Zion Lutheran Church Glen Rock, PA Second Sunday of Advent

LBW Holy Communion Setting One Sunday, December 8, 2019

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

PRELUDE: "Pastoral Scene" Mozart

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (LBW 34, verses 1 & 2)

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

In the name of the Father, and of the \oplus 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

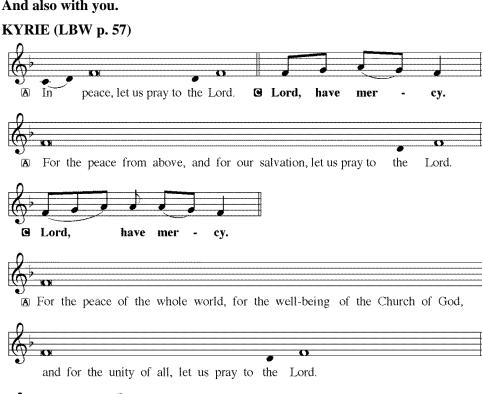
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the 4 Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*ENTRANCE HYMN: "The King Shall Come" (LBW 33)

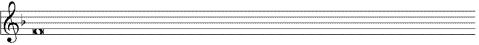
*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

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.







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



*HYMN OF PRAISE: "People Look East" (WOV 626)

*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

ANTHEM: "Oh Zion, Herald of Good News" Handel

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your jus- | tice, O God, and your righteousness to | the king's son;

²that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the little | hills bring righteousness.

⁴He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another.

⁶He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

⁷In his time shall the | righteous flourish;

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁸Blessed be the Lord GOD, the | God of Israel, who alone does | wondrous deeds!

¹⁹And blessed be his glorious | name forever, and may all the earth be filled with his glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may

with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

¹¹and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him";

¹²and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight."

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he

said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (LBW p. 83)

*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"" (LBW 29)

*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.

God of promise, your reign has come near. Call your people to the way of repentance and inspire your church to bear fruit in the world through acts of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the calf, and all species whose lives are intertwined. Repair and preserve ecosystems, that all life on earth may be sustained. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, teach those with power and privilege to serve the vulnerable. Give to all leaders wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and a heart of compassion for the world you so love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the poor, set tables of abundance in all places where hands are empty, where stomachs ache with hunger, and where hearts and minds suffer pain. Feed and heal all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of hope, renew in your people all joy and peace in believing, especially those facing anxiety, depression, or alienation. Guide this community of faith to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of eternal life, you promise to take away our sin and gather us in your care forever. We give thanks for those who now rest from their labors on earth, freed from pain and the power of death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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.

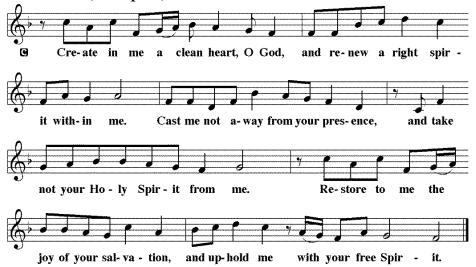
*PEACE (LBW p. 66)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

COLLECTION

*OFFERING (LBW p. 75)



*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.

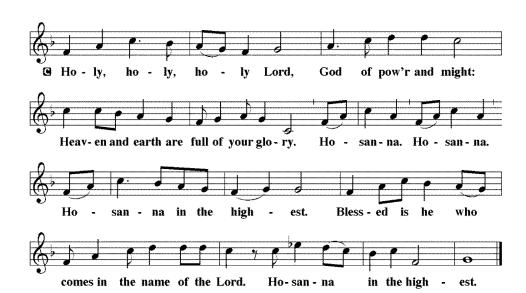
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



*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,

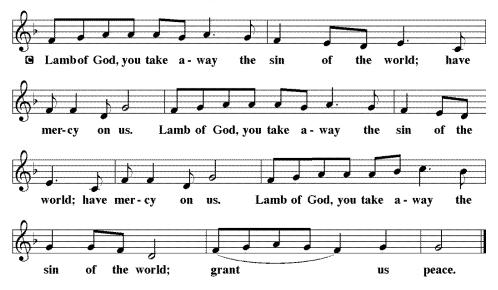
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)



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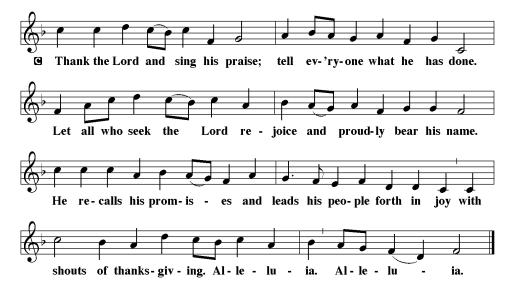
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Holy Child within the Manger" (WOV 638)

*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**



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 \oplus give you peace.

Amen

*SENDING HYMN: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"" (LBW 37)

*DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)

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

POSTLUDE: "In Dulce Jubilo" Marcel Dupre

Today's altar flowers are presented by Barb Muggio and family, in loving memory of my father, Kenneth Day.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/15/19

Isa 35:1-10. Psalm 146:5-10. James 5:7-10. Matt 11:2-11

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	Sandy Fair, Sue Hengst
Acolyte	Travis King
Assisting Minister	Shirley Seitz
Lector	Jim Hoffman
Offering Ushers	Donna Price, Bill Ream,
	Felicia Ernst, Eric Webb
Communion Usher	Eric Webb
Communion Assistant	Renate Shiles
Nursery	Harden family
Social Time	Jim & Kay Hoffman
Offering Depositors	Donna Price, Bill Ream
Counters	Bev Reindollar, Gloria Ream

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a congregational meeting today, 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.

Have ideas for Zion's worship service? Concerned about something that needs to be fixed? Got questions about Zion's day to day operations? We are here for you! Please reach out to Bill, Donna or Joy anytime with your ideas, concerns and questions. They will listen and work toward continuous improvement. Small changes make big impacts and your ideas are valuable.

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Bill Ream, Council Member wreamjr@aol.com 717-871-4821

Included in today's bulletin is a "Family and Friends of Zion Directory Inclusion Form". Please take time to fill out your individual information, and the information for your household members. Completed forms can be placed in the offering plate or the Administrative Assistant's mailbox on the church office door. This new directory is not just for members of Zion so we encourage you to share this form with anyone you think may want to be included in the directory. Completed forms should be returned to the church office no later than Sunday, 1/5/2020. A new directory will be created using the information from the returned forms.

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.

Brenda will not have office hours between Wednesday, December 18th and Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Regular office hours (M-F, 9:30am-12:30pm) will on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Any bulletin resume information/announcements for Sunday, 12/22; Christmas Eve; Sunday, 12/29; or Sunday, 1/5 should be submitted to the church office by Sunday, 12/15 so there is time to review the info. Contribution counting will take place as usual. During Brenda's time away from the office, Zion's Council President, Joy Keller-Brown or Pastor Katie Brantner can be contacted with questions and/or pastoral needs. Joy can be reached at joykb@keller-brown.com or 717-235-7044 (home). Pastor Katie can be reached at katie.brantner@gmail.com or 717-420-0779 (cell/text).

On Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 12:00 noon Zion Lutheran Glen Rock will host a Community Christmas Eve Worship Service. This mid-day service would allow those who can't drive at night and those who will be away for Christmas Eve night service a chance to worship. It will be a simple service with Christmas carols, prayers, lessons, and communion. Pastor Katie and Pastor Doug are coordinating the service. Nick Galinaitis will be the organist.

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 1st and will be available for your generous donations through December 29th. 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.

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, an update will be posted by 8:00AM on Sunday morning. Ultimately, you should use your best judgement on whether or not to travel during inclement weather.

Most worship services are recorded. Audio recordings of the lessons and sermons can be found on Zion's website 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

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ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS 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

ZION'S SCHEDULE for the NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 12/15

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

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

10:10AM Social Time

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday, 12/16

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group

7:30 PM AA

Tuesday, 12/17

6:30 PM Christian Ed Committee

Wednesday, 12/18

No Office hours

Thursday, 12/19

No Office hours

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 12/20

No Office hours

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Acolyte	Allison Fisher
Assisting Minister	George Brown
Lector	Mariane Harden
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	Tom Spangler, Becki McCullough
Communion Usher	Becki McCullough
Communion Assistant	Gevene Harden
Nursery	McCullough family
Social Time	Sheree Sidler
Offering Depositors	Donna Price, Bill Ream
Counters	Dave & Shirley Seitz

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