



*Second Sunday  
of Advent*

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
210 North Wayne Street  
Saint Mary, Ohio 45885

**December 4, 2022**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 10

**PRELUDE**                      *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*    arr. Hamilton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTNING**

**GATHERING SONG**                      *"The King Shall Come"*                      #260

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**                      Page 94

**P** The days are coming, says the Lord, when God's promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 33:14)

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. (Malachi 3:1)

**P** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you and  
worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**C Amen.**

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## KYRIE

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- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-lemn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor-thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex-alt-ed thus!"
- 3 Je-sus is wor-thy to re-ceive hon-or and pow'r di-vine;
- 4 Let all cre-a-tion join in one to bless the sa-cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor-thy the Lamb," our lips re-ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for-ev-er thine.  
of God who sits up-on the throne, and to a-dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Insert

PSALM 72:1-7

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY "He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

#737



Advent

## NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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P Lord in your mercy...

C Hear our prayer.

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

## OFFERING

(8:00) *Bread of Heaven* Sung by Zion Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN**

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight.

**C** Amen.

**DIALOGUE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P 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

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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 SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



**COMMUNION**

- P The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

- "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"* #256  
*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* #272

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood —that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.
- C Amen.

**BLESSING**

- P As you go from this place, remember that with God, nothing is impossible. May God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit go before you, beside you, and with you wherever you go. (Luke 1:37)
- C Amen.

**SENDING**                    *"Prepare the Royal Highway"*                    #264

**DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**                    *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*



**Memory Verse**

Matthew 3:1-12

*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

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**Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Will!**

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Will Ross' 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 30<sup>th</sup>, by his family.*



*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all the participation in the National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. They are given by Steve & Dora McAfee.*

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***Today, December 4\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Zoey Henning  
10:30am: Makenna Meinerding
- Communion Assistants:** 8AM: John Hesse  
10:30AM: Ann Maki
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Zoey Henning  
10:30AM: Bennett Glass
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Chris White,  
Ryan & Brandy Yahl  
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Stan & Debbie Brown,  
Dan Macklem
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Nora & Harry Staunton  
10:30am: Nora & Harry Staunton
- Greeters:** 8AM: Chris White, Sandy Wierwille  
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Cheryl Macklem
- Readers:** 8AM: Nora Staunton  
10:30AM: Darl Bishir

***Next Sunday, December 11\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Hunter Coldiron  
10:30am: Cali Bond-Awls
- Ushers:** 8AM: Jody Slemmons, Bob Hinschlager,  
Doug Stetler, Deb Henning  
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Dana Cook, Darl Bishir,  
Keith Fledderjohann
- Fellowship Table:** 8AM: Jody & Marilyn Slemmons  
10:30am: Bill & Marilyn Nedderman
- Greeters:** 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl  
10:30AM: Joni Immenschuh, Sandy Wierwille
- Readers:** 8AM: Alexa Coldiron  
10:30AM: Darl Bishir

\*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 61
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 58, 10:30 a.m.: 41, Total for the Day: 99	
.....	Total for the Week: 160
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CHURCH OFFICE.....	419-394-3115

## Calendar for December 4-18, 2022

S/4	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service <sup>+</sup> *
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service*
	12 Noon	Auditorium in Use
M/5	12 Noon	Poinsettia Order Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout PLC Meeting
T/6	9:30 a.m.	Advent Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/7	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship*
Th/8	2:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study
S/10	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Wrapping
	10:00 a.m.	S. S. Christmas Program Rehearsal
S/11	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service <sup>+</sup>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Christmas Program
T/13	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Jeremiah Bible Study
W/14	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship

Th/15	9:00 a.m.	Workday: Coffee & Donut Hour
	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
S/18	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service**
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service*

*\*Holy Communion*

*+Livestreamed on [zionstmarys.org](http://zionstmarys.org) & broadcasted on WCSM 96.7*



**We invite you** to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Deb Ranly, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Amelia Green, Scott Schroluke, Becky Pape, Jeff & Jenny Fessenden, Donald & Beverly Applegate, Ruth Ann Merriman, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Kelsey, Karen Vornholt, Mark & Dana, Vicki Bishir, Amy Grewe, Family of Jordan Brelsman, Lisa Suchland, Dolores Irish, Lillian, Beth Olberding, Mike Mamane, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Emily Henkle, Dave Frahm, , Ed Danner III, Steve & Lynn Reed, Virginia Loyer, Jim Rowen, and the Family of Mike Vann.

**Please pray** for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

**Our loose offerings** each Wednesday and Sunday for the month of December are earmarked to support the Institute of Lutheran Theology. The Institute of Lutheran Theology is a private Lutheran seminary in Brookings, South Dakota. It provides distance

education online and at its campus in Brookings. The institution is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). ILT operates as a school which grants certificates and degrees to students who complete their studies with the school. It does not ordain graduates; that is left to the synods and associations which accept their graduates.

*The loose plate offerings for Christmas Eve will go toward Zion's current expenses.*



**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week last week here at Zion. Thank you for filling your own boxes, for donating items for the boxes packed by the Women of the church, for donating money to cover shipping and for serving by packing boxes into cartons for shipment. A special thank you goes to Cody and Kara Sharp for providing a trailer again this year. Please continue to pray for the boxes as they continue their journey and for the children who will eventually receive them.

**Thank you, Steve & Dora McAfee**, for all you do each year to guide Zion in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry and for continually leading Zion as we participate as a collection site for the area.

**Thank you** to following people who helped decorate for the Advent/Christmas Season: Alexa & Sophia Coldiron, Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie, Pastor Bill, Kathy & Megan Miller, Jeremy Kemmann, Bill Kellermeyer, Thelma Kellermeyer, Nora Staunton, and Chris White.

**Pam Fledderjohann** wishes to thank everyone who sent cards or texts, called and who brought meals during her recovery. These acts of kindness meant a lot!

**Pianist:** We are looking for an additional pianist for our Wednesday night worship service. They would play once or twice a month. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

**Midweek Advent Services** will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Main Sanctuary, **December 7, 14, & 21**. Midweek Services are part of an Advent Theme entitled, Be Born In Us Today. With the following emphasis respectively: *Bringing Blessing, Bringing Renewal, Bringing Guidance and Bringing Power*.



**Poinsettias:** We will once again decorate the altar with poinsettias for Christmas. Check out the order form included in the bulletin. Each plant is \$12.50, with a bow. The deadline to order is **Monday, December 5**, by 12 noon.

**A reminder to** those who signed up: Our annual Advent Breakfast will be **Tuesday, December 6**, at 9:30 a.m., in the auditorium.

**The December Creative Crafters project** will be Christmas wrapping again this year. Bring your presents and Zion's elves will do the wrapping for you. This event will be on **Saturday, December 10**, between 9-11 a.m., in the lounge. We have all the supplies to wrap your presents. The donation is \$1 per package.





**Christmas Letters of Love** is this year's Sunday School Christmas Program. Come learn about and sing some Christmas songs, decorate a tree with us and hear about the Lord's love for us in the letters of Christmas. It will be held on **Sunday, December 11**, at 6:30 p.m. Practices will continue **Saturday, December 10** at 10:00 and **Sunday, December 11**, during the Sunday School hour.

**Cookies are needed** for the Sunday School Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 11**. Thank you in advance for your help!

**A Toys for Tots** barrel has been provided in the portico entrance for new, unwrapped, toys for needy children in our community until **Monday, December 19**. We do this in coordination with the "Toys for Tots" campaign by the Marines.

**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight** worship services will be held on **Saturday, December 24**, in the Sanctuary, at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Holy Communion will be served at each service. We invite you to bring your family and friends with you to worship.

**Update:** Virginia Loyer is at Otterbein, St. Marys. Her room number is 407 in the D Wing.

**Dorcas Quilting** has been a part of Zion for over 120 years. We need people who can hand sew to help make quilts. There have been 4 members coming to quilting but 2 are going to quit. If we cannot get any more people to come, we will have to disband Dorcas Quilting. If you or someone you know would be interested, please call the church office, or just come to quilting on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

**We have installed equipment** for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our

Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this ministry.



**Our 8 a.m. worship service** is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

Weekly Needs 48 Week		Budget Y-T-D	Received 11/27	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current	\$6,068.75	\$291,312	\$3,685	\$242,725	\$0
NALC Offering	\$290	\$13,920	\$110	\$6,617	
Bank Balance as of 11/28: \$70,206					

## Council Organization 2022

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# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022

*“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”*

*-Matthew 3:11-*

John the baptizer enters on the scene, preaching repentance to the Judean people. Last week we looked at how God promises to come to us again. Jesus urges us to be alert, be ready! John the baptizer warns his listeners to repent. John proclaimed that repentance is the proper way to prepare for that revelation. The only thing is that repentance is something that we cannot do. Just as Martin Luther wrote, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my lord or come to Him ...” Repentance, like faith, is a miracle that the Holy Spirit must work in us.

John the baptizer proclaims the coming of Jesus; he points his listeners to Christ. John proclaims salvation in Jesus Christ, and that’s another way we witness how God comes to us: through the proclamation and preaching of his holy Word.

Before I was ordained as a Lutheran pastor, I suffered a terrible loss-- the loss of my mother. It was sudden and unexpected. I was 20 years old, a junior in college. I had another year and a half of my undergrad studies left before I would attend seminary. I knew God’s promises, and I knew that my mother was a Christian with deep faith. I can’t tell you exactly what the sermon was about at her funeral. I can’t remember exactly every word spoken or every hug given. I can’t even remember who all the people were that attended. But one thing I remember clearly, the most important message of all: my pastor reminding *me* of God’s promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. A funeral pall was laid upon my mother’s casket, reminding us of the gifts she received at her baptism. She was baptized into Christ’s death and his resurrection. That image and message are forever engrained on my heart and mind.

We need the proclamation of God’s promises. It’s the way he comes to us in the present time.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, send us your messengers that we might dwell in your presence through your holy Word. In Jesus’ name. Amen.