

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign our guest book at the Entrance to our Sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Holy Communion: Participation in Holy Communion is open to all Christians that believe Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We now offer gluten free wafers for those requesting them. Let the Pastor know your preference if so.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PADS AT THE END OF EACH PEW. This is very helpful as it keeps us up to date on attendance numbers.

Circle of Prayer: Curtis & Deanne Shank, Elizabeth and Chloe
Steve & Annie Shank

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Bernise Bowers, my wife, Ginny Bowers; and my husband, Wayne Wishard. Given by the Robert L. Bowers Family and the Fran Wishard Family.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Festival Lights are dedicated to the Glory of God.

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Jane Kershner. Given by Ed & Susie Shaw.

Please keep in prayer: Patti Allen, Christine Anderson, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Becky Bohrer, Patsy Boward, Bob Bowers, Nell Britner, Rocky Burger, Sarah Crawford, Cindy Dawson, Cindy Dean, Margie Dilworth, Terry and Ellie Doub, Sally Drury, Jack Fazenbaker, Chris Griffith, Cheryl Grove, Kay and Mary Guessford, Mary Henderson, Amanda Himes, Bill Keller, Samantha Kerrs, Sarah Kiley, Kathleen Knode, Dave Knode, Tom Knode, Rachel Knox, Teresa Koons, Sandra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Katie McDowell, Lilly Merrell, Connie Michael, Patty Miller, Sue Moser, Pat Myers, Penny and Danielle Nigh, The Family of Rev. Thomas Perry, Linda Perry, Gina Raidt, Mackenzie Raidt, Ed Shaw, Betty Snook, Angie Snowburger, Rhoda Souders, Driver Spade, Bob Taylor, Dolly Trumpower, Dave Vaughn, Leonard Vaughn, David Warner, John Warden, Mary Whetzel, Marlin Witfield, Diane Wollard.

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Liturgy – Setting 4, Red Hymnal

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. Max Drischner

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,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.**
**We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.**
**We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.**
**Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.**
**Increase our trust in God’s timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.**

Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.
You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #590 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

GREETING

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 (Red Hymnal, #152)

Kyrie

The musical score is written for a vocal soloist and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The vocal line includes various note values, including half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes in the vocal line.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm

Psalm 122 (spoken)

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand) (Red Hymnal, Page 151)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord

Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ
(Please be seated)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn #247 Come Now O Prince of Peace (verse 1)

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel

Hymn of the Day Don't Stop Believing (see insert)

THE 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 OF INTERCESSION

P/ God of Grace, C/ Hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Musical Offering

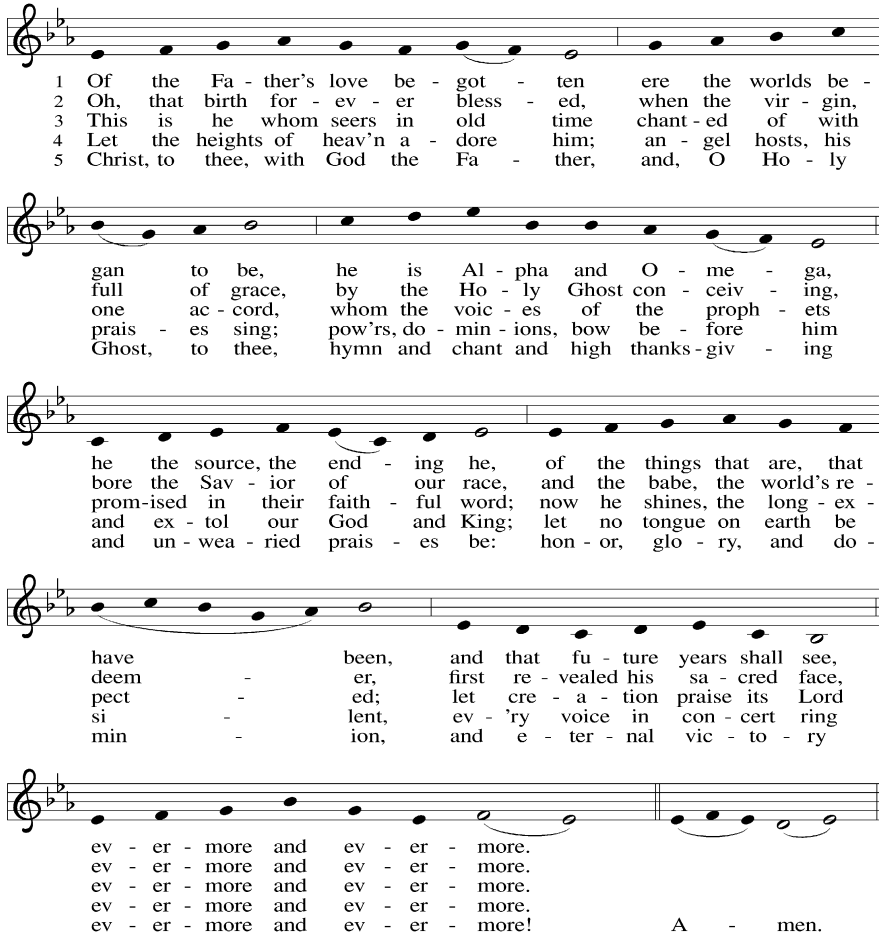
**8:15 am “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”
arr. Mark Hayes**

**10:45 am “Carol of the Advent”
Philip R. Dietterich
Adult Choir**

MEAL

OFFERTORY (Red Hymnal, #295, verse 1)

Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be -
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
pect - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
si - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
min - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Great Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

**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

**Here is life. God is with us.
Come, receive what God has promised**

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION: Salvation and new life come to us through the bread and wine at Christ's command as he says, "This is my body given for you and this is my blood shed for you." Communion is being served either at stations or in your pew. Follow the directions given by the Pastor & the Ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn #245 Creator of the Stars of Night

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" arr. Paul Manz

David Loy, Organ

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Prayer after Communion

God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Blessing

May God who comes among us,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #439 Soon and Very Soon

Dismissal

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Toccata on Savior of the Nations Come” arr. Paul O. Manz

THE WEEK AHEAD

November 30, 2025

8:15 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship Service
2:00 pm	Community Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Family Movie Night – “A Journey to Bethlehem”

December 2, 2025

10:00 am	Leaf Clean Up
6:30 pm	Kinder Haven Board of Directors
7:00 pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal

December 3, 2025

8:00 am	Men’s Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am	Bible Study

December 4, 2025

3:00 pm	Kinder Haven Cookies with Santa
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm	AA
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

December 6, 2025

11:00 am	Celebration of Life – Rev. Thomas Perry, Ret.
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Ushers

8:15 am	Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Kershner Wyatt

Greeters

8:15 am	Darlene Teach
10:45 am	Marjorie Dilworth

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Chrystal Hodge

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Michael Harp and Charles Crown

8:15 am	Acolyte: Loren Baran	Crucifer: Ian Baran
10:45 am	Acolyte: Jeremy Cassner	Crucifer: Brandon Stiles

Altar Care

8:15 am	Brent & Jackie Taylor
10:45 am	

Film Schedule:

10:45 am	Brandon Stiles
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 7, 2025

Ushers

8:15 am	Chris Baran
10:45 am	Vaughn Miller

Greeters

8:15 am	Terry & Debbie Grossnickle
10:45 am	Lesa & Joey Mason

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Debbie Grossnickle
10:45 am	Stephen Himes

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Jamie Neikirk and Paula Wyatt

8:15 am	Acolyte: Dawson Miller	Crucifer:
10:45 am	Acolyte: Andrew Snook	Crucifer: Leah Snook

Altar Care

8:15 am	Brent & Jackie Taylor
10:45 am	Jamie & Joy Neikirk

Film Schedule:

10:45 am	Brandon Stiles
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homebound & Shut Ins – Randy Anderson, Barbara Burger, Jean Brechbill, Terry Conrad, Bob Gordon, Dorothea Heavner, Kathleen Knode, Demeta Matlack, Roger Nicodemus, Linda Perry, Marilyn Schoenian, Ien & Heng Ya Srun, Kitty Smalts, Bonnie Thomas, James Thomas.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family of the Rev. Thomas Perry, Ret. Pastor Perry passed away on November 21, 2025. His Celebration of Life Service will be held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 11:00 am. A meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please keep Linda, Katie, Heidi and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

There will be a Leaf Clean up on December 2, 2025 at 10:00 am. This will take care of the last of the leaves. Please come help. Many hands make light work.

Join us throughout the Advent season as we prepare ourselves for the arrival of our Savior at Christmas. November 30 “Don’t Stop Believing” as we hold on to HOPE; December 7 “Imagine” a kingdom of PEACE; December 14 Celebrate JOY because “Here Comes the Sun”; and December 21 LOVE makes “What a Wonderful World”. Join us for our Brown Bag Christmas Pageant on the 21st.

The Angel Tree is up next to the Office. The families on the tree are a mix of our Congregation, Kinder Haven Families and families that attend the Williamsport School System. Please consider taking a tag and purchasing the gift on the tag. Wrapped gifts need to be placed under the tree by December 16, 2025. If you want to contribute to the food boxes, please mark your donation “Angel Tree” and place it in the offering.

Don’t forget Family Movie Night on November 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be showing the film “A Journey to Bethlehem”. This is a great way to begin the Advent and Christmas Season.

Micah’s Backpack has the following needs: microwavable macaroni and cheese cups, ramen noodles (chicken or beef flavored), and pop tarts. If you have questions, please see Jackie Taylor.

SAVE THE DATE:

November 30, 2025	Family Movie Night “A Journey to Bethlehem”
November 30, 2025	First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2025	Leaf Clean up
December 21, 2025	Family Movie Night