

Zion Lutheran Church



*2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4th 2016*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the LaJeunesse Family in Honor of Kimberly and Jeremy's Wedding Anniversary and the Dill Family in Honor of Lucas Dill's 6th Birthday on Dec. 6th.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in Honor of her mother Luella Rilius.
- **SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PREP** ...check out the photos and enjoy a treat in the rear corner of the sanctuary.
- **KIM & JAY ANDERSON** will be hosting a Zion Holiday Open House for all members of Zion to express their appreciation for their 10 years at Zion before they move. Date: Sunday Dec. 4th in the undercroft from 5:00pm-8:00pm; hors de oeuvres, dinner and drinks will be provided. Please stop by as time permits. To get a count for food, please sign up in the narthex by Nov.30th!
- **HARK! O COME...**see, hear and encourage Zion's youngest disciples NEXT SUNDAY, December 11 at 1 PM as they perform for you the 2016 Children's Christmas Program "**S is for Savior.**"
- **LAST CALL FOR LUNCHEON SIGN-UP:** Prior to the Children's Christmas Program and immediately following the second service next Sunday, you are invited to join us for a pizza/subs/salad lunch and Christmas Cookie Table**SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX AND ON THE SIDE ENTRANCE BULLETIN BOARD.**
- **ADVENT SERVICES** will start on Wednesday November 30th. Join us for dinner at 6:00pm and then stay for service at 7:00pm.
- **ANGEL TREE GIFTS**...are due by Sunday, December 11, and are being gathered in the rear corner of the Sanctuary.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** leaders are needed for the January Sunday school unit "Jesus is Baptized". Available stations include: Art, Cookery, Games, Science, and Spiritual Practices. A helper for the preschool group is also needed. Please email sundayschool@zlc.org to sign up.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship

Growing up, my Dad enjoyed gardening and planting trees to relax and enjoy some "fun work" when he got home from "work-work". In sixth grade we moved from close to Cleveland further out into the country, and Dad started growing. He would plant walnut trees, cherry trees, apple trees, and peach trees. Now we rarely kept trees alive long enough to reach fruit bearing age.

They didn't love the clay they were grown in, disease would hit them, and Mary and I both ran trees over with the lawnmower... But even more disappointing than a tree that I ran over with the mower is one that just never bore fruit. You work hard planting a tree, watch it grow, and year after year end up disappointed. The tree isn't doing its' job!!!

John the Baptist talks about fruit in our text today. "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance!". He talks about the disastrous fate of the trees that do not bear that fruit. Our text today is important. John is spoken of in the Old Testament. Jesus gives great eternal significance to his preaching. He brings an incredible message, surrounded in end-times anticipation. We cannot ignore what he says.

May God bless your worship this morning!

-Vicar Joshua

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ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017

The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 341

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Kyrie

V In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you

C And also with you

V O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

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

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

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

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

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of
him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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New Testament Reading:**Romans 15:4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight."

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

New Member Installation - Max & Jean Ma

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and in all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who, for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Vicar: Let us Pray

Prayer of the Church

***Offertory – O Come O Come Emmanuel (Men’s Choir 8am service)
Reverence (10:30am Service)***

The Collection of the Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord Almighty Father Everlasting God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by the mystery of His death and resurrection has accomplished his wonderful work, calling us from the yoke of slavery to sin and death to receive the name of chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, and people of his own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

People: (singing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

827

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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(Please stand)

Post Communion Canticle (sung)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls his promises and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!

Post Communion Collect

P Let us Pray

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

The Recessional: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Eric Carlson
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Ron & Judy Meier (8:00) Elsie DallaPiazza (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Jack Oelschlager & Ron Meier Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Chuck LaJeunesse & Rich Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Nell Wilson, Tess Carter & Susie Bishop

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/27) – 197

Wednesday Attendance (11/30) – 76

Sunday Offering (11/27) – \$3,950.00

Online Offering (11/21-11/25) - \$550.00

Thanksgiving Offering (11/23) - \$1,734.00

Advent Service (11/30) - \$528.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of Dec. 4th – Dec. 11th

SUNDAY 12/4	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 4:00 PM – Christmas Caroling 5:00 PM – Anderson’s Holiday Open House
MONDAY 12/5	7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 12/6	7:00 PM – Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 12/7	6:00 PM – Advent Dinner 7:00 PM – Advent Service
THURSDAY 12/8	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 12/9	
SATURDAY 12/10	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 10:00 AM – Men’s Choir Practice
SUNDAY 12/11 Food Bank Collection	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Christmas Program Luncheon 1:00 PM – Sunday School Christmas Program

S is for Savior

2016 Children's Christmas Program and Luncheon
(Pizza, Subs, Salad, & Christmas Cookie Table)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Luncheon immediately following second service
Program (Sanctuary) 1:00PM**

Kindly RSVP for luncheon on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



**COME WATCH YOUR ZION FAMILY'S YOUNGEST
SHARE THE GOSPEL!**

They will remember you came... some, all their lives !

**POST-
PONED!!!**



WHEN? SAT. DEC. 3

TIME? 6-8PM

WHO? ANYONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHERE? ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION? 3197 WASHINGTON PIKE,
BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017

COST? \$0

FOOD? PIZZA

**UNTIL
JANUARY**

