

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021

Pastor Eric L. Bodenstab Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

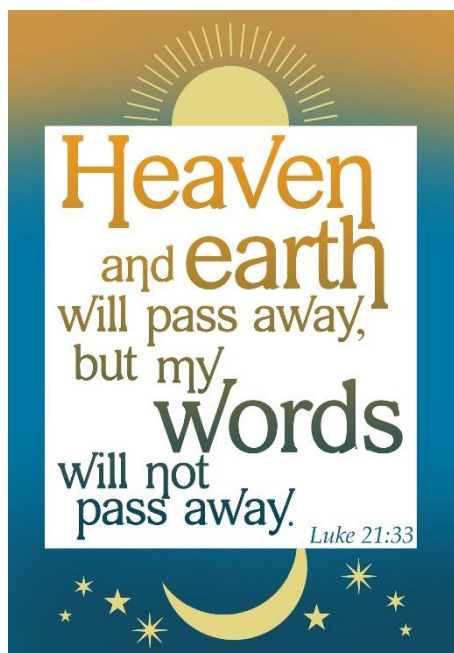
Cathy Nye, Organist

503 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870

(419) 625-2112 zionalc@zionsandusky.org www.zionsandusky.org

**Our 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday over
WLEC 1450 AM and 93.5 FM**

GATHERING



Introduction to the Day

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Prelude: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Purifoy
(Lorenz 1995)

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

Gathering Hymn: ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244)***

Greeting

Kyrie (Sung - *ELW p. 138*; Laurie)

Prayer of the Day

WORD

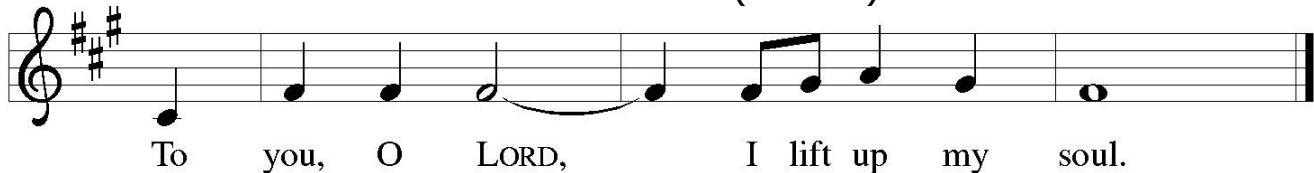
(10:30) Choir Anthem: *Will We Know Him* Don Besig

1. Are we ready for this Babe of Bethlehem
to be born in a lowly stall?
Are we ready to greet the tiny little King
who will come to save us all?
2. Are we ready for the star of Bethlehem
to appear in the winter sky?
Are we ready to follow anywhere it leads,
And let its light fill all our lives?
3. Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory,
once again proclaim the wondrous story.
God will send His own true Son,
but will we know Him when He comes?
4. Are we ready for the song of Bethlehem
to declare our Savior's birth?
Are we ready to join the angels as they sing
and spread the news to all on earth?
5. Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory,
once again proclaim the wondrous story.
God will send is own true Son,
but will we know Him when He comes?
6. Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem,
God's true and promised Son?
Are we ready to greet the tiny little King
and will we know Him when He comes?
Will we know Him when He comes?

Children's Message (Deacon Carolyn)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
(8:00) Dean; (10:30) Kay

Psalm 25:1-10 (Laurie)



1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
2. My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
3. Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
4. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. **R**
5. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
6. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. **R**
7. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
8. You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
9. You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
10. All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ***Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (ELW 435)***

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession (Judy B)

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Peace

MEAL

Offertory: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Purifoy
(Lorenz 1995)

Offering: ***Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (ELW 240, v. 1)***

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue (Sung, *ELW p. 144*)

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung, *ELW 144*)

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Song: *Lamb of God*

Distribution Hymns: ***O Come, O Come***, Emmanuel (ELW 257)

Senior Choir: *An Advent Prayer* Allen Pote

Come holy Jesus, Come to free us from our sin.

Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within.

Inspire each heart with illumined surprise,

Enkindle a flame anew.

Increase our faith and strengthen our lives,

Show us the joy of living in you.

Come holy Jesus, Come to free us from our sin.

Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within.

Song After Communion: ***Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207)***

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: **Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

- 1. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for this work's almost done.**

- 2. Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain***
- 3. Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain***
- 4. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

Dismissal

Postlude: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* arr. Mansfield
(Lorenz 2001)

Copyright Information

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (ACS 949). Text: African American spiritual. Tune: Keep Your Lamps; African American spiritual. Text and tune in the public domain. Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (ELW 240, v. 1). Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954; Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and streamed with permission under One License #A-729344. All rights reserved. Tune: Tif in veldele; Yiddish folk tune; in the public domain. Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (ELW 435). Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Tune: Helmsley; Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799. Text and tune in the public domain. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257). Text: Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite; © 1997 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and streamed with permission under One License #A-729344. All rights reserved. Tune: Veni, Emmanuel; French processional, 15th cent; in the public domain. Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244). Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907. Tune: Haf trones lampa färdig; Swedish folk tune. Text and tune in the public domain. Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 204). Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923. Text and music © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and streamed with permission under One License #A-729344. All rights reserved. Material in this service is reprinted and streamed with permission under One License #A-729344, Augsburg Fortress License #SAS007009, CCLI #11559147 (reprint), and CCLI #20789199 (streaming). Liturgy from sundaysandseasons.com © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. Bible readings New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

If you have a Pastoral emergency or, you need to speak with Pastor Eric at any time, you may reach him at 419-503-5288. Pastor Eric's Drop-In hours are on Mondays 1:00pm – 3:00pm and on Tuesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm.

PRAYER LIST

Jan Y.	Janice W.	Shirley D.
Joy E.	Neill E.	Rosemary M.
Tracey R.	Paul D.	Jim F.
Will A.	Shirley D.	Jeff D.
Bill Y.	Nancy L.	Ed F.
Caleah D.	Chelsey C.	Edith B.
Worship & Music	Faith Formation	

Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Steinfeldt, Deacon

Organist: Cathy Nye

Saturday Pianist: Judy Burrows

Senior Choir Director: Ron Albert

Acolyte: (8:00) (10:30) Sydnie Riedy

Lector: (8:00) Dean Meyers (10:30) Kay Thompson

Prayers of the People: Judy Burrows

Children's Message: Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

Serving Bread: Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

Sound Board: (8:00) Janet Stradtman (10:30) Tim Kostel

Ushers: (8:00) Jim & Jeanette Toft, Bruce Bravard,
Abbey Lazzara, Tom & Cindy Patterson, and
Cooter Patterson

(10:30) Faye Gast, Kevin Yontz, Madison Yontz

Gathering Host: (8:00) Darlene Lowery & Tracey Risner

(10:30) Vicki Boesch & Julie Kessler

Greeter: (8:00) Darlene Lowery & Tracey Risner (10:30) Julie Kessler

Altar Guild:



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6



CARE & SHARE VOLUNTEERS For Monday, November 29, 2021

Hope Bailey, Mike Bailey, Alan Mitchell

Care & Share is always in need of various items and is currently requesting the following donations.

- Winter gloves & hats for men, women, teens, & children.
- Heavy socks for the homeless.
- Underwear for teens & children.
- Towels and washcloths.
- Personal hygiene items such as:
 - Shaving cream
 - Razors
 - Toothbrushes (child and adult)
 - Shampoo
 - Deodorant
 - Toilet paper
 - Feminine hygiene products

In addition they are always in need of baby food and diapers. **We ask that you please donate only new and unopened items.**

Memorials and honors can be submitted until Noon on December 9th. You can pick up a form at the main usher stand, in the Church office, or use the order form in the November Zionews Letter.

The Altar Flower List for 2022 is posted on the bulletin board outside of the restrooms. Please reserve your preferred dates. As a reminder, the cost for the center vase is \$25.00 and the cost for a side vase is \$20.00.



Do you have an extra 4'-5' Christmas tree that you would be willing to donate to Zion for Gathering Room projects? Please contact the church office at 419-625-2112.

The side portico door is scheduled to be unlocked for any regularly scheduled meetings and events. Please inform those in your group that they can enter through that door instead of buzzing in through the office.

If you would consider being a Gathering Host and/or Greeter for the 8:00 or 10:30 service, please contact Darlene Lowery at 419-541-0462, or call the church office at 419-625-2112 to leave your name and phone number, or sign up on the bulletin board.



If you have not picked up the candle with the name of your loved one on it that was lit for the special All Saints' Service, you can pick it up in the church office until December 15th.

Thank you to all who donated socks for the Youth "Socktober" project. Over 1,500 pairs of socks of all sizes were collected and are being distributed through various organizations in Sandusky to those in need.



Thank you for making this year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner a success! Through your generous donations monetarily, donations of turkeys and pies, and volunteers who did everything from baking pies and turkeys to delivering meals, to serving and cleaning up, we were able to feed many in need.

Firelands Chorus, Inc. is proud to present their 2021 Christmas program, "Memories of Christmas Past" on Friday, December 10th, 2021 and Saturday, December 11th, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church. Doors open at 7:00pm, and the program begins at 7:30pm. The Firelands Chorus is under the direction of Mr. Jeffrey Kearney. Please plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas music!

FREE
HOLIDAY
CONCERT





NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 28th

Advent Begins

8:00am Worship
9:15am Adult Forum
10:30am Worship

Monday, Nov. 29th

2:00pm Temple Caretakers
7:00pm Firelands Chorus
7:00pm Troop 8 Scouts

Tuesday, Nov. 30th

9:00am Quilters
10:00am – Noon Pastor Eric's Drop-In Hrs
1:30pm Text Study

Wednesday, December 1st

8:00am Lectionary Study
9:30am Staff Meeting
2:00pm Circle of Friends
6:00pm Executive Council
6:30pm Agape

Thursday, December 2nd

9:30am Priscilla
7:00pm Senior Choir

Friday, December 3rd

Saturday, December 4th

6:00pm Worship



Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 19th, Both Services

Christmas Eve Family Service
December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Communion Service
December 24th at 11:00 p.m.
(Will be broadcast on WLEC)

Christmas Day Communion Service
December 25th at 10:30 a.m.

No Service at 6:00 p.m. on December 25th

No Service at 8:00 a.m. on December 26th

Sunday, December 26th at 10:30 a.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

(No Communion)