

First Sunday In Advent

November 30th 2025 8:00am & 9:30am



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Talk



Pray



Bless

Preparation For Worship: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" *Psalm 122:1*

Opening Song

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.
One day every tongue will confess Your are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now.

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Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.
Come. Come. Just as you are, come. Come.

Ministry Spotlight

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Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: God the Father loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: The promised Messiah came! We celebrate the Advent of His coming. Emmanuel is God with us, and Christ will come again! He is the Prince of Peace, and Lord of all! God is good!

Pastor: All the time!

People: All the time!

Pastor: God is good!

People: Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We confess our need of forgiveness, and that God's forgiveness is the gift that leads to newness of life. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, born in a manger, died on a cross, and risen from the grave: All to redeem us from sin, death, the devil, and our sinful self. As Paul wrote in Romans 3 "This was to show God's righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance God had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus." Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John's words:

People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Forgive me of my sins, I pray. *(Reflection for confession)*

Pastor: Jesus laid down His life for our sins to be forgiven. He cleanses us, and calls us clean as we believe and receive His reconciliation. As you have confessed and believed, as a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and according to His Word, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Daily Text

No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:34

When the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the

Son of David,” they became angry and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?”

Matthew 21:15-16

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: God, You know our prayers before we even breathe them. Though You know my words help me to say them anyway, for I need to hear them. Thank You for declaring that infants and babies can know You just as much as scholars and priests. You were there for our first prayer and will be there for our last. Amen.

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and 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 the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and 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 anymore.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!” ² Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! ³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you! ⁷ Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!” ⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, “Peace be within you!” ⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Second Lesson

Romans 13 :11-14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is

at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.

Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master 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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

People: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

People: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

**How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

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Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
O God You are my living hope

Sermon/Watchword

Talk --- New, Knew, Next

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Come, Let Us Walk In The Light Of The Lord

Prayers of the Church

Pray

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include the whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words...

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: **Amen.**

Preface, Proper Preface and Sanctus

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. 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 again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People^(sung): 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words Of Institution

Pastor: 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 in 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 in remembrance of Me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: **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**

Distribution Of Holy Communion

All who sincerely believe in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Communion – that the cup of blessing is the Communion of the blood of Christ and the bread is the Communion of the body of Christ, and sincerely believing that in receiving Him we have the forgiveness of our sins, salvation, and strength for the Christian life, come – partake of the Lord's Supper.

Communion Song

How Beautiful

**How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross**

**How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ**

**How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise**

**How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ**

**And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price**

**How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live**

**How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ**

**How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth**

**How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ**

Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;

People: **For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before
the face of all people;**

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.
Shalom. Shalom.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing: Child of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: **our service begins!**

Closing Song

Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your Name**

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your Name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

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SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

Welcome To Worship At Zion. We are pleased to have you join us. If you are a visitor please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God from Ron and Jo Anne O'Neill. Grateful, Thankful, Blessed. Celebrate endings for they precede new beginnings.

The November Mission of the Month is Accessible Hope, International. See the November newsletter on the shelf outside the church office for more information on this organization. Use the Mission Envelopes to support this ministry.

Jericho Road Ministries: Can't figure out what to get that friend or family member for Christmas? We have the answer!! As in the past, JRM is making available to you, gift cards for your Christmas gift giving. There is an updated listing of the available cards and denominations on the shelf outside the church office. Purchasing the cards is a great way to support the ministry efforts of JRM. Please contact the JRM office with your order no later than December 10th.

If you would like to support Jericho Road Ministries at the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights, and donate food and hygiene donations for our food program, the dates that Zion will be at the gate on the E.A.A. grounds are: Thursday, 4 December, Friday, 5 December, Saturday, 6 December, Monday, 8 December, Friday, 19 December. The times are all 5:15pm to 9:00pm.

Instead of poinsettias, for this year's Christmas listing in memory of, or in honor of loved ones we encourage you to make a donation of any amount to our food program. Use the Mission Envelopes for this gift and indicate what you would like put in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day handout.

The December Newsletter is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge, on the shelf outside the church office. *Please remember: We no longer have a way to find out if you have moved. Call the church office with new addresses and/or phone numbers.*

Bible Studies at Zion

Monday 1:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm

Worship at Zion

Saturday 5:00pm Chapel Service (the 2nd and last Saturday of each month)

Sunday 8:00am Worship

9:30am G.I.F.T. Worship

11:30am Swahili-English Worship

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