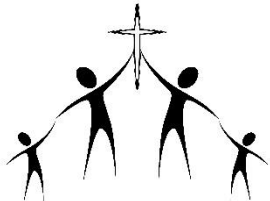


ZION

Lutheran Church



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 9:00 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin
Reader – Sara Reusswig
Music Minister – Jennifer Rosin
Holy Communion Everlasting Light Liturgy Setting

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this second Sunday in Advent. At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the time of daylight grows shorter in the Northern Hemisphere, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

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.

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

Jennifer Rosin

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - *Light the Candle verse 2*

Gently *p*

Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is
 here! Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but
 on - ly Christ can give. Flick-er and flame and
 glow with peace, light up the world a - round you.
 Flick-er and flame and glow with peace, light up the world a -
 round you.

‡ WORD ‡

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,

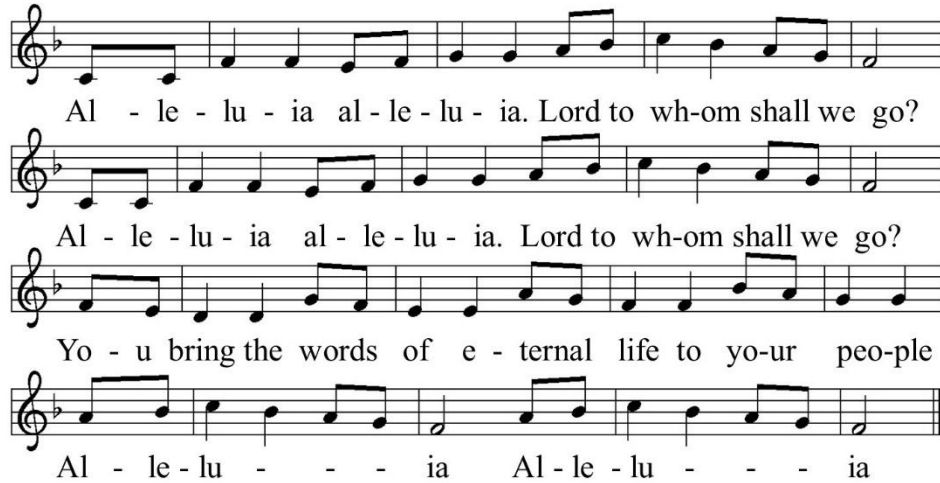
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

+ 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 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

Jennifer Rosin

+ 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.



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!



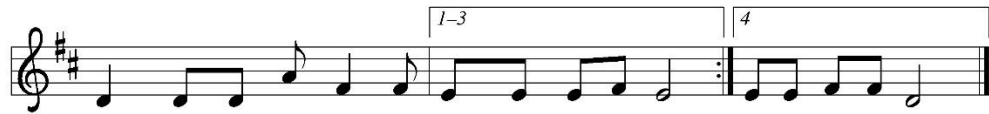
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



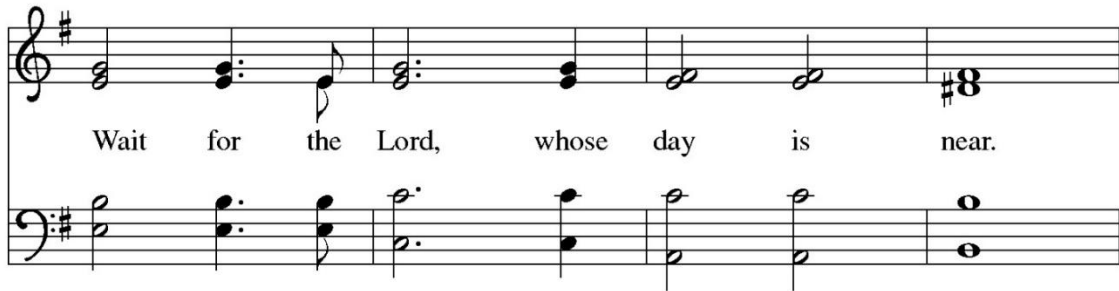
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 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



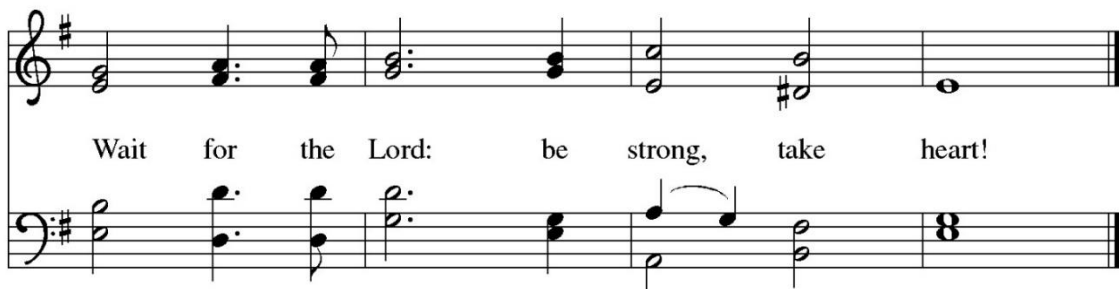
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 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.



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

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Rosin

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‡ AGENDA FOR WEEK ‡

SUN, Dec 4

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

WED, Dec 7

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

THUR, Dec 8

6:00 p.m. Church Council

SUN, Dec 11

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

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

| DATE | 12/4/22 | 12/11/22 | 12/18/22 | 12/24/22 4:00 p.m. | 12/24/22 9:00 p.m. |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ACOLTYES | Mason Smith | Dalton Bozarth | Preston Schroeder | Jackson Evans Mason Smith | |
| A.M./READER | Sara Reusswig | Peggy Starkweather | Julie & Abbie Frye | Katie Harris | Rev. Bill Dyar |
| COMM. ASST. | Dave Pusateri | Terri Hanson | Rev. Martha Lang | Stacey Ramos | Jan Pohl |
| HOSPITALITY | Council | Finance/Stewardship | Worship | | |

‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

The flowers on the altar are given by Linda Maas in honor of Jim’s birthday.

Next Week’s Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

This is Bag of Blessings Day. Please put your donation in a purple sachet bag or place your check (made out to Zion with “Bag of Blessings” in the memo) in the offering plate.

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

The **Altar Flower Chart for 2023** has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones by dedicating the flowers for that week to them. The current cost is \$42.80 per week and can be paid directly to Hy-Vee or the church office. Sign up now while the dates you want are still available.

The next **Zbook club** meeting will be Monday, December 12, at Diamond Daves at 5:30 p.m..

Would you like to sponsor a **Poinsettia** for Christmas. The envelopes have been placed on Usher's table in the sanctuary and we would need to have them completed and returned by Sunday, December 18th. The cost is \$13.00 each.

Joy Group will meet on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Sal Vitale's for their Christmas Celebration.

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.

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.