Zion Lutheran Church Glen Rock, PA

Nativity of Our Lord LBW Holy Communion Setting One Tuesday, December 24, 2019

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

PRELUDE MUSIC:

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme / Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

- J.S. Bach /Philipp Nicolai

I Saw Three Ships – Traditional arr. N. Galinaitis

O Zion Herald of Good News – G. F. Handel arr. Hal H. Hopson

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming – from the Geistliche Kirchengesang

Good Christian Men Rejoice! - Traditional

Away In a Manger - Traditional

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light – J.S. Bach

Coventry Carol - Traditional

In the Bleak Midwinter – Holst/Rossetti

Prelude In E Flat Major Op. 23 No. 4/The First Noel

S. Rachmaninoff/Traditional Medley Arrangement by N. Galinaitis
Sing We Now Of Christmas – K. Cartwright

Special thanks to Jim Hoffman for accompanying on trumpet.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around your Son, born for us. Bless us with your holy presence and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Be with us that we might share Christ's love with all the world, for he is our light and salvation. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. **Amen.**

*ENTRANCE HYMN: "O, Come, All Ye Faithful" (LBW 45)

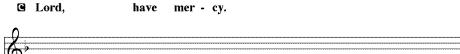
*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

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: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (LBW 60)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

ANTHEM: "Love Came Down At Christmas"

John Purifoy/Christina Rossetti

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness-

on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.

²Sing to the LORD and | bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

³Declare his glory a- | mong the nations and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised; he is more to be feared | than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols; but it is the LORD who | made the heavens.

⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD hon- or and power.

8Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name; bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness; let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!

He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peo- | ples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all I that is in it:

let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes.

when he comes to | judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the | world with righteousness and the peoples | with his truth.

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

(LBW 50)

*GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (LBW p. 63)

*HYMN OF THE NIGHT: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (LBW 54)

*NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64)

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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

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

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Wonderful counselor, on this holy night your church throughout the world celebrates the Word of God being born among us. Endow your church with a zeal for sharing your love and grace with all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of hosts, the heavens are glad, the earth rejoices, and the trees sing for joy at your coming. Grant us wisdom to care for your creation in ways that benefit all of your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prince of peace, your grace has appeared and brings salvation to all. Bring healing to people and nations divided by violence. Direct the leaders of the nations, so that in self-controlled, upright, and godly living, they may work toward peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God of mercy, you come among us as a vulnerable infant. Protect all in need: those without homes or caregivers, those who grieve, all who are hungry, and all who are ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, we praise you for gathering us tonight to worship in holy splendor. Direct our worship, fellowship, and service, so that our lives and Christian witness may be pleasing to you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Everlasting God, your steadfast love never ends. Thank you for revealing your faithfulness and love to us through the saints of every time and place. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE (LBW p. 66)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

COLLECTION

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "What Child Is This" (LBW 40)

*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.

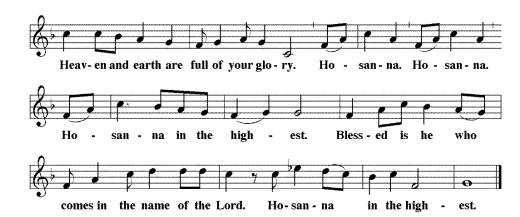
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 70)

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)



COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW 56, 41, 55, 67, 58

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

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

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (LBW 71)

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

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

Arise, shine; for your light has come:

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth

And the thick darkness the peoples.

But the Lord will arise upon you.

And his glory will be seen upon you.

And the nations shall come to your light.

At this time, Pastor will light a candle from an altar candle which symbolizes the divine nature of Christ. The light will be passed to the ushers. They in turn will pass the light to the first person in each pew. They will pass it on. **The lighted candle is never tilted but always held upright while passing the light.**

*SPECIAL MUSIC/HYMN:

- "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam, soloist, Butch Hengst
- "A Christmas Blessing" -Stewart/Larson
- "Silent Night, Holy Night!" (LBW 65) Please join in the singing of the hymn

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.

Glory to God in the highest

Let your light so shine before all.

That they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Let us pray. O God, who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant, that as we have known on earth the

mysteries of that light, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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

*HYMN: "Joy to the World" (LBW 39)

*DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)

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

POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah Chorus" -G.W. Handel

This evening's altar flowers are presented in honor of Nicolas Prego's birthday, by grandparents, Dave & Shirley Seitz.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/29/19

Isa 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Heb 2:10-18, Matt 2:13-23

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 THIS EVENING

GreetersSue Hengst, Tom Bailey, Ro	on & Lois Goodling, Brenda Davis
Acolyte	Owen Fisher
Assisting Minister	Mariane Harden
Lector	Kay Hoffman
Offering Ushers	Donna Price, Bill Ream,
	Dave Seitz, Jeff Hoffman
Communion Usher	Tom Bailey
Communion Assistant	Ron Goodling
Nursery	Available, but not staffed
Offering Depositors	Donna Price, Bill Ream

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Additional forms can be found on the sign-up table in the Upstairs Fellowship Area. 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.

Servants' lists for January and February are now available on the sign-up table in the Upstairs Fellowship Area.

The office will not be receiving the 2020 offering envelopes until sometime in January. The company we order our envelopes from has stated they are having an issue with production machines and cannot produce our order, at this time. Generic offering envelopes are available on the sign-up table in the Upstairs Fellowship area for you to use in January. Your 2020 envelope number will be the same as your envelope number in 2019.

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 resume on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Any bulletin 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).

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.

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 Donna Price, Council Vice President momcat05@gmail.com 717-235-5465

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

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

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ZION'S SCHEDULE for the NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 12/29

9:00 AM Lessons & Carols

10:10AM Social Time

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday, 12/30

No Office hours

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group

7:30 PM AA

Tuesday, 12/31

No Office hours

Wednesday, 1/1

No Office hours

Thursday, 1/2

Regular Office hours resume (M-F 9:30am-12:30pm)

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY 12/29/19

Greeters	Tom & Pam Spangler
Acolyte	Travis King
Assisting Minister	not needed
Lector	multiple readers
Offering Ushers	Donna Price, Bill Ream,
	Jeff Brown, Gevene Harden
Communion Usher	not needed
Communion Assistant	not needed
Nursery	Felicia Ernst, volunteer needed
Social Time	Becki McCullough
Offering Depositors	Donna Price, Bill Ream
-	Tom Bailey, Terry Smith

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