

*The King Shall Come to Bring Us Joy*



**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 16, 2018

**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**

“Rejoice in the Lord always!” may seem like quite the daunting task in today’s world. Yes, there are moments of joy, but there are also moments of tragedy and devastation. It is not possible to be always joyful. But rejoicing is not a task that we have to add to our to-do list. And we are not called to rejoice in everything always. We are called to rejoice in the Lord always. The God who rejoices over us with gladness and calms us with His love brings us into a relationship with Him that is filled with rejoicing at His presence and providence.

**Altar Guild for December:**

*Marilyn Schultz*                      920-386-9029

<b>Order of Worship</b>	<b>Divine Service 2</b>
<b>Divine Service Lutheran Service Book</b>	<b>- Page 167</b>
<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	
<b>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</b>	<b>LSB 357</b>
	<b>Vs. 1-3</b>
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### **Introit for Third Sunday in Advent**

Rejoice in the Lord always; **again I will say, Rejoice.**

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, **who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed, **who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; **again I will say, Rejoice.**

### **Collect for Third Sunday in Advent**

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Zephaniah 3:14–17**

(The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.)

14 Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. 16 On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. 17 The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

**Philippians 4:4–7**

(Rejoice in the Lord always.)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 7:18–28**

(“The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.”)

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

18 John’s disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, 19 he sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?” 20 When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?’ ” 21 At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. 22 So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. 23 Blessed is the man who does not fall away on

account of me.” 24 After John’s messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 25 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. 26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 27 This is the one about whom it is written: “ ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ 28 I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed or Apostle’s Creed** **Page 174 or 175**

**Sermon Hymn:**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” **LSB 357**  
**Vs. 4-7**

**Sermon**

**The Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Word’s of Institution** **Page 179**

**Agnus Dei** **Page 180**

**Distribution of the Lord’s Supper**

**Communion Hymns:**

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” **LSB 634**

“Your Table I Approach” **LSB 628**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **LSB 686**

**Nunc Dimittis** **Page 182**

Closing Hymn:  
“Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB 349

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## Announcements

*From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:*

Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*’ ” God makes long range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do. That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what’s coming, and we don’t.

## *The Pewpoint*

### THEME OF THE DAY

*The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice*

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word Gaudete, meaning “Rejoice!” For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; “he has cleared away your enemies,” “taken away the judgments against you” and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to “rejoice in the Lord always,” knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep

us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even “the dead are raised up” (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

***Attendance:***

Sunday Service: 63 Communed: 51

**YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures**

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

Envelopes: \$2,327

Plate: \$57.25

Sunday School \$1

Automatic Deposit: \$50

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

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



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.

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,

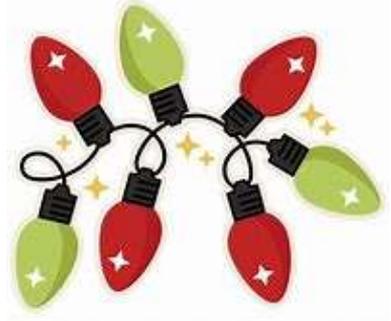
Thank you for your generous support and partnership in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and His love in Uganda. I am excited about teaching at the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda. I look forward to training men who will be equipped with biblical truth and will be sent out to preach and teach 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Donation slip is on the table in the narthex. So if you want to work or donate food just sign your name.

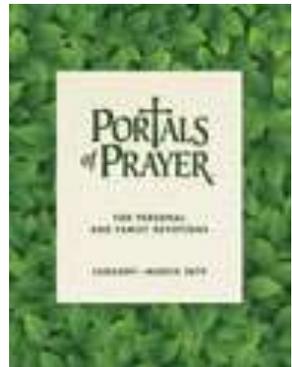


There are some Christmas lights lying on the table in the narthex. If anyone is interested in taking some or all of them please feel free.



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 Kohlhoff

The new Portals of Prayer for 2019 are available on the table in the narthex. You can chose regular or large print.



# IMPORTANT DATES



Advent Services **There will be no services in Clyman during Advent** but Good Shepherd in Watertown will be holding Advent services on 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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