

ZION

Lutheran Church



**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**

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November 27, 2022 9:00 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
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Holy Communion Everlasting Light Liturgy Setting

Happy New Year! Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this First Sunday in Advent, the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. 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.

In this Advent season we will use a different liturgy setting, Everlasting Light, and use it through the Christmas season. This Holy Communion setting uses the liturgy set to familiar Advent and Christmas tunes.

WORSHIP NOTES:

All responses marked in bold are said by the whole congregation

The + indicates the congregation stands as they are able.

Holy Communion at Zion – We practice an open table of Holy Communion for all of the baptized body of Christ. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate this feast with us regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr Camil Van Hulse (1962) Rudolf Moser (1953)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

Invocation

We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

Amen.

Confession & Forgiveness

In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the shadows instead of adding to the light. [Silence for reflection]

God of Love and Light,

We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the sins of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in shadows. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. We inflame others by lashing out in anger. We go through our days enveloped in the gloom of fear and doubt. We let our witness become a smoldering ember until it dies out completely.


Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

God dwells with us in the Word made flesh, the Babe of Bethlehem, and shows infinite love and forgiveness for all. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of † Christ who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

+ KYRIE




Lord, have mer - cy__ on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy__ on__ us.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.__ Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Shine your light in__ to our dark - ness. Fill__ us__ with your ho - ly love.
Heal all__ con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us__ how to__ live as one.




Be our strength in times of__ trou - ble. Set us free from chains that__ bind.
Show us how to love our__ neigh - bor. Run to those who__ cry for__ help.




Breathe new_ life in - to our_ spir - its. Pu - ri - fy our_ hearts and minds.
Word made flesh who lives a - mong us; Christ our_ Lord, Em - man - u - el.


+ HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good - will to all the earth. Let us sing a
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed



joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.



- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glor -



- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

+ GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Sandra Eithun

Zion Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - *Light the Candle verse 1*

Gently p

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The tempo/mood is marked 'Gently p'. The lyrics are: 'Light the candle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is here! Wel-come the love we live and die for, but on - ly Christ can give. Flick - er and flame and glow _ with love, light up the world a - round you. Flick - er and flame and glow _ with love, light up the world a - round you.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

‡ WORD ‡

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house ¹ of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia. Lord to wh-om shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia. Lord to wh-om shall we go?
Yo - u bring the words of e - ternal life to yo-ur peo-ple
Al - le - lu - - - ia Al - le - lu - - - ia

+ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

+ 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

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

Lord, 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.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We have online giving options available through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Gerhard Krapf

+ OFFERING PRAYER

God of Light, our world is filled with shadows.

Therefore, we offer the gifts of ourselves, our time, and our resources, trusting you will use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence. May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

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 our thanks and praise

At the beginning of creation God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

In ancient times God also led the Israelites through the desert with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The priests of old also kept a perpetual fire burning in the Temple to remind us that God is a light who cannot be extinguished.

Finally Jesus, the Word, who was with God since the beginning of creation, became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory shining in our world, full grace and truth. Christ's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. This same light has commanded us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but to put it on a lamp stand so that everyone can see it. With our lights burning brightly, we now join the saints and angels in a hymn of praise to God, the Everlasting Light.

Amen.

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One... God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes... Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the Night

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.

LAMB OF GOD



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give_ us your
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive__ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-
joice! Re - joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra - el.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

He Came Down

ELW 253



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have joy;



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



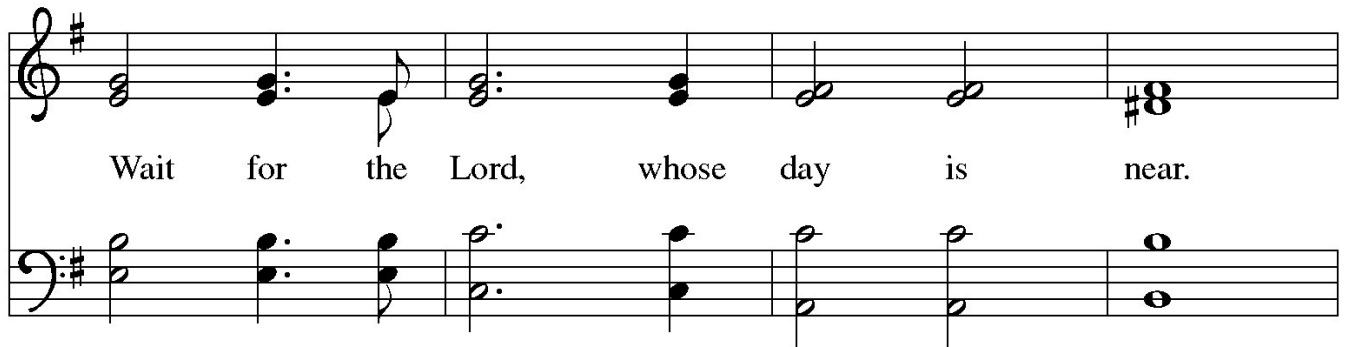
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, our bright Morning Star, we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper. May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world with your love, justice and peace. We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

God who spoke light and creation into being,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
† bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

O Day of Peace

ELW 711



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

David Lasky

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‡ AGENDA FOR WEEK ‡

SUN, Nov 27

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

WED, Nov 30

6:00 p.m. FFN @ Grace Lutheran
6:15 p.m. Zion Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Zion Choir

SUN, Dec 4

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10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

DATE	11/27/22	12/4/22	12/11/22	12/18/22
ACOLTYES	Preston Schroeder Jackson Evans	Mason Smith	Dalton Bozarth	Preston Schroeder
A.M./READER	Julie Haage	Sara Reusswig	Peggy Starkweather	Julie & Abbie Frye
COMM. ASST.	Tyler Baars	Dave Pusateri	Terri Hanson	Rev. Martha Lang
HOSPITALITY	Zion Choir	Council	Finance/Stewardship	Worship

‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

The flowers on the altar are given by Sara Reusswig in honor of Dave Reusswig's birthday.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Today is Food Pantry. Please make monetary donations to the food pantry so they are able to purchase the items they need the most.

Please pray for the following: Christy Keith, Bill Dyar, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, Rose Marie Paul, and Billy Rueckert.

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Pizza Ranch on December 8th at 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

Reminder: Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All American Diner.

Family Faith Night does NOT meet this coming Wednesday, November 23rd.

Adult Bible Study begins at 10:15 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *The Greatest Story* and participant books are available. You are welcome to join us!

Christians Underground - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.