

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
First Sunday of Advent
LBW Setting One
Sunday, November 28, 2021**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:**

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (LBW 34, verse 1)

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

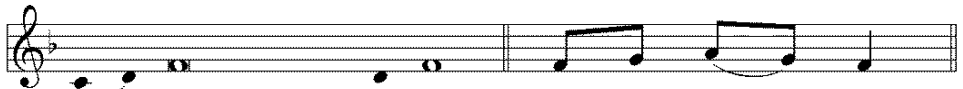
***ENTRANCE HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" LBW 29 vs. 1, 2**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**




A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



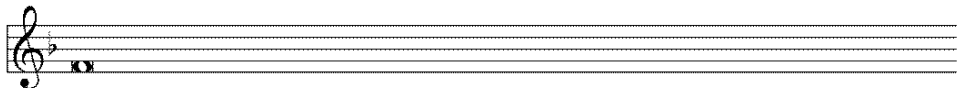
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



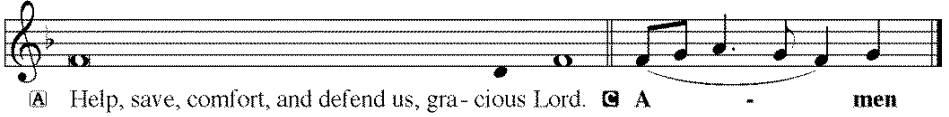
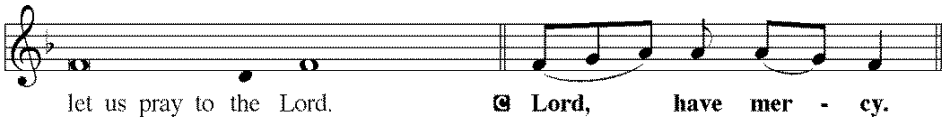
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



***HYMN OF PRAISE: “People Look East” (WOV 626, verse 1)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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. **Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O
LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you

unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME AND SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Advent of Our God”** **LBW 31 vs. 1, 2**

***APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence.

A brief silence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**


The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Staying in your pew, please exchange the peace with those around you as appropriate. Wave to folks in other pews.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 75)**



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 to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive
them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

***BLESSING (LBW p. 74)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: “Fling Wide the Door”**

LBW 32 vs. 1, 2

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Today’s altar flowers are presented by Donna Price, in memory of my father, Donald Batchelor.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/5/21

Mal 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Phil 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kelly Allen, Kristi McCullough King, Warren Laughman, Randy McCullough,
Don Miller, Brian Phelps, Gloria & Jim Ream, Diane Smith,
LeMos & Susette Stallard, Karl & Annette Steger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services are videotaped and streamed live each week. It is possible during recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concern about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

Today is Loose Change Sunday. November’s collection will benefit the Glen Rock Library. They are experiencing financial difficulties this year – any donation would be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS... a time for giving and sharing! The Christian Education Committee will be collecting Gifts of Warmth once again this year (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) to adorn our Christmas Tree which will be set up in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. The tree will be set up December 5 through January 2, 2022. Although all donations for children, teens, women, and men are greatly appreciated, there is a great need for hats, scarves, gloves and socks for men, particularly large sizes. All donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army in York at the end of the collection period. **As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, let us remember the true spirit of the season and share God’s bountiful blessings.** We understand that these are difficult times and that donations may not be as fruitful this year. In speaking with a representative of

the Salvation Army, they were thrilled to learn that we will be continuing this tradition and remember Zion with grateful hearts. Questions may be directed to any member of the Committee: Lois Goodling, Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Bill Ream, Gloria Ream, Jim Ream, Pam Spangler, Bev Reindollar, Chair, Evelyn Roser.

WE GIVE THANKS – As we enter the season of fall, seeing all the crops being harvested, it is difficult to understand that people around the world go hungry. We are blessed! The Christian Education committee will once again be supporting God’s Global Barnyard. You will have the opportunity to purchase farm animals for those in underdeveloped countries by visiting the display in the back of the sanctuary from today thru November 28th. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were not able to continue this tradition last year. Please join us in making a difference in people’s lives around the world.

VIP cards and goodie bags - Our local VIPS include: Norma Innerst, Joyce Bosley, Dorothy Lentz, Shirley Henry, Kristi McCullough King, and LeMos & Suzette Stallard. Thank you for the generous donations of goodies for the VIPS. The only things still needed are homemade cookies and more cards. All items and cards should be brought to church on or before Dec. 5th. Christmas cards for Tanya Krout should be mailed to:

Smart Communication/PADOC
Tanya Krout/006199
SCI Cambridge Springs
PO Box 33028
St. Petersburg, FL 33733

A Congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, December 12th. The current agenda items are the 2022 budget and discussion about the worship time. Printed copies of the proposed 2022 budget are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Upcoming Lectors:

- Nov. 28 – Shirley Seitz
- Dec. 5 – Kelley Fisher
- Dec. 12 – Jen Webb
- Dec. 19 – Sandy Fair
- Dec. 24 – George Brown
- Dec. 26 – Nola Webb

Council Offering Duty:

- November – Gevene Harden and Tom Bailey
- December – Rick Freda and Susie Hengst

Altar Care:

- November – Sandy Fair
- December – Diane Bortner and Donna Price

Social Time Hosts:

- Nov. 28 – Fisher family
- Dec. 5 – Kay & Jim Hoffman
- Dec. 12 – Beegle family
- Dec. 19 – Bev Reindollar
- Dec. 26 – Jeff & Pam Hoffman

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

PERSONNEL here at ZION

- Pastor Paul Haack, Stated Sunday Supply Pastor
- Pastor Katie Brantner, Interim Pastoral Care Coordinator...717-420-0779
- Darryl Engler, Organist
- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Natalie Walker, Custodian
- Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-891-5327
- Donna Price, Council President.....717-235-5465

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Donna Price, Joy Keller-Brown, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden, Rick Freda

FINANCIAL Information for YOU

Weekly Contributions and Expenses

2021 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,471.00

11/21/2021 Regular Contributions \$ 2,099.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 4,400.00

-\$ 4,459.00 *Dedicated Dollars*

\$ 2,040.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 0.00

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2021

Regular Contributions \$ 91,363.18

Other Contributions/Gifts + \$ 14,477.61

Dedicated Dollars - \$ 24,081.32

Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 81,759.47

Expenses to date: \$ 97,855.85

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