#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 2023 SETTING ONE

#### PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

#### Amen.

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen. Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. Amen.

#### GATHERING SONG Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (ELW 435)

1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;thousand thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain:Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Now redemption, long-expected, comes in solemn splendor near; all the saints this world rejected thrill the trumpet sound to hear: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! See the day of God appear!

3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom as thine own. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone! Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Text: Public Domain.

#### **GREETING (ELW p. 98)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### KYRIE (ELW p. 98)





## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 102)

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **MEN'S CHOIR – COME TO BE OUR HOPE, O JESUS**

by J. Maraschin and M. de Oliverio Filho

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

## First Sunday of Advent

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (ELW 240 verse 1)2X

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: (2X)
 let the light banish darkness.
 He shall bring salvation to Israel,
 God fulfills the promise.
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## FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boilto make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (sung response)

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)** 

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON (ELW p. 103)

## HYMN OF THE DAY Fling Wide the Door (ELW 259)

1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings his great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.

2 He is the rock of our belief, the heart of mercy's gentle self. His kingly crown is holiness; his scepter is his loveliness; he brings our sorrows to an end. Now gladly praise our king and friend, and worship him with song for saving us from wrong. 3 Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true king's commands. And blessed be the hearts he rules, the humble places where he dwells. He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, creator of the world, our only strength for good.

4 Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; our hearts are open wide in trust. Oh, show us now your lovely grace, upon our sorrows shine your face, and let your Holy Spirit guide our journey in your grace so wide. We praise your holy name,

from age to age the same!

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#### NICENE CREED (ELW p. 104)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Let the nations tremble at your holy presence that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief (*especially* Jason, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Jack, Joan, Mervin, Don, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Lori, Erin). Deliver all in any need. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence (*whom we commemorate today*). Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

Amen. PEACE (ELW p. 106) The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Wait for the Lord* (ELW 262)2X

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.

Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Savior.

### Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)**



## PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

### Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us SING as Jesus taught us. 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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come take your place at the table.

#### COMMUNION (ELW p. 112)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

#### COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 112)

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, grant us peace.

#### Song during Communion -Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.Longing for hope, many despair.Your word alone has pow'r to save us.Make us your living voice. Refrain

3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. Refrain 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. Refrain

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. Refrain Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957. Text © 1993 Bernadette Farrell, admin. OCP Publications. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Used by permission. One License: #A-728050.

### Song during Communion - Come Now, O God (ACS 902)

1 Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken. Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken. Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken. Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

2 Come, when we squander the freedom you gave us. Come, break the systems of sin that enslave us. Come, though we wonder if you can still save us. Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

3 Come, put an end to our self-serving madness. Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness. Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness. Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984. Text © 2018 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission. One License: #A-728050.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## BLESSING

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

### Amen.

## SENDING SONG The King Shall Come (ELW 260)

1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race the day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings. Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925. Text: Public Domain.

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.** 

### POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE

Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> – 116

Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> - 9

#### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Jack Zadow, Joan Lehman, Mervin Bimm, Don Markus, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Lori Selles, Erin.

#### MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. Our next midweek worship service will be **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**.

### **DECEMITTEN-MITCEMBER**

December is the month we will prioritize fingers and hands. Bring in your mittens for the "DECEMITTEN" tree! Let's make a difference helping the coldest of us stay warm and dry this cold winter season.

### ADVENT BOOK STUDY

The Advent Book Study will meet **Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Cost per book is \$20. Please speak with Pastor Scott if you are interested.

#### **MESSY CHURCH**

Our next Messy Church will be on Monday December 4th at 5:30 pm.

#### ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN

Please join us for our ZLW Christmas Program presented by Ellen Vandersleen on **Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 pm.** Please bring your favourite finger food to share. Donations for the Food Bank are greatly needed and appreciated.

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING NOTICE

Next Worship & Music meeting will be Thursday December 7th at 7:00 pm

#### 140<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to the Anniversary Committee for your preparation and execution of such a wonderful day!

### PULSE YOUTH GROUP

Pulse Youth Group will meet on **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** at the Church for a Christmas Surprise evening!

### SILENT AUCTION

Join us on **Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>** in the evening at **6:30pm** for a fun fellowship and fundraising event. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased through the office, at coffee hour or at the door. There will be desserts and appetizers, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and hot apple cider served as you bid against one another for prizes, gift certificates and even a surprise or two! Funds raised

will go towards the food bank and Zion's current operating fund. Come and find yourself a treat or finish off your Christmas shopping. There will be something for everyone!

### **MORNING SOCIAL**

Please join us on **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** in the parish hall for our Morning Social. Come out for fellowship, fun, coffee (or tea) and a snack, and bring a friend.

### **NOTES FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Altar Care: We are once again looking for volunteers for Altar Care. If you are interested or would like to know what it entails, please call Sandra Graham at (613) 732-3260.

**Hymn Sings:** Due to a number of special services for the remainder of November and into December, the next hymn sing prior to a service will be at the morning service on December 24<sup>th</sup>, Advent 4.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again where we are looking to decorate the church for Christmas. Donations can be made towards two larger poinsettias. Smaller ones can be purchased for \$12.00 or just a donation made towards the purchase.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND POTLUCK CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Come for an intergenerational interactive retelling of the Christmas Story. There will be a potluck and fellowship following the Christmas Story. We hope to see you there.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES (NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGES)**

### Sunday December 24<sup>th:</sup>

10:00 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service & Holy Communion
3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion
Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>:
10:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, Service of Lessons And Carols

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### PLEASE NOTE:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church office will be closed

from

### Wednesday December 22 to Saturday January 2

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