

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Nativity of Our Lord
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Friday, December 24, 2021

*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:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

“Panis Angelicus” - Jim Hoffman

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

“Ave Maria” - Jim Hoffman

“Once in David's Royal City”

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 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)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LBW 60, all 3 vs.**

***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

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.

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

³Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For 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.

⁶**Oh, 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 honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰**Tell 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 peoples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then 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.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” LBW 50, vs. 1, 2**

***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.**

CHILDREN’S TIME AND SERMON (LBW p. 63)

***HYMN OF THE NIGHT: “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” LBW 54,**

vs. 1, 4

***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.

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: “What Child Is This” LBW 40, vs. 1, 2**

***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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***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)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away 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: "Away in the Manger" LBW 67, all 3 vs.

***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, all 3 vs.

***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.

***SPECIAL MUSIC/HYMN:**

“O Holy Night” – soloist, Butch Hengst

“Silent Night, Holy Night!” (Please join in the singing) **LBW 65, all 3 vs.**

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, vs. 1, 2

POSTLUDE: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Today's communion elements are sponsored by Evie Roser.

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

Organ music recorded by Darryl Engler. Thanks to Jim Hoffman and Butch Hengst for their musical gifts tonight.

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 have two rockers in the back of the sanctuary** for those 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services are videotaped and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church's Facebook page. 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.

At the regular meeting of the Council on Monday, 12/6, the Council, recognizing a spike in Covid cases in York County, voted to suspend social time until after the holiday season, and strongly recommends wearing masks the whole time you are in the church building.

Offering envelopes for 2022 have not arrived yet. The printing company expects our order to be delivered in January but did not have an exact date. **Generic offering envelopes for you to use until the numbered envelopes arrive can be found near the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary. Your envelope number will not change for 2022.**

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

Poinsettias ~ In Memory Of:

Ruth & Nevin Hunt, by the family

Lillian & Spurgeon Hunt, by the family

George & Arlene Brown, by George Brown

Robert Karl Dietz, by George Brown

Donald & Anna Batchelor, by Donna Price

Roy & Ola Mae Price, by Donna Price

Parents, Paul W. Jr & Mardella Shepperd, by Paul "Skip" & Denise Shepperd families

Grandparents, Paul W. Sr & Anna Margaret Shepperd, by Paul "Skip" & Denise
Shepperd families

Mary McCullough, by Robert & children

Our parents, Wm. B. & Gloria Krout, by Tom & Pam Spangler

Our parents, Clyde & Hilda Spangler, by Tom & Pam Spangler

Richard & Barb Edsall, by Diane, Duke and Randy

World Hunger ~ In Honor Of:

David & Shirley Seitz, by daughters, Joan Nelson & Gail Prego and grandsons,
Alex & Nic Prego

Brett Reindollar, by Bev Reindollar

Darryl Engler, by Evelyn Roser

Tom Bailey, by Evelyn Roser

Chad Fisher, by Evelyn Roser

Pastor Paul, by Evelyn Roser

Our daughters, Joan & Gail, by Dave & Shirley Seitz

Our grandsons, Alex & Nic, by Dave & Shirley Seitz

Pastor Paul Haack, by Michael Warns & Rick Freda

World Hunger ~ In Memory Of:

Arlene Keller, by Jeff Brown & Joy Keller-Brown

Harold Keller, by Jeff Brown & Joy Keller-Brown

Sandy Keller, by Jeff Brown & Joy Keller-Brown

Joyce Keller, by Jeff Brown & Joy Keller-Brown

Arlene Brown, by Jeff Brown & Joy Keller-Brown

George Brown, by Jeff Brown & Joy Keller-Brown

Janet McCullough, by Gail, Alex & Nic Prego

Phyllis Prego, by grandsons, Alex & Nic Prego

Frank & Marie Kirchner, by Bev Reindollar

George Kirchner, by Bev Reindollar

Robert & Catherine Bupp, by Bev Reindollar

Our Parents, by Dave & Shirley Seitz

Janet McCullough, by Dave & Shirley Seitz

Philip Stake, by Dave & Shirley Seitz

Our parents, Wm. B. & Gloria Krout, by Tom & Pam Spangler

Our parents, Clyde & Hilda Spangler, by Tom & Pam Spangler

Jeff & Bev Krout, by Tom & Pam Spangler

Greg Krout, by Tom & Pam Spangler

Karen Landis, by Tom & Pam Spangler

Troy Goodling, by Tom & Pam Spangler