation of Christmas, as we sing of the Savior, “Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart’s delight!” (LSB 334:1). Our hopes and fears are real. They can distract us from God’s promises. God’s promise was from the beginning spoken to Adam and Eve. Salvation would come through the woman’s offspring (Genesis 3:15). But it would not be Cain, the son of Adam, nor Ishmael, the son of Abraham, nor Absalom, the son of David. The true Son of Adam and Abraham and David is the Son of God. Our attention and faith thus direct our hopes and fears to God’s Son, in whom we receive adoption as sons and daughters in the family of God.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We are planning on decorating the church for the celebration of Christmas on **Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9:00 a.m.-noon.** The more hands available the quicker the work will get done. Everyone is welcome to come and help. Thank you in advance for using your talents to help beautify our sanctuary and church for this blessed season. There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: Saturday, Dec. 3rd 1-4:00 p.m. Christian fellowship and fun!

Drop your kids off for an afternoon of Christmas-themed fun - similar to a day of Vacation Bible school - while you head out to get some Christmas shopping completed!

ADULT CHOIR: We have an adult choir that has started practicing. They meet on Sundays after Bible Study. If you are not able to meet at that time please contact Bryan Schneck about meeting at another time. His phone number is 907-331-7761.

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning to hold a marriage retreat in March 17-19, 2023. WELS Pastor Randy Hunter will lead the discussions. We would start on Friday evening and run through Sunday at noon. A worship service will be conducted on Sunday morning. We need to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. We are trying to make the best arrangements for rooms and meeting rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 1st Sunday Advent Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class No Choir Practice
Monday	6:00 p.m. Advent Tea
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 3:00 p.m. CEA Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. 1st Midweek Advent Worship Service
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church 1:00 p.m. Christmas for Kids
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday Advent Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice

Our Fruits of Faith

At worship last week: 33+118 = 151;
Offerings for week ending 11/19/22: General - \$5,143.25
Missions - \$430.00

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Nov. 2 & 6	Nov. 9 & 13	Nov. 16 & 20	Nov. 24	Nov. 27	Nov. 30 & Dec. 4
ALTAR GUILD			Liz Seibert			
LIVE STREAM HELPERS	Zach McCormick	Steve Sordahl	Miller Sordahl		Rob Krueger	Zach McCormick
USHERS	<u>Nov. 2 & 6</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u>Nov. 9</u> <u>Nov. 13</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf	<u>Nov. 16 & 20</u> Rob Krueger Ray Chandonnet Ralph Naveaux Erich Freiny	<u>Nov. 24</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg	<u>Nov. 27</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé	<u>Nov. 30 & Dec. 4</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober
COMMUNION HELPERS	<u>Nov. 2</u> Jeff Grubb <u>Nov. 6</u> Jeremy Robinson		<u>Nov. 16</u> Erich Freiny <u>Nov. 20</u> Alan Bober			<u>Nov. 30</u> Ben Husby <u>Dec. 4</u> Mark Kipf

Would you like to help “feed some lambs”?

Our congregation is accepting donations to Zion's two "Zion School Tuition Assistance" funds. These funds are set up to specifically assist families in need within the congregation and the community with tuition assistance scholarships for their child attending Zion Lutheran School. With recent events, there is a particular need due to the financial challenges facing several of our families this year.



There are two funds, one designated to help any family in our community wishing to attend Zion Lutheran School, and one designated for Zion congregation member families. We have already used most of the funds available to us for member families for the new school year, and our general fund (open to all school families) already does not meet our needs for the next school year.

If you are interested in making a donation to either of these funds, please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church". Please write in the check memo line which fund you wish the donation to go to:

"ZLS Tuition Assistance – General" or

"ZLS Tuition Assistance – Zion Member".

Donations not designated to a specific fund will be applied to the funds as needed at the discretion of the school board and church council.

Thank you for helping Zion Lutheran School to do all we can to answer Christ's call to "feed his lambs and sheep".

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." – John 21:15b