



First Sunday *of* Advent

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

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.

This is the first Sunday in the Advent season. In Advent the Word of God bids us prepare for the coming of Christ. The readings for Advent have this urgency to them: Since he is surely coming again in judgment, we desperately need for him to come to us first in grace. For without that coming in grace we will perish at his coming in judgment. The blue paraments are used to signify preparation for the coming of the Savior. We're preparing to celebrate when he came 2000 years ago that first Christmas, but we also are preparing for his coming at the end of this world when he comes back in the clouds of the sky. Blue is the color of the sky and of hope, the hope that we have in that glorious day.

WORSHIP FOCUS: Christ is coming soon; let us always be prepared to meet him.

The Hymn of the Day: Savior of the Nations, Come

The Hymn of the Day is a key element in the service. The practice of having a chief hymn for the day in the service has roots deep in historical, liturgical Lutheran worship tradition. Its purpose is to respond closely to the theme of the day.

In singing today's hymn, we join Christians throughout time who have been singing this hymn since the 4th Century. It highlights the wonder of God coming in flesh as a child, the Savior of all people.

Liturgy: Common Service

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Prelude Music: Variations on Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Harold Rohlic
Anna Laura Page
Wilber Held

OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

REDEEMER

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The King of Glory Comes

Refrain

The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.

- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 He gave his life for us, the lamb of sal - va - tion;
- 4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Refrain

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 He goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

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 Tune: PROMISED ONE (12 12 with Refrain) Israeli melody, 20th century.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

P: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

C: **But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

P: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.

Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23

ALL:

O, come, O, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

P: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God’s mercy, today we light the hope candle. The Spirit declares through the psalmist, “Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption.”

C: We wait for the Lord, and in his word we put our hope.

Galatians 4:4,5; Psalm 130:5,7

Advent Candle is lighted

ALL:

O, come, our Hope, who has de - clared "Sal - va - tion's won; do
 not de - spair." Help us be - lieve that once for all
 You bore God's wrath, re - deem - ing all. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

P: In the hope of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

C: God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

ALL:



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.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

64 Oh, that you would rip open the heavens and come down. Mountains then would quake because of your presence. ² As fire ignites stubble and as fire makes water boil, make your name known to your adversaries. Then nations would quake in your presence. ³ You did amazing things that we did not expect. You came down. Mountains quaked because of your presence. ⁴ From ancient times no one has heard. No ear has understood. No eye has seen any god except you, who goes into action for the one who waits for him. ⁵ You meet anyone who joyfully practices righteousness, who remembers you by walking in your ways! But you were angry because we sinned. We have remained in our sins for a long time. Can we still be saved? ⁶ All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth. All of us have withered like a leaf, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. ⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you. So you hid your face from us. You made us melt by the power of our guilt. ⁸ But now, LORD, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. All of us are the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be angry, LORD, without limit. Do not remember our guilt forever. Please look closely. All of us are your people. (EHV)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! ⁴ I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, ⁶ because the testimony about Christ was established in you. ⁷ As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. (EHV)

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)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

11 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.’” ⁴They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵Some who were standing there asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go. ⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest! (EHV)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ADVENT

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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.

SERMON THEME

He is Coming to Save Us

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 134*
CW 32

“O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”
“When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”

134

O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice! Ex - ul - tant
 2 He wears no king - ly crown, Yet as a
 3 The weak and tim - id find How meek he
 4 E'en babes with one ac - cord With you shall
 5 Then go your Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves



raise your voice To hail the day of glo - ry
 King is known; Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor,
 is and kind; He gra - cious - ly will hear you
 praise the Lord And ev - 'ry gen - tile na - tion
 at his feet; Your gar - ments spread be - fore him,



Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry. Ho - san - na!
 He shall make death sur - ren - der. Ho - san - na!
 And be for - ev - er near you. Ho - san - na!
 Re - spond with ex - ul - ta - tion: Ho - san - na!
 And hon - or and a - dore him. Ho - san - na!



Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!
 Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!
 Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!
 Now a - dore him; With prais - es bow be - fore him!
 Sing the sto - ry Of Christ, the King of glo - ry!

Text: Danish hymn, c. 1600, abr., adapt.; tr. Victor O. Petersen, 1864–1929, alt.

Tune: WO SOLL ICH FLIEHEN HIN (66 77 77) *Der Bussfertige Sünder*, Nürnberg, 1679, alt.

32 When Sinners See Their Lost Condition



1 When sin - ners see their lost con - di - tion And feel
 2 When Je - sus en - ters meek and low - ly To fill
 3 When Je - sus en - ters land and na - tion And chang -
 4 When Je - sus comes— O bless - ed sto - ry— He works
 5 Oh, may he soon to ev - 'ry na - tion Find en -



the press - ing load of sin And Je - sus comes on
 the home with sweet - est peace, When hearts have felt his
 es peo - ple with his love, When, yield - ing to his
 a change in heart and life; God's king - dom comes with
 trance where he is un - known, With life and light and



his blest mis - sion To heal the sin - sick
 bless - ing ho - ly And found from sin com -
 kind per - sua - sion, Our hearts his truth and
 pow'r and glo - ry To young and old, to
 free sal - va - tion, That Sa - tan's pow'r be



heart with - in, All grief must flee be - fore his
 plete re - lease, Then calm and joy with - in shall
 bless - ing prove, Then shall our life on earth be
 man and wife. Through sac - ra - ment and liv - ing
 o - ver - thrown, And heal - ing to all hearts may



grace, And joy di - vine will take its place.
 reign, And hearts di - vid - ed love a - gain.
 blest; The peace of God on us shall rest.
 Word Faith, love, and hope are now con - ferred.
 come In heath - en land and Chris - tian home!

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

ADVENT

12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, abr., alt.
 Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820, alt.

POSTLUDE MUSIC: Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

Johann Walther

Officiants

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VOTER'S MEETING—We extended a call to Pastor Kendall Cook. Pastor Cook returned the call for Associate Pastor. A new call meeting is being scheduled soon.

PAULA'S HOUSE: Once again this year Zion Church and School is supporting the women and the children who are staying at Paula's House. The giving tree is in the school hallway with gift tags. Please have the gift wrapped and returned to the school by Monday, December 18th. If you have time available and would like to come help us sort and label the gifts for delivery we are planning on Tuesday, December 19th after morning coffee at the Oasis (in the Zion gym) to begin work. Thank you in advance for all the support.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY: This year the sanctuary decorating is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at 9 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer to let us know how many people we can plan on having here to decorate. Many hands make quick work. Please consider using your talents and time to come help make the sanctuary represent this wonderful time of the year.

TUITION FUNDS FOR ZION SCHOOL – There have been many questions recently regarding the Tuition Funds at Zion School. There are two separate funds:

1) "Zion Members Tuition Fund" – This is for members of Zion who send their children to Zion school but need assistance with their tuition.

2) "General Tuition Fund" – This is for students who attend Zion but are not members at Zion. This is to help them with the cost of attending school at Zion,

Individuals who are seeking assistance do have to apply for the help and provide information regarding why they have a need for assistance. If you would like to give to either of the funds at any time just indicate which fund on your church envelope. Thank you in advance for considering these funds.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. First Advent Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. First Midweek Advent Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Second Advent Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

December Volunteers

	Nov. 29 & Dec. 3	Dec. 6 & 10	Dec. 13 & 17	Dec. 20	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 31
Altar Guild			Linda Selvidge &	Diane Affholter			
Live Stream Helpers	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl	9:00 a.m. Miller Sordahl 7:00 p.m. William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger
Ushers	<u>Nov. 29</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger <u>Dec. 3</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	<u>Dec. 6</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Dec. 10</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Dec. 13</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matt Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Dec. 17</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	<u>Dec. 20</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach Turner	<u>Dec. 24</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Zach Turner <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale	<u>Dec. 25</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger	<u>Dec. 31</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier
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