

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

December 21, 2022

*4<sup>th</sup> Advent Midweek Service*



*In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this evening be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.*



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## Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

# Vespers

Hymn

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

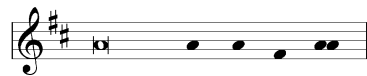
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- 1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,  
Came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption,  
Lowly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Came in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus comes again in mercy  
When our hearts are worn with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer  
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comes to save us from despair.
- 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;  
Jesus comes with words of gladness,  
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hope to all the world is giv'n.
- 4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,  
Shares alike our hopes and fears;  
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comforts us in failing years.

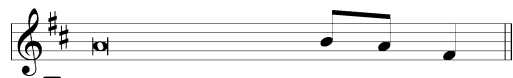
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*Stand*

## Opening Versicles *(Use Advent Response)*



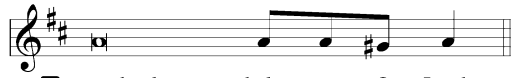
☐ O Lord, o - pen my lips,



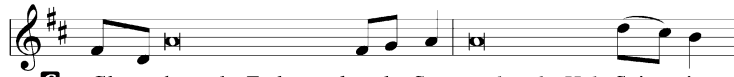
☐ and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Advent:* Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.  
*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Psalm

*Psalm 4*

- P** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
- C** You have given me relief when I was in distress.
- P** Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- C** O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
- P** How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
- C** But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;
- P** the LORD hears when I call to Him.
- C** Be angry, and do not sin;
- P** ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
- C** Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- P** There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"
- C** Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!"
- P** You have put more joy in my heart
- C** than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- P** In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
- C** for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
- and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning,
- is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from His roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

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

He shall not judge by what His eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what His ears hear,  
but with righteousness He shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all My holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and  
His resting place shall be glorious.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*John 16:1-11, 32-33*

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Advent Responory



- L** 1 Behold, the days  
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise  
up for David a righ-teous Branch.
- 2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will  
dwell se - cure - ly.
- 3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- G** This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

*Sit*

Hymn

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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- 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied  
Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,  
Led by a little child!**
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,  
A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:  
The fruit of God's design.**
- 3 As banner of God's love unfurled,  
Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world  
Would rally to the cross.**
- 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,  
Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—  
Come, open heaven's door.**

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Sermon

Waiting with Peace

Offering

*[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]*

*Stand*

# Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231

Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

# Canticle

## Magnificat

LSB 248

My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - garded  
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,  
3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;  
4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,  
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son

1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.  
2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - men. *Refrain*

# Prayer

## Litany

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**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

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

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our Synodical President, Pastor Matthew Harrison, for our District President, Pastor Tim Scharr, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**C Alleluia!**

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

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

**P** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C To You, O Lord.**

**Collect For Peace**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Collect For the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 251*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C 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.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

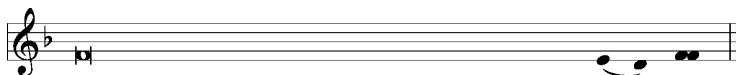
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**P** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve you.



**C** A - men.



- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain**
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**
- 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain**
- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain**
- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain**
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain**
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain**

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## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DEC. 25<sup>th</sup> AND JAN 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sunday School will not be in session on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. There will not be teachers or office staff available on those days during the Sunday school hour. We hope to see everyone in the church services those days. (Adult Bible class will continue to meet on both Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.)

### **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES AT ZION**

As Pastor-Elect Makey has moved to Pennsylvania to begin his first call, Zion's Adult Bible Class will move on to new topics. The topic for Christmas Day will be "False Views of Christmas." Bring the wrong ideas you have heard, and we will discuss them! Starting on January 1, we will begin a five-week study of the book of 1 John. Remember, Adult Bible Class will continue to meet on December 25 and January 1. We look forward to seeing you in Bible Class!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION'S NEW OFFICERS**

At the Voter's Meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, the following people were elected to offices at Zion Lutheran Church: Vice President, Ben Eatherton; Board of Elders, Geoff Phillips; Sunday School Superintendent, Marianne McDaniel; Asst. Sunday School Superintendent, Anna Pannier; Board of Trustees, Mark Hatcher; and Board of Finance, Amy Kolweier. Thanks to all those who allowed their names to be considered for elections. We pray God's blessings for diligent and Godly leadership as we look into the future. Please extend your congratulations and thanks to these individuals for being willing to serve in the Lord's church. We give thanks for Mike Twenhafel and Jon Robinson, as they continue their terms as President and Secretary. We would also like to say a big "thank you" to those who are finishing their terms in office, including Ben Eatherton, Chairman; Randy Schorfheide, Board of Elders; Amanda Ganey, Board of Education; Alicia Suedmeyer, Sunday School Superintendent; Alex Tubbs and Kurt Bretz, Board of Trustees; and Deb Heck, Board of Finance. We thank and praise God for the dedicated people He provides to give guidance and leadership in His church. ***\*\*\*We are still in need of the following board members: Trustee, Board of Ed, and Treasurer. If you are interested, please let us know. Thanks!\*\*\****

### **HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES**

The Elders have established service times for Holiday Services for this year.

Christmas Eve--6:00 PM

Christmas Day--10:00 AM

No New Year's Eve Service.

Please join your Zion Church Family for these special services.

### **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

The 2023 contribution envelopes are available to pick up. They are located on a table in the narthex. If you don't see a box with your name or have any questions, please see one of the Board of Finance members: Karen Eldridge, Deb Heck, or Jenny Kneschke.

### **MATTHEW CLAYTON ASSISTING AT SERVICES**

You may notice that Matthew Clayton will be assisting at various services over Christmas Break. Matthew is enrolled in the pre-seminary program at Concordia University Chicago and has been active in assisting to lead chapel services there, assisting with the readings and liturgies for various services at the Chapel of Our Lord at Concordia, Chicago. Zion's Elders have approved giving Matthew Clayton the opportunity to gain experience leading worship and serving his home congregation in preparation for the pastoral ministry.

### **THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS FOR GAS CARDS**

On behalf of the Concerned Christians/Food Pantry of Mascoutah, we would like to thank each and every one who assisted in helping reach Zion's goal of \$2500 for gas cards. \$3,300 is the total collected! This will purchase cards beyond our goal! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for sharing your blessings!

**ZION'S 140<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS – GREAT GIFT IDEA.... SALE PRICE \$10!**

Zion has added many new members in the past twelve years. Have you looked through our cookbook? It contains more than 475 recipes, as well as some history about Zion and some fun entries as well. They sell for only \$10. Don't forget our wonderful cookbooks as you look over your Christmas list. They make great gifts!

**CHRISTIAN-THEMED CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The Ladies Aid has beautiful Christian-themed 2023 calendars for sale. We have a limited number, so they may go fast! They are \$6 each. We also have a wide variety of Christmas Cards for sale at very reasonable prices. See the table in the hall outside the office to shop. See Candy or Glenda to pay.

**HELP SPREAD CHEER TO NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

Our LWML 80th anniversary project for Nov/Dec is writing notes for nursing home/assisted living residents. We invite you to help us with this project. There are lots of blank note cards in front of the large box on the narthex table that you are welcome to take from. There are also note cards on the card rack in the hallway. If you want to help us, please sign your name on the sheet and how many notes you will be writing (whether from these notes or cards/notes on your own). This will help us track our goal to reach OR exceed 80. If they are for specific people, you may send them on your own or put them in the box for us to send. There are many people who may not have local visitors, so please write a note or two for “anyone” at the facilities. They can distribute them there. Thank you in advance for spreading Christian cheer.

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Matthew Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

**THOSE WHO SERVE CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
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Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

**THOSE WHO SERVE CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Matthew Clayton  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton  
Altar Guild: Gail Frey  
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Fourth Advent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 PM
Sat.	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols	6:00 PM
Sun.	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
	No Confirmation Class or Sunday School	
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Christmas Day Service Worship DS I w/communion	10:00 AM