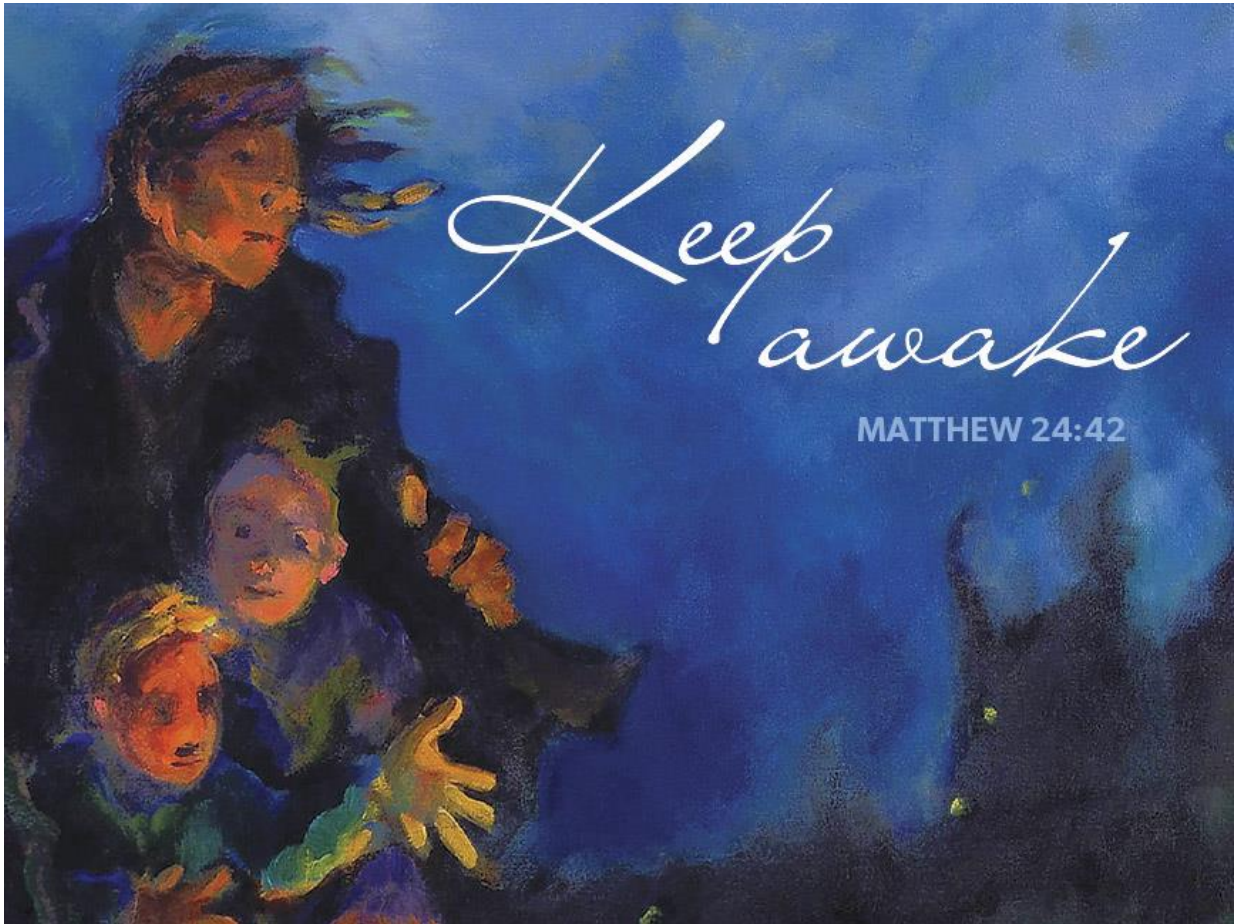


# Welcome!



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*Our Mission: Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers*

# The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

## The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### The Pre-service Music

## ~ The Gathering ~

#### \* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, WHO ALONE DOES WONDROUS THINGS.

**Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

BELOVED, NOW IS THE TIME TO WAKE FROM SLEEP. LET US CONFRONT OUR SINS, AND CONFESS THEM TO THE ONE WHO IS MERCIFUL AND JUST.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

PEOPLE OF GOD, A NEW THING IS GROWING IN OUR MIDST, A TENDER BRANCH, A LIVING SIGN. BY WATER AND THE SPIRIT YOU ARE JOINED TO THIS WONDER. YOU HAVE PUT ON ✚ CHRIST, AND YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN WASHED AWAY. REJOICE IN THE WAY OF THE LORD.

**Amen.**

#### \* The Gathering Hymn

*“Fling Wide the Door”*

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#### \* The Greeting

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE REFINING FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES UNDERSTANDING, BE WITH YOU ALL.

**And also with you.**

#### \* The Kyrie Eleison *(music on page 57 of LBW)*

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

*(Sung)* **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

**Amen.**

## \* The Prayer of the Day

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*(Sung)* And also with you.

LET US PRAY:

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ~The Word~

### The First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Candle Lighting

*choir only* **All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night,  
With hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.**

ADVENT IS A TIME TO WAIT.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

DURING ADVENT WE WAIT FOR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

DURING ADVENT WE WAIT FOR FREEDOM FROM CAPTIVITY.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

DURING ADVENT WE WAIT FOR COMFORT IN SORROW.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

DURING ADVENT WE WAIT FOR POWER IN WEAKNESS.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

THIS MORNING WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE. THE FIRST CANDLE REMINDS US THAT AS WE WAIT UPON THE LORD, GOD'S LIGHT NEVER CEASES TO SHINE, GOD'S WILL NEVER CEASES TO UNFOLD, AND GOD'S GRACE NEVER CEASES TO BE FELT. AS WE BEGIN THE JOURNEY OF ADVENT, MAY WE LEARN TO WAIT UPON THE LORD WITH HOPEFUL EXPECTATION BY CELEBRATING ALL GOD HAS DONE AND ANTICIPATING ALL HE WILL DO.

*Sung All:* **We wait in hope for the morning Light, for the love of Christ to illuminate the night.  
We wait with joy for the Savior's birth; we wait in hope for peace on earth.**

GOD IN HEAVEN, AS WE BEGIN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT, WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL TEACH US TO WAIT WITH PATIENCE, ENDURANCE AND TRUST. HOLDING TO THE ETERNAL PROMISES REVEALED TO US THROUGH THE POWER OF YOUR WORD, WE ASK THAT YOU REMIND US OF YOUR EVERLASTING PRESENCE.

**Amen.**

### The Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

\* **The Gospel Acclamation** (*Alleluia Verse LWB p. 62*)

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* **The Holy Gospel St. Matthew 24:36-44**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW THE 24<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:

*(sung)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

*(sung)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

\* **The Hymn of the Day**

**“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”**

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\* **The 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

\* **The Prayers of Intercession**

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST’S PRESENCE, LET US PRAY FOR A WORLD THAT YEARNS FOR NEW HOPE.

*A brief silence.*

GOD OF ALL, YOUR CHILDREN EVERYWHERE CRY OUT FOR MERCY. AWAKEN THE GLOBAL CHURCH TO THE URGENT NEEDS OF OUR TIME. BREAK DOWN BARRIERS OF CULTURE AND CUSTOM AND UNITE PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS IN YOUR REDEMPTIVE AND HEALING WORK. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF WONDER, THE EARTH’S BEAUTY AND ABUNDANCE IS YOUR GIFT. TEACH US YOUR WAYS OF SHARING RESOURCES AND CARING FOR LIFE. GUARD FRAGILE HABITATS, PRESERVE THE WILD PLACES, AND PROTECT ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ANIMALS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF PEACE, YOU JUDGE THE NATIONS. BEAT OUR WEAPONS INTO TOOLS FOR SERVING THE NEIGHBOR. STRENGTHEN THE RESOLVE OF ALL WHO WORK FOR AN END TO WAR. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE IN THE LAND OF JESUS' BIRTH. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF LOVINGKINDNESS, YOU DESIRE FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE. FILL THOSE WHO HUNGER. COMFORT THE GRIEVING AND ATTEND TO THOSE NEAR DEATH. BRING HELP AND HOPE TO ANY WHO ARE SICK OR NEEDING YOUR CARE ESPECIALLY RICK AND HIS FAMILY, CAROLYN, MARLIN, KIM, JOHN, DENA, TIM, CINDY, ROBERT, GEORGE, PAT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF COMMUNITY, YOU ARE PRESENT WHEN WE GATHER IN YOUR NAME. GUIDE CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION OR CONFLICT. GIVE WISDOM TO CONGREGATIONAL COUNCILS, CALL COMMITTEES, AND MINISTRY LEADERS. KEEP US ALERT TO UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF PROMISE, YOUR GOODNESS IS EVERLASTING. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIVES OF THE FAITHFUL WHO NOW REST IN YOU. WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL BRING US INTO THE COMPANY OF ALL THE SAINTS WITH REJOICING. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF OUR LONGING, YOU KNOW OUR DEEPEST NEEDS. BY YOUR SPIRIT, GATHER OUR PRAYERS AND JOIN THEM WITH THE PRAYERS OF ALL YOUR CHILDREN. IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY.

**Amen.**

**\* The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

**And also with you.**

**~The Meal~**

**The Offering and Offertory**

*Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit [ziontamaqua.com](http://ziontamaqua.com) for our Vanco option.*

**\* The Offertory Procession** Tune: "O Come Lord Jesus"

**Oh, come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let your gifts to us be blest.  
Keep us forever in your sight and be our joy, our hearts delight.**

**Oh, come Lord Jesus be our guest and let your gifts to us be blest.  
Come deep within our hearts to dwell that we may all your goodness tell.**

**\* The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: ETERNAL GOD, YOU MAKE THE DESERT BLOOM AND SEND SPRINGS OF WATER TO THIRSTY GROUND. RECEIVE THESE SIMPLE GIFTS OF BREAD, WINE, AND MONEY, AND MAKE US MESSENGERS OF YOUR MERCY AND LOVE FOR ALL IN NEED OF YOUR HEALING AND JUSTICE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

**Amen.**

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

**\* The Preface and Sanctus** *(music on page 68 of LBW)*

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*(Sung)* **And also with you.**

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(LBW page 69)*

*(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\* The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY ONE, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GIVER OF LIFE: BLESSED ARE YOU FOR THE BIRTH OF CREATION...BLESSED ARE YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

WITH THIS BREAD AND CUP WE REMEMBER YOUR WORD DWELLING AMONG US, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. WE REMEMBER OUR NEW BIRTH IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE LOOK WITH HOPE FOR HIS COMING.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

HOLY GOD, WE LONG FOR YOUR SPIRIT. COME AMONG US. BLESS THIS MEAL. MAY YOUR WORD TAKE FLESH IN US. AWAKEN YOUR PEOPLE. FILL US WITH YOUR LIGHT. BRING THE GIFT OF PEACE ON EARTH.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY ARE YOURS, HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, WORD OF GOD INCARNATE, POWER OF THE MOST HIGH, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

**Amen.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

**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**

**\* The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

BE STRONG, DO NOT FEAR! HERE IS YOUR GOD, WHO HAS COME TO SAVE YOU.

**\* The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** (*LBW page 72*)

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.

**The Distribution**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.*

**\* The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.  
**Amen.**

**\* The Post Communion Canticle “Magnificat”**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with his arm;

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,

He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. **Amen.**

**\* The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: FAITHFUL GOD, IN THIS MEAL YOU HAVE REMEMBERED YOUR MERCY, BRINGING HEAVEN TO EARTH IN THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. AS WE WAIT FOR THE DAY WHEN ALL YOUR PROMISES WILL BE FULFILLED, SUSTAIN US AND STRENGTHEN US BY THIS HOLY MYSTERY. GUIDE US TOWARD YOUR PROMISED FUTURE, COMING TO BIRTH IN JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem “Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?” – Lau**

**~The Sending~**

**\* The Blessing**

GOD THE ETERNAL WORD, WHO DWELLS WITH US IN JESUS, AND WHO HOLDS US IN THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ✚ BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

**(Spoken) Amen.**

**\* The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. CHRIST IS NEAR.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Sending Hymn**

*“The King Shall Come”*

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**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14** - <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**December 4, 2022 readings are:**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 26-27, 2022

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of loved ones by Terri and Bob Livingston.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her sister, Joyce Olencki on her November 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by Fern Rudenko

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Anna and her Girl's by Gerry Zeigler

The 2023 sponsorship sign-ups are now on the bulletin board.

*Please remember the following in your prayers: Rick Bachman and family, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, Kim and John Eckert, Dena and Tim Phillips, Cindy Collura, Robert Dolbin, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net)

Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2022 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritzy, Glenn Fritzingler, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, November 27, 2022, *The First Sunday in Advent*

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 10:30 Church Advent Breakfast

## WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting

## THURSDAY

- 7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## SATURDAY

- Kitchen Reserved
- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, December 4, 2022, *The Second Sunday in Advent*

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 10:15 Annual Fiscal Meeting
- 2:00 Family Christmas Event

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

#### ***“Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ”***

Received 11/20/22 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,672.98
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00
From (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$551.23

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$115,342.48
From Thrift Store:	\$7,725.66
From Endowment:	\$44,000.00
From Culinary:	\$11,145.00
From Schlitzer Fund:	\$3,295.09

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$181508.23

### Upcoming Events

**November 27** – Church Advent Breakfast

**December 4** – Family Christmas Event

**December 4** – Annual Fiscal Meeting

**December 8** – Hoagie Pick-up

**December 24** – Christmas Eve Services 4:00 & 9:00 PM

**Hoagie sale** - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by December 4<sup>th</sup>, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!

Attention old acolytes or anyone else who would like to try to serve. I need more acolytes than the ones we have for both Christmas Eve services. If you would be willing, either 4 pm or 9 pm, call Melody with your name, telephone number, and time of service. I will get back to you. Thank you, Art

**Tree of Memories** - Memories can be of a loved one who has gone to God, or photo of a significant memory or life event that is important to your family. Photos should be cut square and be 1.5in. x 1.5in. Photos should be placed in an envelope and placed in the Tree of Memories box in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Thompson at [njflip62@gmail.com](mailto:njflip62@gmail.com) or by calling 570-778-2604.

*Sunday Church Advent Breakfast* - **November 27, 2022, 10:30 AM TO 12:00 Noon.** To begin the Advent season CULINARY WILL BE HOSTING A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP ADVENT BREAKFAST. Menu: SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE OR BACON, BAGELS AND TOAST. **NO CHARGE/ DONATIONS ACCEPTED.** HOPE TO see YOU THERE!

Our Blessing Thrift Store will be closed in December and January and will re-open February 2023. We would like to thank all the people that helped make this Outreach a success from the generosity of the donations that we receive, to the helpers who organize the goods, and the people who bake and donate food items. Please keep this Outreach in your prayers. And have a Blessed Holiday Season. Thank you, Outreach Committee

**DEADLINE:** All information for the **December 2022/ January 2023 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church ASAP. **Please note that this is a combined issue.** You may e-mail your information to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation

*“Serving people at the Blessing Thrift sales has shown me the great need that people have for the simple things which most of us take for granted. It is a blessing to see the joy that people have upon leaving with their purchases and knowing that I helped to make their lives better.” - Lori Krell*

There are many ways we can serve. Do you have an hour per week to spare? An hour per month? Is Wednesday a free night? An hour on Sunday, after church? As we prepare for the new year, we are looking forward to the many ministries that our church will provide to its members and to the community. In order to continue to meet our vision, like we do with the Blessing Thrift Shop, we need to keep our building in good condition. This involves things as simple as doing a little mopping, dusting, or vacuuming, to more complex things like wiring and lighting upgrades. If you can help, please reach out to Mark Valentine, or call the parish office at 570-668-2180, for more information.

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**Family Christmas Event** - Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Come enjoy the movie **Santa Claus is Comin' to Town**, refreshments, crafts, and games and of course Santa will make an appearance. Children of all ages are welcome as well as those who are young at heart. Please Call Deb Davies at 570-778-2731 to register. Please bring a new toy which will be donated to Toys for Tots.

**A** **nnual Fiscal Meeting Announcement** - The Annual Fiscal Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 immediately following the service. The agenda items will be restricted to the establishment of a 2023 budget, and the election of Church Council members. The meeting will be brief, but your participation is **Very Important** as a quorum needs to be met. Copies of the budget are available in the Gathering room.

**Volunteers Needed!** We are in need of lectors and communion assistants and cantors. If you are able to read a lesson or pour the wine for the distribution of communion, or even if you are interested in singing the small parts done by the cantor, please contact Sandy Mehalko (570) 668-4101, or stop by the organ on Sunday mornings. I try to do the schedule for an entire year, but will certainly find person to fill in if you are unable to serve your scheduled date. The lessons are sent to you ahead of time so you can look over them. Please consider serving in one of these ministries. Thank you, Sandy.

**Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board.** The costs of the flowers are \$31.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. **Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. Thank you in advance!**