

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

December 7, 2022

2nd 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

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350

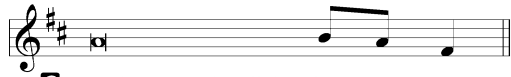
- 1 **Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.**
- 2 **Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my guest divine!**
- 3 **My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.**
- 4 **Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.**

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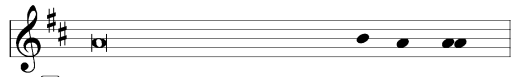
Opening Versicles *(Use Advent Response)*



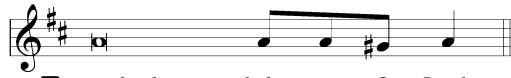
L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



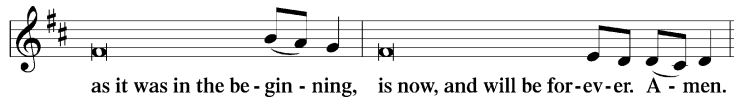
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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 144

- L** Blessèd be the LORD, my rock,
- C** who trains my hands for war,
- L** and my fingers for battle;
- C** He is my steadfast love and my fortress,
- L** my stronghold and my deliverer,
- C** my shield and He in whom I take refuge,
- L** who subdues peoples under me.
- C** O LORD, what is man that You regard him,
- L** or the son of man that You think of him?
- C** Man is like a breath;
- L** his days are like a passing shadow.
- C** Bow Your heavens, O LORD, and come down!
- L** Touch the mountains so that they smoke!
- C** Flash forth the lightning and scatter them;
- L** send out Your arrows and rout them!
- C** Stretch out Your hand from on high;
- L** rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,
- C** from the hand of foreigners,
- L** whose mouths speak lies
- C** and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- L** I will sing a new song to You, O God;
- C** upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to You,
- L** who gives victory to kings,
- C** who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.
- L** Rescue me and deliver me
- C** from the hand of foreigners,
- L** whose mouths speak lies
- C** and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- L** May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown,
- C** our daughters like corner pillars
- L** cut for the structure of a palace;
- C** may our granaries be full,
- L** providing all kinds of produce;
- C** may our sheep bring forth thousands
- L** and ten thousands in our fields;
- C** may our cattle be heavy with young,
- L** suffering no mishap or failure in bearing;
- C** may there be no cry of distress in our streets!

L Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!

C **Blessèd are the people whose God is the LORD!**

**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 64:1-9

Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at Your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make Your name known to Your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at Your presence!
When You did awesome things that we did not look for,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.
From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides You,
who acts for those who wait for Him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember You in your ways.
Behold, You were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon Your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of You;
for You have hidden Your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
But now, O LORD, You are our Father;
we are the clay, and You are our potter;
we are all the work of Your hand.
Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Advent Responory



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.



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

Sit

Hymn

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

LSB 355

- 1 **O Savior, rend the heavens wide; Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down; Unbar the way to heaven's crown.**
- 2 **O Father, light from heaven send; As morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring; To Jacob's line rain down the King.**
- 3 **O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen; Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare, Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.**
- 4 **O Fount of hope, how long, how long? When will You come with comfort strong?
O come, O come, Your throne forego; Console us in our vale of woe.**
- 5 **O Morning Star, O radiant Sun, When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light We grope in gloom and dark of night.**
- 6 **Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand From exile to our promised land.**
- 7 **There shall we all our praises bring And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore Forever and forevermore.**

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Sermon

**Pastor Peter Ill to Preach
"Waiting with Prayer"**

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

LSB 249

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.

L 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.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Alleluia!

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

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L 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

L 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 Second Sunday in Advent

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

L 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

LSB 252



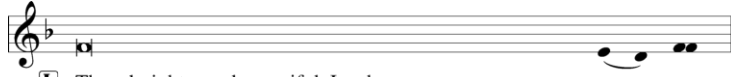
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 252



L The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



C A - men.

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

- 1** Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2** Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, PASTOR ILL!

Pastor Peter Ill serves at Trinity Lutheran in Millstadt. He has served there since 2014 and has been serving as a pastor since 2010. He and his wife Carrie have been married for 16 years. Carrie is a first-grade teacher at Zion Lutheran School in Belleville. Together, they enjoy travelling, including international travel. Pastor also enjoys reading and spending time with friends. Pastor Ill is currently serving as the Secretary of the Southern Illinois District of the LCMS, and previously served on the Board for Congregational Support. In addition to his work in his congregation and in the SID, Pastor Ill also assists with the Higher Things youth organization. We welcome Pastor Ill this evening as he shares the message, "Waiting with Prayer" based on Isaiah 64:1-9.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ZION VOTER'S MEETING – TOMORROW NIGHT, DEC. 8th

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the December Voter's Meeting tomorrow night, December 8th at 7 PM in the church basement. We will be electing new officers, voting on the budget, etc. If you are a voting member it is important you attend the meeting so we can make our quorum. Thanks!

FAREWELL MEAL FOR MAKEYS – DECEMBER 18th

Pastor-Elect Josh and Sarah Makey will be moving on Tuesday, December 20 as they head to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area for their first call. To help say goodbye, you are invited to a farewell meal after church on Sunday, December 18. The meal will be held in the church basement. Come enjoy a meal and give your best wishes to the Makeys as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS - NOW AVAILABLE

Advent devotion booklets are now available. Pick one up from the table in the narthex today!

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

Advent Midweek Services will be Wednesdays in Advent at 7:00 PM.

Please join your Zion Church Family for these special services in the upcoming months.

ZION CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Zion's Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 10:00 during the morning worship service. The program is entitled "The Angel's Invitation," and it was written for Zion by Maggie Harlan. The dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 17 at 10:00 AM. Parents, please plan for your children to attend these rehearsals, both during the Sunday School hour and the extra rehearsal on Saturday, December 17. Thanks!

ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL – DECEMBER 14th

Nancy Peterson will be presenting a second annual Advent organ recital before the Wednesday evening service on December 14th. Please come at 6:30 to enjoy arrangements of Advent and Christmas hymns. This beautiful and varied music features compositions from the 1600s, 1700s, 1800s, and 2000s by composers such as Heinrich Scheidmann, J. S. Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, Gaston Litaize, and David Maxwell.

SECRET PAL PROGRAM

Would you like to have a Secret Pal at Zion? Have you noticed gifts mysteriously appearing at church? Zion's Ladies Aid/LWML members have had secret pals for the past years and have enjoyed it so much, this program is offered to any member of Zion who wishes to participate. You will receive a slip of paper on which to write your name, favorites, etc. from Glenda Pike (or sign up and get a sheet from the narthex table). You are to pray for this person and can send cards or leave cards or small gifts at church during the year. See Glenda by Dec 11th (or see sign up and sheets on the table in the narthex) to get details and sign up. Sh-h-h don't tell anyone!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GAS CARDS

On behalf of Mascoutah's Concerned Christians, we would like to ask for donations to be collected to purchase gas gift cards to be given out for the holidays through the food pantry. Many of you so graciously helped us with this last year. This year's goal is to purchase fifty \$50.00 gift cards. Therefore, we'd like to collect \$2,500 for this project. If you wish to contribute, please place your money in the jars by the church doors. Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please ask Ken and Gail Frey.

ZION'S 140th 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!

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us on Thursday, Dec 15th, for our annual Christmas party and potluck (side dishes only, meat will be furnished). We eat at 6:00 and then will have a short program about advent wreaths and their history. You may bring a \$5 gift for exchange; if you have a Secret Pal, that gift may be brought also. We take a collection for Concordia Seminary. It's a fun and special evening. Plan to attend. See Glenda for more details.

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.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

We will resume LifeLight Bible Study on January 9, 2023. Join us in the church basement room at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings as we study the second half of *Genesis*. LifeLight provides a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture so Christian adults may grow their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Call or text Lionel (618-806-8993) NLT December 11th to join or anytime if you have questions.

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. Since this will go on for two months, feel free to write several each month. 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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN ANNUAL COOKIE WALK - SATURDAY

Trinity Lutheran Church at 503 E. Washington in Millstadt is hosting its annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10th from 9 AM to Noon. Homemade cookies sold by the pound. Mixed are \$12/lb. and fancy are \$13/lb. Advance orders are welcome. Please call Shirley Boehm at 618-476-1113.

ZION BELLEVILLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to the Zion Music Ministry Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 3 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, 1810 McClintock Ave., Belleville. The concert will feature the choir, handbells, and instruments.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Peter III
Lector: Sem. Josh Makey
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 11

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Josh Makey
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Michael Ganey & Tyler Hinton
Altar Guild: Karen Eldridge
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Second Advent Midweek Service	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Voter's Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	No Confirmation Class	
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Children's Christmas Program Practice	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM