

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Service of Lessons & Carols
The First Sunday of Christmas
December 26, 2021**

*We stand as we are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***ENTRANCE HYMN: “The First Noel” LBW 56, vs. 1, 2**

***DIALOGUE**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-23

CAROL: “Lo, How a Rose Is Growing” LBW 58, vs. 1, 3

SECOND READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” LBW 44, vs. 1, 2

THIRD READING: Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LBW 41, vs. 1, 2

FOURTH READING: Luke 1:26-35,38

CAROL: “From Heaven Above” LBW 51, vs. 1, 2

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:1-7

CAROL: “Once in Royal David’s City” WOV 643, vs. 1, 4

SIXTH READING: Luke 2:8-16

CAROL: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LBW 60, all 3 vs.

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14

CAROL: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” LBW 42, vs. 1, 4

CHILDREN'S TIME AND SERMON

***HYMN: "Joy to the World" LBW 39, vs. 1, 4**

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY HYMN: "What Child Is This" LBW 40, vs. 1, 3**

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Let us pray. Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
Send your gifts of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven....**

***BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever more. Amen

***SENDING Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" LBW 55, all 3 vs.**

POSTLUDE

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 1/2/2022

Jer 31:7-14, Ps 147:12-20, Eph 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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 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.

Today's Loose Change Offering will benefit the Peggy Kingman Memorial Fund. Donations to this fund care for students' needs in the Southern York County School District.

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.**

Thank you cards received:

I can never thank you enough for all of my Christmas goodies. Your kindness really touched my heart. You are truly my family at Zion.

Bless you, Shirley Henry

Friends of Zion, Thank you for the cards, cookies and other goodies. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I miss seeing you and having you sing to me. God Bless you all and have a Merry Christmas.

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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 has been relocated to the rear of the sanctuary. 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.

Council Offering Duty:

December – Rick Freda and Susie Hengst

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

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