

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**547 S. Main Ave.**  
**Groveland, FL 34736**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**November 28, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
**C: Amen**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things.  
**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.  
God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

L: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN #257 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy

Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: 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.**

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

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

**C: Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

**C: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation; blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **READINGS**

#### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 33:14-16**

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 25:1-10**

To you, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul.  
**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**  
Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.  
**Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**  
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**  
You lead the lowly in justice.  
and teach the lowly your way.  
**All your paths, O Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

L: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON – Reverend Howard Nielsen**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #438 *My Lord What A Morning***

My Lord, what a morning!  
My Lord, what a morning!  
Oh, my Lord, what a morning  
When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry  
To wake the nations underground.  
Looking to my Lord's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Oh, you will hear the trumpet sound  
To wake the nations underground.  
Looking to my Lord's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

You will hear the Christian shout  
To wake the nations underground.  
Looking to my Lord's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
    born of the virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*  
    On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
    the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
    the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS** - Please respond to each petition: **Hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING** - Giving offerings to God from what God has first given us is a spiritual practice grounded in gratitude. We are grateful for your continuing stewardship. Donations may be sent to Zion Lutheran at PO Box 607, Groveland, FL 34736.

## **ANTHEM**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you,**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**BLESSING**

**C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN #631 *Love Divine, All Love Excelling***

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### **SENDING**

L: Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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