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COME,
THOU LONG EXPECTED
JESUS



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1st Sunday in Advent

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate Your advent on this first Sunday of the church year send Your Holy Spirit to open our hearts. Come with Your blessing upon our congregation, giving faithfulness to our pastor and success his efforts, bestowing upon all our members brotherly love for one another and a zeal to spread the Gospel. Finally, come Lord Jesus! Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 705 (WS2000): *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

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| <p>1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us
By your death on Calvary.</p> | <p>2. Born your people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now your gracious kingdom bring.</p> |
| <p>3. By Your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.</p> | |

The Confession and Absolution of Sins *We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unending love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!
- C** **Amen!**

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Gloria in Excelsis *(TLH 62:1-3 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel)*

1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by Thy
Is - - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here Un -
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night And
til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
death's dark shad - ows put to fight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first three lines of text, the second staff contains the next three lines, and the third staff contains the final three lines.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 64:1-9*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence-- ² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 80:1-7*

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

C Stir up your might and come to save us!

P Restore us, O God;

C Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P O LORD God of hosts,

C How long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

P You have fed them with the bread of tears

C And given them tears to drink in full measure.

P You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

C And our enemies laugh among themselves.

P Restore us, O God of hosts;

C Let your face shine, that we may be saved!



The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge-- ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you-- ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of 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 on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

Hymn 56 (TLH): *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

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| <p>1. <i>Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cheering e'en our failing years.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory.
Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day.</i></p> |
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The Sermon: *Mark 13:33-37*

Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning-- ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

THEME: There's No Time to Sleep

Jesus' Second Coming Calls Us...

- I. To be alert II. To be Active III. To Anticipate

The Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 95 (TLH): *Savior of the Nations, Come*

1. *Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.*
2. *Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.*
3. *Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heaven enthroned.*
4. *From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell—
High the song of triumph swell!*
5. *Thou, the Father's only Son,
Hast o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;
When shall we its glories see?*
6. *Brightly doth Thy manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.*
7. *Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.*

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

- 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 Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

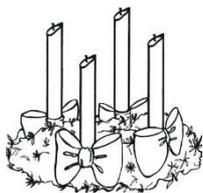
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen!

Hymn 703:4 (WS2000): *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

**4. Our Hope and Expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, That sets Your people free!**

The Advent Wreath



The advent wreath is rich in symbolism, and as such it aids our worship as it reinforces our hope in the ultimate coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The wreath is covered with evergreen. Just as the species of tree is always green, so our hope for eternity is always alive because it rests upon the living Christ. The wreath is also in the form of a circle, which has no beginning and no end.

What better way to picture that our life with God is everlasting. The lighted candles are symbolic of the light of Christ and His Gospel, which alone can lift us out of our sin and spiritual darkness. The 4 candles surrounding the center candle remind us of the 4000 years of waiting for Christ by the Old Testament world. Each of the candles has been assigned a special name with special significance.

The Prophecy Candle is the 1st candle lit the first week in Advent. It is symbolic of the long years of waiting during which the prophets, inspired of God, kept alive the hope that the son of God was coming to redeem His people from their sins. **The Bethlehem Candle** is the 2nd candle lit. It symbolizes the preparations being made for the coming of the Christ-child. The prophecy in Micah 5:2 that foretold Jesus' birthplace at Bethlehem may seem to be a minor revelation, but it shows how God prepared even the least detail for the coming of Christ. **The Shepherds' Candle** is the 3rd candle lit and reminds us of our responsibility to share the Savior and His promises. The shepherds left their task and went with haste to see the Christ-child, then they returned to tell others about the good news of the Savior. **The Angel's Candle** is lit the 4th week of Advent. It reminds us of the activity of the angels before and after Jesus' birth, bearing messages, ministering, protecting, praising; they will be with Jesus at His final coming on Judgment Day, to gather the nations. **The Christ Candle** is the center candle lit at the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Its white color symbolizes the perfect and holy life our Savior led on our behalf. With His death on the cross, the LORD now gives that white robe of Christ's righteousness to each of us. God's great gift – His Son Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.” James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God’s Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you’ve found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING is today following the service.

ELECTION VOTERS MEETING will be held remotely at 3pm today. At this brief meeting we will elect officers for the 2021 calendar year.

DECEMBER MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: *Advent* means “coming.” Advent season is the time when we look forward to the celebration of when Christ *came* into the world to begin His mission of redemption. Beginning this Wednesday, December 2 at 7pm, Mt. Zion will be holding three midweek advent services. Midweek services are a great way to look forward to the greatest of all Christmas presents: our Savior Jesus!

CLOTHING ORDER ARRIVAL: If you ordered Mt. Zion clothing, your products are available for pickup on the tables in the basement fellowship hall. Be sure to double check that you have received the correct sizes. Thanks again to Katelyn Boyce for the new shirt design!

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT: The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your mobile device. The church’s \$cashtag is “\$clcmztion”. Please direct questions to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, SD has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Former ILD Seminary graduate and current CLC member Terry Stringer has **received** and **accepted** the call to serve as “Assistant Vacancy Pastor” of Trinity, Spokane, WA. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, WA is the current vacancy pastor. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Del Maas, Gift of God, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul, Ponsford, MN has **received** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Teacher Matt Thurow, Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN has **received** the call to teach grades 4-8 and serve as

principal for Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. <> Teacher Quinn Sprengler, Redemption, WA, has **received** the call to teach upper grades and serve as principal for Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance 11/22/20 = 8

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,692.31	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$63,269.23
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,864.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$72,429.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3,014.30

SERVING US THIS WEEK

November Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	11am	Church Christmas Decorating
	3pm	Voters Meeting (remotely via Google Meet)
		Officer Elections for 2021
Wed. 12/2	7pm	1 st Midweek Advent Service
Tue. 12/8	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8pm	Trustees Meeting
Wed. 12/9	7pm	2 nd Midweek Advent Service
Tue. 12/15	7pm	Outreach Meeting
Wed. 12/16	7pm	3 rd Midweek Advent Service
Thu. 12/24	7pm	Christmas Eve Service

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. **Pastor Naumann's** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, has stage four brain cancer and is under home hospice awaiting the Lord's good timing to take her home.

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