

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Second Sunday of Advent  
LBW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, December 5, 2021**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

\***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:**

**"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (LBW 34, verse 2)**

\***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: “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”**

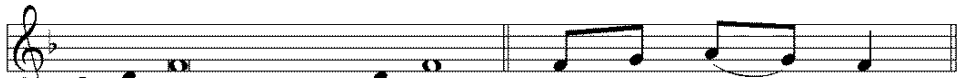
**LBW 27 vs. 1, 2**

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

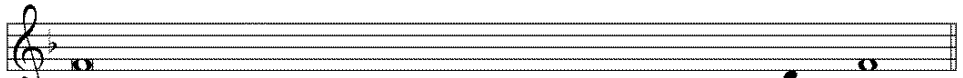
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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



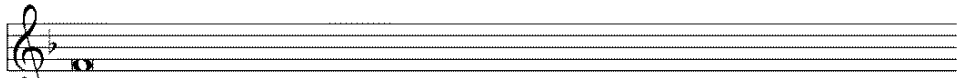
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.




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



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




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



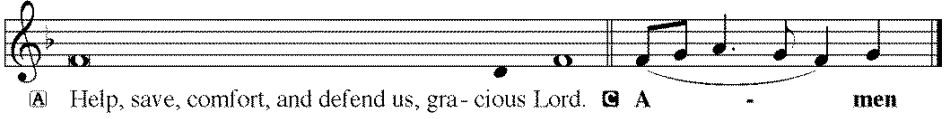
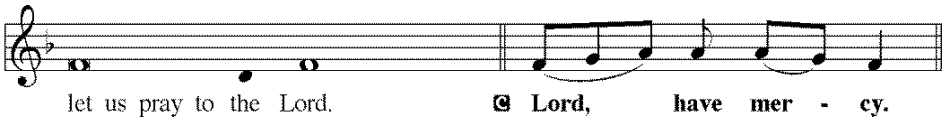
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** 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 2)**

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Luke 1:68-79**

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup>that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who  
hate us.

<sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
<sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

## **SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler

of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Prepare the Royal Highway” LBW 26 vs. 1, 4**

### **\*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.*

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill (*especially*). Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. 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**

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

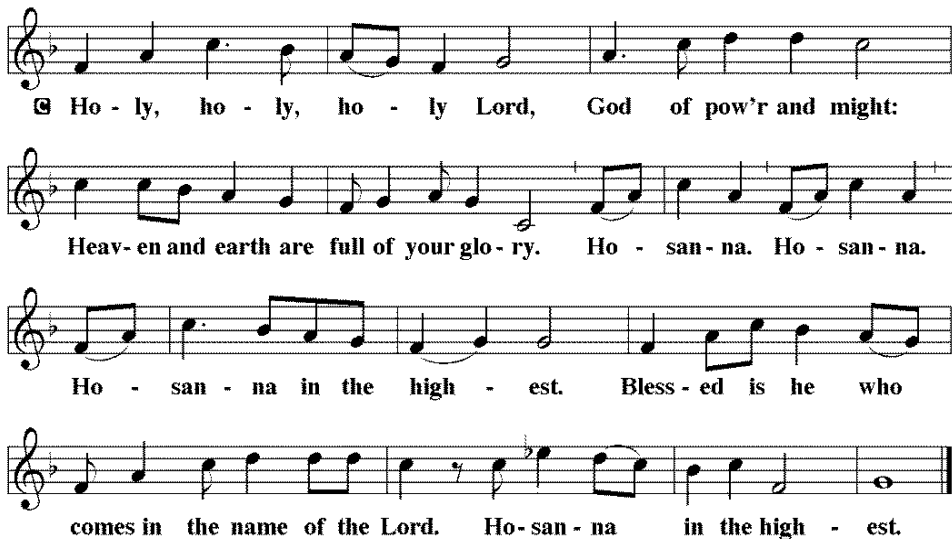
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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)**

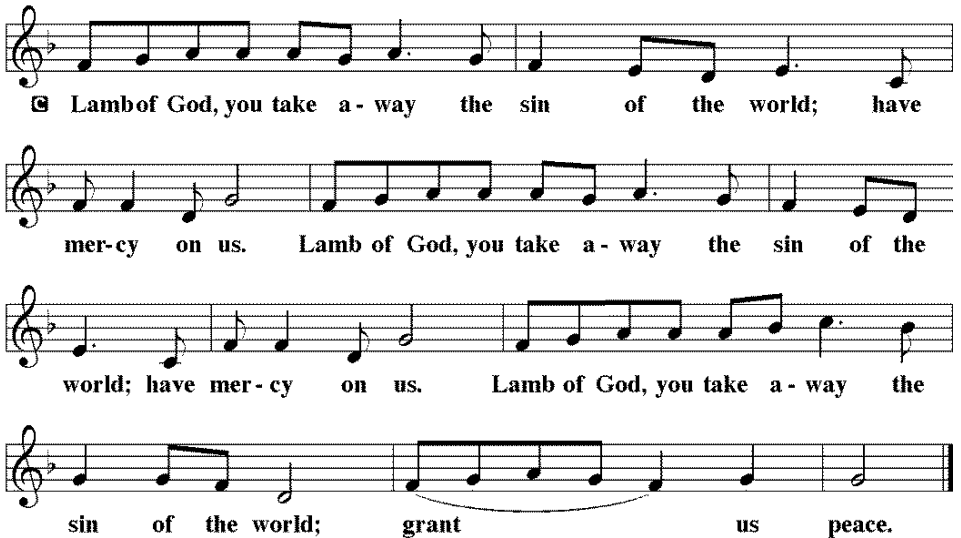
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**\*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: "Hark, the Glad Sound!"**

**LBW 35 vs. 1, 4**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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

Today's communion elements are sponsored by Bev Reindollar.

Today's altar flowers are presented in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dise & Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ream, by Mr. & Mrs. James Ream & family.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/12/21**

Zeph 3:14-20, Isa 12:2-6, Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

## 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.

**The family of Rose (Chandler) Bell invites you to send Christmas greetings to Rose this holiday season.** Cards and letters can be sent to: RoseJean Bell #117, Fox Subacute, 120 S. Filbert St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

**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.

**A Congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.** 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:**

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

**Council Offering Duty:**

December – Rick Freda and Susie Hengst

**Altar Care:**

December – Diane Bortner and Donna Price

**Social Time Hosts:**

Dec. 5 – Bev Reindollar

Dec. 12 – Beegle family

Dec. 19 – Kay & Jim Hoffman

Dec. 26 – Jeff & Pam Hoffman

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

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