



Sunday, December 3, 2023 (8:00 /10:30a.m.)
Zion Lutheran Church
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You are always WELCOME at Zion. May God bless your time with us!

Please fill out a visitor card (by bulletin table) for mailing list or to request information. If you are baptized, believe Christ is miraculously present in Holy Communion, and believe this meal offers forgiveness and nourishment for daily lives of faith, you are invited to join in this joyful meal of the Church! Red grape juice is available for those allergic to alcohol.

Liturgy (page numbers) in front of hymnals, hymns (#'s) are in back of hymnal.

Children are welcome in worship!!! If parents need to step out during worship, feel free to utilize the Gathering Space behind the sanctuary.

Restrooms are in the main hallway. Baby changing tables available.

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Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Prelude:

WELCOME

Hymn #22 The Advent of Our God

1 The advent of our God
Shall be our theme for prayer;
Come, let us meet him on the road
And place for him prepare.

2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate stoops to be,
Himself the servant's form puts on
To set his people free.

3 Come, Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly king,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And all his scattered saints unite
With him on high to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin be put to flight;
No longer let the law hold sway,
But walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

R: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:7-8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

KYRIE



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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord **R: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

R: 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.

R: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

R: LORD, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **R: Amen**

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth

R: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us

R: as we wait for Your arrival.

L: Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins

R: and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

L: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

R: Amen

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. ⁸ Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Hymn #28

Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
of the virgin undefiled!
Tho' by all the world disowned,
still to be in heav'n enthroned.

5 Thou, the Father's only Son,
hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;
when shall we its glories see?

7 Praise to God the Father, sing,
praise to God, the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
ever and eternally.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
but the Spirit of our God,
was the Word of God made flesh-
woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

4 From the Father forth He came
and returneth to the same,
captive leading death and hell-
high the song of triumph swell!

6 Brightly doth Thy manger shine,
glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light
ever be our faith thus bright.

SERMON

L: We confess our faith: Apostles' Creed

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R: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(each petition ends) L: Lord in your mercy **R: Hear our prayer**

L: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray. **R: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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R: 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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L: In the night that our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, he 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." 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."

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

(for those allergic to wine, grape juice is in the red cups)

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R: Amen**

BENEDICTION

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L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace! **R: Amen.**

L: Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **R: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Hymn #30

Come, Thou Long-Expected

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.

Postlude:

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Wednesday, 12/6 Noon – Advent 1 Worship 5:15p Dinner, **6:00p-6:30** Midweek Kids and
Confirmation, **6:30p** Advent 1 Worship

SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW: A fitting symbol for today, the first Sunday in Advent, is on the Old Testament side of the window, first panel from the left. There you will see an incense burner with the New Testament symbol Chi Rho X. This is the symbol of Christ; man cannot come to God through the law which was broken. The promise of Christ is already found in the Old Testament.