

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
First Sunday of Advent  
LBW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, December 1, 2019**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

**PRELUDE: "Chorale on Wachtet Auf, uns die Stimme" J.S. Bach**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***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  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

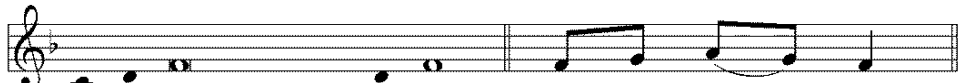
**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (LBW 30)**

**\*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)**



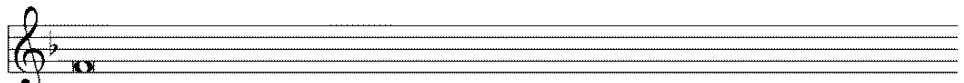
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



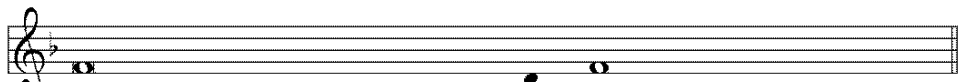
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.



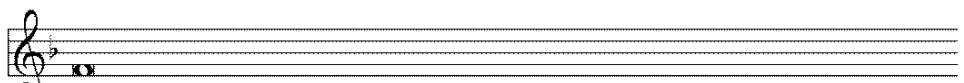
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



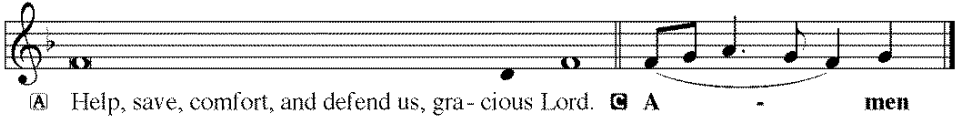
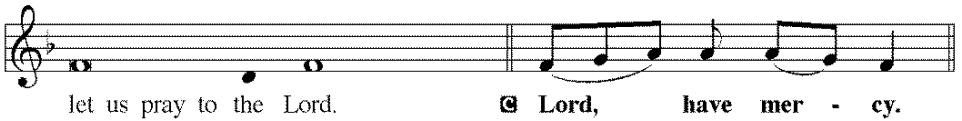
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**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: Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the LORD’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they | said to me,  
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

<sup>2</sup>**Now our | feet are standing  
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built | as a city  
that is at unity | with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the | thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the | house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:  
“May they pros- | per who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- | in your walls  
and quietness with- | in your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For my brethren and com- | panions’ sake,  
I pray for | your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the | LORD our God,  
I will seek to | do you good.”

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain”  
(LBW Canticle 7)**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (LBW p. 83)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying” (LBW 31)**

**\*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)**

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. (*We pray especially for . . .*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love. Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## COLLECTION

### \*OFFERING (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**

### \*DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\*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.**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)**

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

(LBW 224)

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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: “Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice” (LBW 25)**

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

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

**POSTLUDE: “Soon and Very Soon” Andrae Crouch**

Today’s communion bread and wine are presented to the Glory of God, by Butch and Susie Hengst.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/8/19**

Isa 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Rom 15:4-13, Matt 3:1-12

**INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS**

- ❖ **Restrooms** are located on the level of the Upstairs Fellowship Area very close to the steps on the right hand side of the stage, and in the hallway at the top of the steps on the left hand side of the stage.
- ❖ **We offer a Nursery** for young children who are still learning to take part in worship, and may need some time outside of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **We have two rockers in the back of the sanctuary** for those who want to rock little ones or who may need a different seating option other than a pew. Please feel free to use the rockers as you need.
- ❖ **We hope you find us gracious and welcoming** on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY**

Greeters.....	Ron & Lois Goodling
Acolyte.....	Owen Fisher
Assisting Minister.....	Diane Bortner
Lector.....	Chad Fisher
Offering Ushers.....	Donna Price, Bill Ream, Jeff Hoffman, Rich Harden
Communion Usher.....	Rich Harden
Communion Assistant.....	Sandy Fair
Nursery.....	Webb family
Social Time.....	Choir
Offering Depositors.....	Donna Price, Bill Ream
Counters.....	Evie Roser, Diane Bortner

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Bailey, Linda Beegle, Floyd Dell, Betty Gaither, Mike Gemmill, Shannon Hildebrand, Karen Landis, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Steve Scott, Bryan Sellers, Susette Stallard

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Inclement weather:** If services or activities at Zion will be changed, canceled or otherwise impacted by inclement weather, you will find a notice of the change on Zion's website, Zion's Facebook page, and the Church Office telephone answering machine (717-235-3276). If this change will impact a Sunday morning service, you'll find it posted by 8:00AM on Sunday morning. Ultimately, you should use your best judgement on whether or not to travel during inclement weather.

**CHRISTMAS... a time for giving and sharing! The Christian Education Committee will, once again, be collecting Gifts of Warmth** (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) to adorn our Christmas Tree which will be located in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. The tree will be up and ready for decoration on December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be available for your generous donations through December 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.** 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.

**The Giving Tree for the Southern Community Services Project Elves is up and decorated.** Please choose a tag(s) to give joy to our sponsored family with 4 children. All unwrapped gifts must be at Zion no later than December 8th. Thank you for your anticipated generous support.

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, 12/8/19, immediately after worship, to vote on the 2020 Proposed Budget.** Copies of the 2020 Proposed Budget can be found on the sign-up table in the Upstairs Fellowship Area.

**The Visitation Team is collecting items for Zion's VIP Christmas goodie baskets.** Items needed are: Hershey kisses, hand lotion, chapstick, and homemade cookies in small bags. The team is also collecting birthday cards for Mardella Shepperd's December birthday and Christmas cards for all of Zion's VIPs. VIPs include: Joyce Bosley, Floyd Dell, Margaret Fritz, Norma Innerst, Arlene Kapp, Tanya Krout, Dorothy Lentz, Paul and Mardella Shepperd and Susette Stallard. Everything is needed by Sunday, December 8th.

Your cards and letters for Tanya Krout must be sent to her in a plain white envelope without any embellishments.

The address is:

Smart Communication/PADOC

Tanya Krout/006199

SCI Cambridge Springs

PO Box 33028

St. Petersburg, FL 33733

**Caroling to Zion's VIPs will take place on Friday, Dec. 13th.** We will be leaving Zion's parking lot promptly at 12:30pm. There will not be a lunch stop on our itinerary this year so please plan accordingly. Carol sheets will be available. Remember, a perfect singing voice is NOT a requirement! The day is for bringing a little Christmas Joy to our VIPs. We'd love to have you join us.

**Most worship services are recorded.** Audio recordings of the lessons and sermons can be found on Zion's website [www.zionglenrock.org](http://www.zionglenrock.org).

**Pre-reader and reader versions of the children's bulletin** can be found in the Hanover St. vestibule on a weekly basis.

**Additional parking, during worship services and events at Zion,** is available in the Glen Rock Ambulance Club parking lot.

**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  
Nick Galinaitis, Music Director  
Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant  
Delores Hickman, Custodian  
Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-235-3641  
Joy Keller-Brown, Council President.....717-235-7044

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm**

## ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, 12/1**

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

-Children's Church begins after Children's Time with the pastor

10:15 AM Social Time

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

### **Monday, 12/2**

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group

7:00 PM Council meeting

7:30 PM AA

### **Tuesday, 12/3**

7:00 PM Cub Scouts

### **Thursday, 12/5**

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

## ZION'S SCHEDULE for the NEXT WEEK

### Sunday, 12/8

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

-Children's Church begins after Children's Time with the pastor

Congregational meeting, immediately following worship

Social Time following the Congregational meeting

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

6:15 PM Youth Group

### Monday, 12/9

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group

7:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting

7:30 PM AA

### Tuesday, 12/10

7:00 PM Cub Scouts

### Thursday, 12/12

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

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Acolyte.....	Travis King
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