



The Divine Service

First Sunday Of Advent

Divine Service, Setting One

Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*O God in heaven, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for Your people, deliver us at the opportune time, preserve in us the true genuine Christian faith, collect Your scattered sheep with Your voice, Your divine Word as Holy Writ calls it. Help us to recognize Your voice, help us not to be allured by the madness of the world, so that we may never fall away from You, O Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

Albrecht Dürer

Advent, with its strange opening number, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, is to open our eyes to the wonder that God keeps coming, entering into dialogue with us, to speak in love, and in judgment in love, where we least expect: in a man sitting on a donkey – God’s huge joke, if you will – always appearing to be less than he really is, so we can recognize him in his love, in the big, overbearing problems of a world in radical change, or in the simple delights of daily life. He’s literally all over the place hoping that we’ll have the eyes to see and the ears to listen to his coming.

Edmund A. Steimle

December 1, 2019 † 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to today's Divine Service

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



Divine Service, Setting Three

THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway *LSB 343*

Stand

BLESSING OF PARAMENTS AND ALTAR LINENS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord: “The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.” “Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.”

It is therefore fitting that we implore the Lord’s blessing as we clothe the altar of His sanctuary from which He strengthens and preserves us in the true faith.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, You instructed Moses Your servant to make hangings and fine linens for use in Your tabernacle. We implore You to sanctify these paraments for the adornment of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these paraments.

C Amen.

BLESSING OF VESTMENTS

P Beloved in the Lord, when He established His presence among His people, the Lord God commanded Moses to clothe the priests in garments to reflect not their worthiness but His glory, saying, “You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. . . . And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and

shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.”
Therefore, it is fitting that this garment be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You have revealed Your Son in glory and in beauty, and have washed us in His blood and clothed us in His righteousness. We implore You to sanctify this stole for use in the services of Your house. Grant by Your grace that those who wear it may be faithful servants to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this stole.

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: vv.1-3a

P To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

C **Let not my enemies exult | over me.***

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

P Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

C **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;***

for you I wait all the | day long.

P May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for you.

C **Redeem Israel, | O God,***

out of all his | troubles.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

C **Let not my enemies exult | over me.***

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit***Old Testament Reading***Jeremiah 23:5-8*

The Old Testament reading for the First Sunday of Advent is from Jeremiah, the twenty-third chapter.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual*Psalms 25:3-4*

P None who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

Epistle*Romans 13:11-14*

The Epistle reading is from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-9

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Savior of the Nations, Come *LSB 332*

Sermon

Clothe Yourselves in Christ, He is Near! Romans 13:11-14

Stand

Apostles Creed

LSB 159

Prayer of the Church

LSB 159

P Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.



I realize that sometimes I am tired of putting up another fight, waging another battle for the good. Sometimes I just want to be left alone. But God does not want me to rest too soon. I have to be faithful to the end, always trusting in the final fulfillment of God's promise.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Henri Nouwen, Entry for April 30th, 1996, in *Sabbatical Journey: The Diary of His Final Year*

LSB 160

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

Sending Prayer

P Father in heaven, You neither slumber nor sleep; in faith our eyes are lifted up to You to deliver us. Keep us from all evil, watch over our coming and going, and bring us into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

LSB 166

Recessional Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *LSB 359*

Life Together

Pray As You Go

O God, breaker of idols, descend into our heart and mind so that we may know you and love you ever more and more. Amen

Charles C. Taliaferro, *Praying With C. S. Lewis*, p. 92

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Susan Colles

ACOLYTE

Izzy Schroeder

USHERS

Kim Schroeder, Tony Waldo

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Colles, Angela Waldo

ELDER

Jeff Schlittenhart

TRUSTEE

Tony Waldo

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Angela Waldo
Chyral Sims
Tanya Schroeder
Tony Waldo

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY –
DECEMBER 8

ACOLYTE
Talia Paylor



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Persecuted Christians in:

Sudan
Eritrea
Yemen
Iran
India

Partner Church

Lutheran Church in Papua
New Guinea

Comfort, Health, and

Recovery

Gary Daniels
Tom Harms
Rick Shott
Rev. Herb Swanson
Eric Anderson (*brother-in-law of Phyllis Campbell*)
Emmett Stuck (*grandson of Chuck & Phyllis Campbell*)
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)
Glenda Schrock
Carson Brown (*friend of the Villalobos family*)
Dianne McKissack (*boss of Nikki Dorn*)
Lander Duvall (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Lance Spence (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)
Marie Heiser
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Charlotte Hottinger

Peggy Carter (*grandmother of Joshua Ralston*)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Joyce Boswell
Betty Bocksnick
Gwen Hale
Helen Rick
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Regina Steuber
Lawrence Steuber

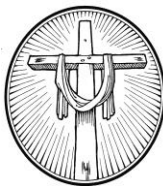
Catechumens

Emory Kuretsch
Emmett Schlittenhart
Isabella Schroeder
Tatum Rion
Gavin Rion
Alison Waldo
Alivia Waldo
Chance Paylor

Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers
Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Christopher Stocking
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution,
contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.*



ZION Life Together



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2019

THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 11/24/2019

Present in Worship: 62
Communed: 42
Children's Sunday School Attendance: 5
Adult Bible Study: 16

General Fund: \$1,327
Weekly Budgeted Offering Needed: \$2,480
Cemetery Fund: \$200

THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 11/27/2019

Present in Worship: 36
Communed: 24
General Fund: \$408
Ringhardt Memorial Fund: \$250

OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

"FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."

Matthew 10:8b

RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CLINIC MEAL

On Thursday, December 5th at 3:00 pm, folks from Zion will be bringing food to feed volunteers at the River Valley Christian Clinic in Dardanelle. Come to help serve if you are able!

VOTER'S MEETING AND POTLUCK

There will be a Voter's meeting after church on December 8th. That also means, we'll have a potluck! So, bring some food and an appetite as we discuss important church matters.

NEW COMMON CUP!

Starting December 8th, we will begin using a common cup in the distribution of Christ's blood once again. This historic practice was once practiced here at Zion, and we welcome it back! It teaches multiple things, primarily the 'oneness' we share in Christ. Instructions for distribution will be explained by Pastor. Individual cups will still be offered.

ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday † December 1

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Youth
Room)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service without
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

Monday † December 2

- 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday † December 3

Wednesday † December 4

- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Service

Thursday † December 5

- 3:00 p.m. River Valley Christian
Clinic Meal

Friday † December 6

Saturday † December 7

Sunday † December 8

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(Fellowship Hall)
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ADULT BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

Currently in Adult Bible Study, we are studying the Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis of our Divine Service. We're learning how God comes down to serve us, as well learning what having a repentant attitude looks like in the service. Come to Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. to find out more!

FOOD PANTRY COAT & TOY DRIVE

Clean coats/jackets and new/slightly used toys are being collected for our Food Pantry families. Please bring your items to the church by December 15th. What a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ to this holiday season!

ADVENT SERVICES

Don't forget about Advent services this year! The Wednesday night services are December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a soup supper before service at 6:00 p.m. The sermon series, "The Great O' Antiphons" will help explain the new blue Advent paraments and what all the symbols mean! Not only does this help grow in our knowledge of the truth, but it informs our prayer life too! Each Antiphon comes from the hymn, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." So if you love this hymn, you won't want to miss out!

BULLETIN INFORMATION?

Please contact Phyllis Campbell by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning to have your "blurb" in the upcoming bulletin.

Call/text: 501-725-1418

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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Adult Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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