

Zion St. John Lutheran Church
Being the Body of Christ

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November 30, 2025 9:00 am 1st Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

I Will Wait for You

ZSJ Praise Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

150 VIDEO

Stand

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, in the name of the ☩ Father and the Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

OPENING SONG

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His spirit, washed in his Blood.

Refrain: This is my story, This is my song
Praising my Savior, All the day long (2x)

2. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His Love. **Refrain**

3. My King is coming soon, He will roll the clouds away
Light of Heaven bursting through, Oh what a glorious day! (2x) **Refrain**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

see insert

Nickerson/ Lubkeman families

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;

neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

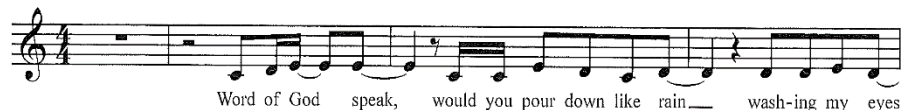
¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be

taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

1. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
And I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again. (2x)

Refrain: Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love and I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You, in all I do to honor You.

Verse 1, Refrain

2. You are my King, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King
You are my King. **Refrain 2x**

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

THE PRAYERS

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

After each petition: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

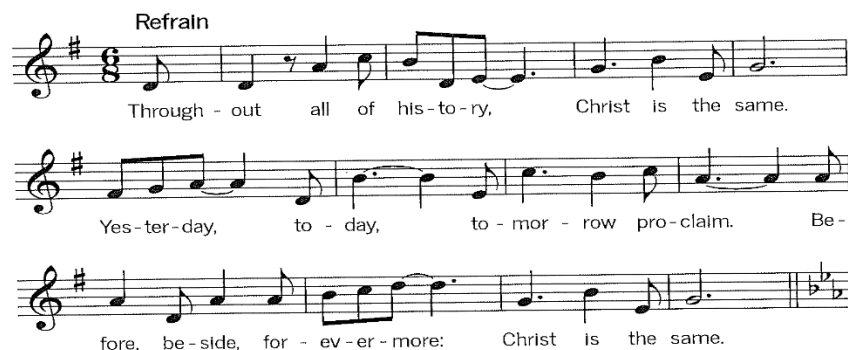
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OFFERING *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)* p. 57

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OFFERTORY

Christ is the Same



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Bless these gifts, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 (2x, praise team, then all; SS children are welcome to join)

The Lord bless you, and keep you.
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Amen, Amen, Amen

SENDING SONG *From the Day* p. 7

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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POSTLUDE

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Stewardship

...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us

Our Selves...

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church
Music...ZSJ Praise Team Lector...Leah C
Greeters... Fellowship...150th Committee
Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

Our Time...

November 23...77 LSV...34 SS..23

And Our Possessions...

November 23...\$5,756.00 SS...\$139.00

...signs of your gracious love