

The King Shall Come to Bring Us Peace



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We celebrate this Sacrament every Sunday at Zion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. We also offer gluten free wafers please notify Elder ahead of time that you would appreciate the gluten free.

AS WE GATHER

Preparation is probably on your mind. Christmas is only weeks away. There are presents to buy, visits to plan, decorations to put up, lights to see, food to cook, and so much more! As we prepare for Jesus to come, we reflect on John the Baptist's words to people who asked what they should do to prepare for the Messiah's coming. John says we are to "make His paths straight" by sharing food and clothing, by not taking advantage of people, and by being content with what the Lord has given us. In the midst of your busy preparations, consider these words.

Altar Guild for December:

Marilyn S

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Order of Worship

Divine Service 1

Divine Service Lutheran Service Book - Page 151

Opening Hymn:

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come LSB 350

Confession and Absolution

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Introit for Second Sunday in Advent

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: **“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! **O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. **Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

But my people did not listen to my voice; **Israel would not submit to me.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me, **that Israel would walk in my ways!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: **“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

Collect for Second Sunday in Advent

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1–7b

(God’s messenger prepares the way for the day of the Lord.)

¹ “See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and

purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years. ⁵ “So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me,” says the LORD Almighty. ⁶ “I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:2–7

(We are all partakers of grace.)

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or

defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

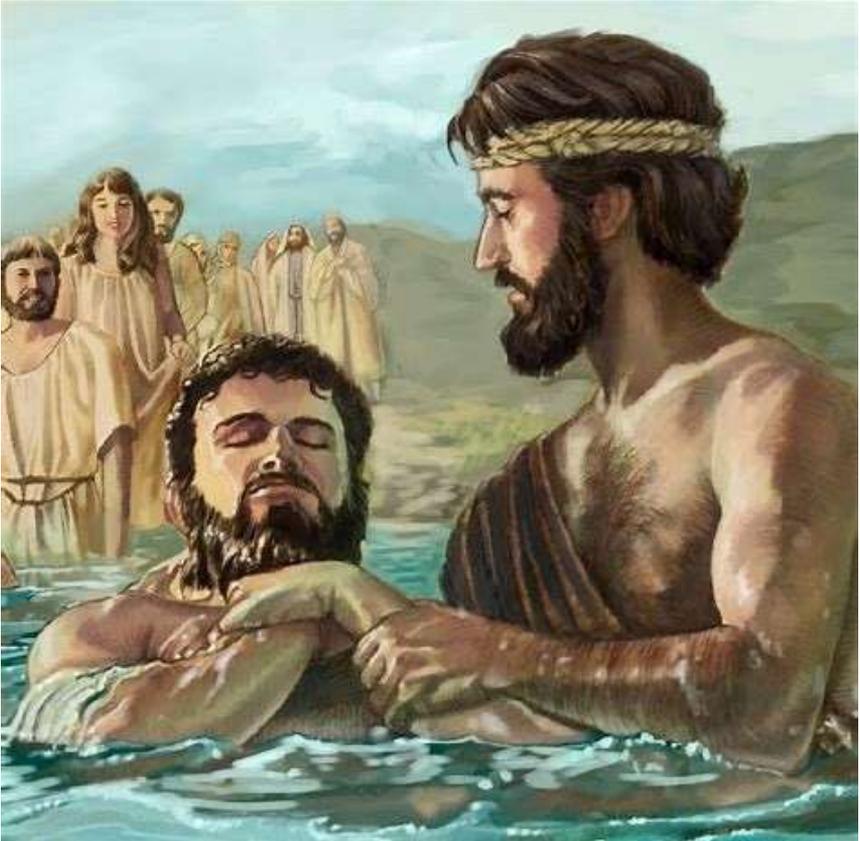
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-14

(John the Baptist prepares the way.)



⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?”

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” ¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. ¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed or Apostle’s Creed Page 158 or 159

Sermon Hymn:

“When All the World Was Cursed” LSB 346

Sermon

The Offering

Prayer of the Church

Word’s of Institution Page 162

Agnus Dei

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Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns:

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” **LSB 556**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” **LSB 637**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **LSB 621**

Nunc Dimittis

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Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn:

“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry” **LSB 344**

Announcements

From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:

Luke 21:38 – **“Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”** When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation, Jesus tells us to lift up our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really have nothing to fear. Jesus has conquered, and He will deliver the full victory to us in His Second Advent. Therefore, we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now. We have nothing to fear.

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THEME OF THE DAY

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

“The preaching and Baptism “of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

Attendance:

Sunday Service: 75 Communed: 60

YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures

Needed per week to make budget: \$3,462

Envelopes: \$2,880

Plate: \$51

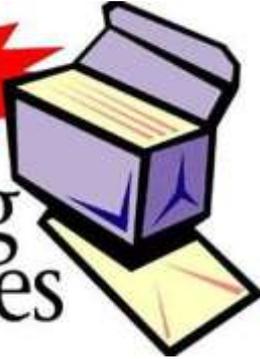
Advent \$5

Automatic Deposit: \$375

THIS WEEK AT ZION

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| Sunday | After Church | Sunday School |
| Tuesday | 6:00pm to 7:30pm | Adult Bible Class @ Trinity |
| Wednesday | 6:00 to 7:00pm | Confirmation Class |
| | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 pm | Voice Choir |

NEW Offering Envelopes



2019 Offering Envelopes are in the back of the Narthex. Please pick yours up when you leave if you haven't already.



I big thank to everyone as there was a total of 104 Hats, 113 Mittens, 20 Scarfs and 8 pairs of socks. It was a great response off of the mitten tree.

December Grapevines are ready to be picked up





The December Lutheran Witness has arrived and on the table in the narthex. Take one home with you as they are excellent reading.

Thank You 

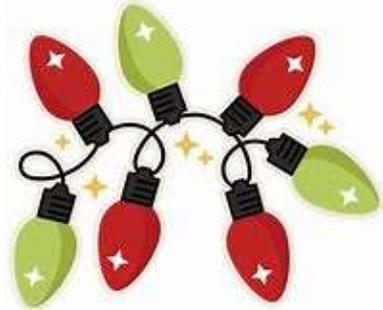
Dear Members of Zion,
Thank you for your generous support and partnership in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and His love in Uganda. I am excited about teaching at the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda. I look forward to training men who will be equipped with biblical truth and will be sent out to preach and teach in regions throughout the country. We certainly enjoyed seeing all of you and sharing pictures and information with you at the end of the service on December 2. We will keep you posted through our monthly newsletter. It will be posted on the bulletin board at Zion, in the Grapevine and through email. Please remember us often in your prayers. May God bless you all during this Advent season as you look forward to His coming.

Pastor Mike and Karen Schempf



We will be serving at Immanuel for the Bread and Roses on December 27th. Donation slips are on the table in the narthex.

There are some Christmas lights lying on the table in the narthex. If anyone is interested in taking some or all of them please feel free.



At our Council Meeting this past Thursday the thought of omitting offering envelopes was discussed. Because of the many people that only submit envelopes once a month and with the continuing increase of cost to have these printed it was brought up to have plain white letter envelopes put in the pews and members can fill them out before the service or if they want they could take a couple of them home to fill out. We would like your opinion on this if anyone would not like this idea or if you think this would be a good idea. Please let me know your thoughts..... Nancy K

IMPORTANT DATES



Advent Services **There will be no services in Clyman during Advent** but Good Shepherd in Watertown will be holding Advent services on 12th and 19th at either 10:00am or 7:00pm or Peace in Beaver is holding Advent services on the same days as Good Shepherd and at 7:00pm.

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| Children's Program | Dec 23 rd | 8:30am |
| Christmas Eve | Dec 24 th | 7:00 pm |
| Christmas Day Service – nothing in Clyman | | but Trinity is holding a service at 9:00am |
| Bread and Roses | Dec 27 th | 4:15 pm |
| Installation of Officers | Jan 6 th | |

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day there will be no services at Clyman