

Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church

"Responding in Service to God's Love"



Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

Welcome to Zoar Lutheran Church!

We're glad you're here to worship with us and pray that your spirit will be refreshed and transformed by the abundant grace of our God.

Zoar seeks to follow Jesus's example of inclusion by welcoming and affirming all, including all whom the world attempts to separate, divide, or isolate. We are committed to fostering social justice and racial equality.

The Zoar community is committed to the ongoing work of welcoming all ages, races and ethnicities, physical and mental abilities, marital, economic, and legal statuses, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions, as well as all theological perspectives.

We celebrate Holy Communion in worship each week, and all who desire a deeper relationship with the God revealed in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake. This is Christ's table – not our table – and so, we follow Jesus in welcoming all people to the table.

The "Creative Corner" and children's worship bulletins are available for our younger friends. We also offer Children's Time during worship.

If you have a special prayer request or would like to speak with our Pastor in private later this week, forms are available from an usher.

Hearing devices are available at the AV booth at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to stand at the rail for Holy Communion if kneeling is uncomfortable, or let an usher know and we can bring Communion to you.

We invite you to join us in worship, community, fellowship, and ministry – all aspects of congregational life and leadership. Please join us after the worship service for fellowship.

May you find Zoar* to be your "little place of refuge." *You are welcome here.*

(* The name "Zoar" is found in Genesis 19. Zoar is the small town where Lot and his family take refuge when Sodom and Gomorrah are about to be destroyed. "Zoar" means "small" in Hebrew, and since Zoar was a place of refuge, our congregation aspires to be a "little place of refuge.")

Welcome / Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude



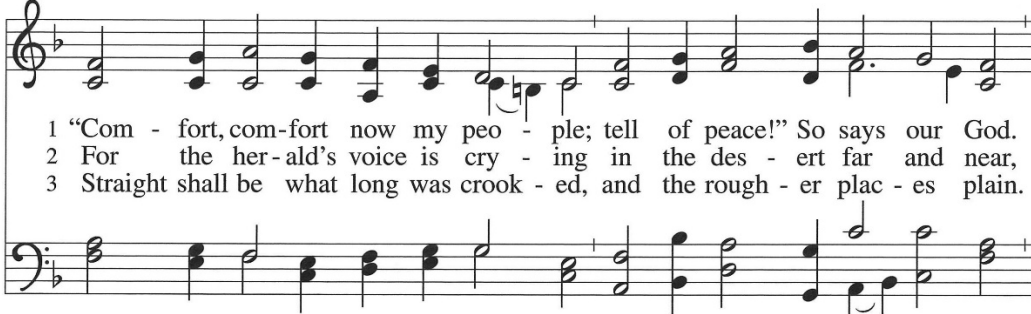
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Gathering Hymn

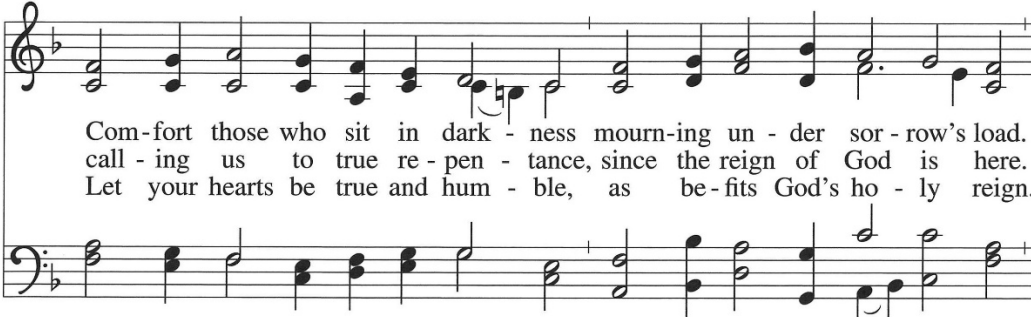
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Comfort, Comfort Now My People

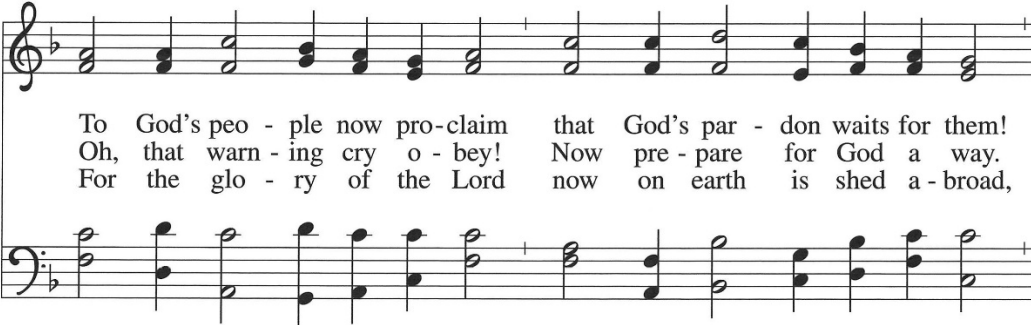
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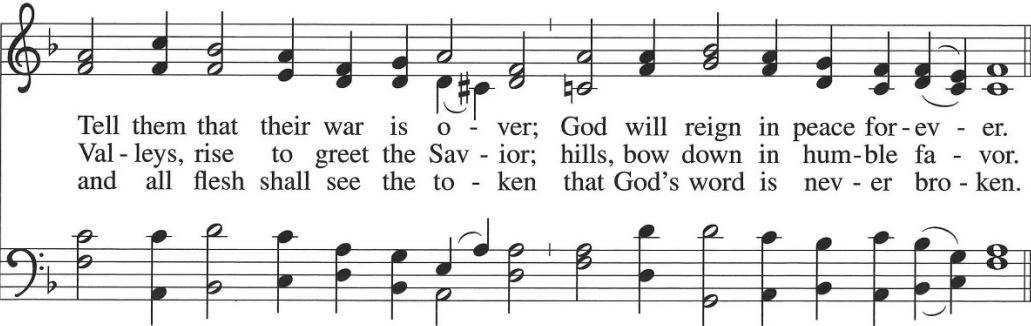
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
 John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
 for the kingdom of heaven is near.
 Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
 Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
 that we may be a light shining in the darkness
 welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
 for he is our light and our salvation.
 Blessed be God forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(Light two candles. During the candlelighting, we'll sing the first two verses.)

Christmas Is Coming

John L. Bell

Refrain

Christ - mas is com - ing!, the Church is glad to sing, and

let the Ad - vent can - dles bright - ly burn in a ring. * The

first is for God's pro - mise to put the wrong things right, and

bring to earth's dark - ness the hope of love and light.

* 2 The second for the prophets,
 who said that Christ would come
 with good news for many
 and angry words for some.

3 The third is for the Baptist,
 who cried, 'Prepare the way.
 Be ready for Jesus
 today and every day.'

4 The fourth is for the Virgin,
 who mothered God's own Son
 and sang how God's justice
 was meant for everyone.

5 At last we light the candle
 kept new for Christmas day.
 This shines bright for Jesus
 new-born, and here to stay.

*Christ is among us.
 The candles in the ring
 Remind us that our Saviour
 Will light up everything.*

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
for Truitt Robert Tye
parents: Jordan and Emma Tye
baptismal sponsors: Peyton Jackson**

Presentation

The presiding minister addresses the parents and baptismal sponsors

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word of God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

Response [by the parent and baptismal sponsors]:

We present Truitt Robert Tye for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Truitt baptized into Christ?

R: We do.

P: Jordan and Emma, as you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Truitt grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: We do.

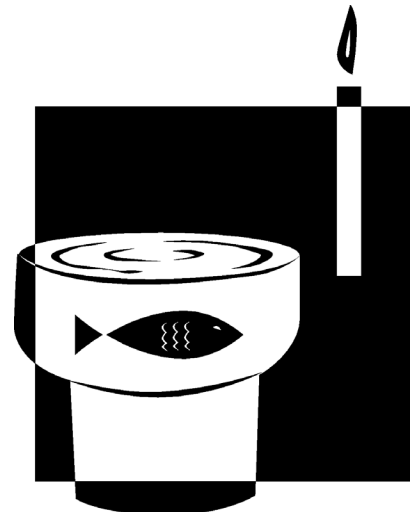
P: Peyton, as Truitt's baptismal sponsor, do you promise to nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Truitt and his parents and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**



Profession of faith

The presiding minister addresses the parent and baptismal sponsors:

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: We renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through water you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you delivered us from the power of sin and death and set us free to live in you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this water and upon Truitt who is washed in it, that they may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Baptism

P: Truitt Robert Tye, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

After the child has been baptized, the pastor invites the congregation to respond.

P: And let the people of God say:

C: Amen! You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Truitt with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Signing With the Cross

P: Truitt, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross ✝ of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

(A lighted candle is given to the parents.)

IP: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

IP: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeemed word to all the world.



Baptized and Set Free

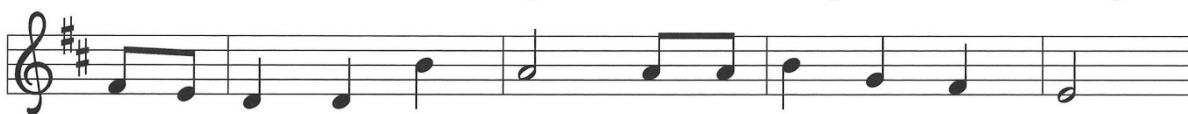
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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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BAPTIZED AND SET FREE
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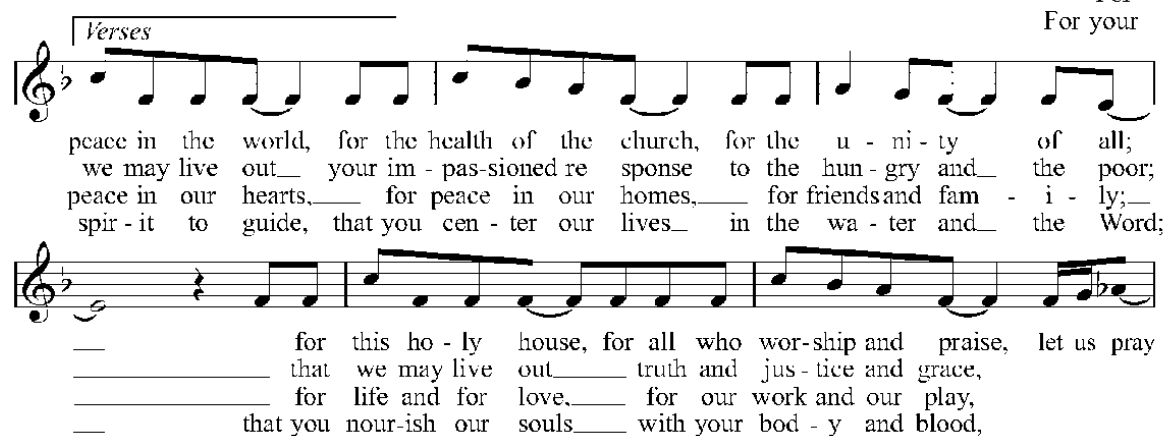
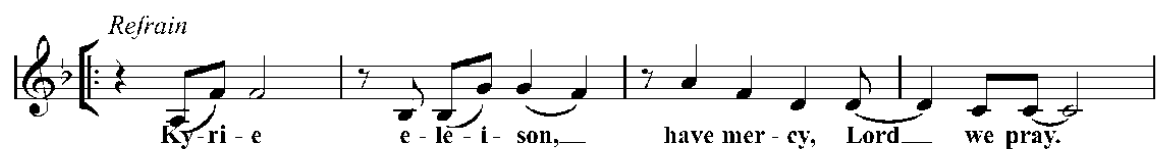
The Greeting

IP: 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

Mel Kubik-Bondy



Salutation

IP: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

IP: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

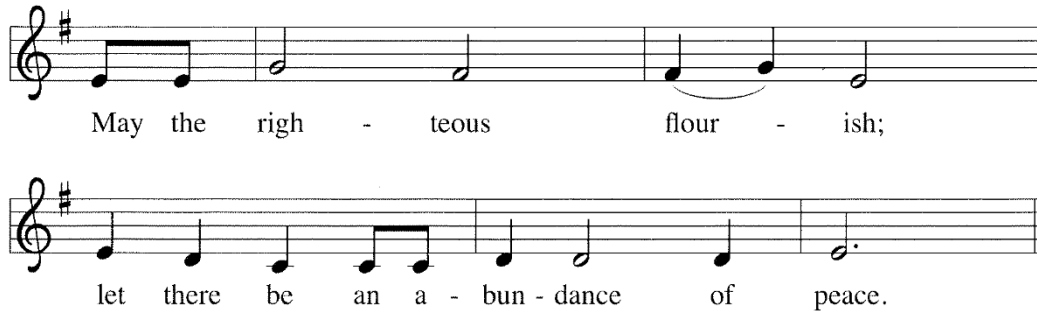
¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

Psalm 72 (R v7)



- ¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
² **that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁸ **Blessed are you, Lord God, the | God of Israel;**
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰ and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹ and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹² and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**



Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

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Mel Kubik-Bondy



Al-le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?___ You have the
words of e - ter - nal___ life.___ Al-le - lu - ia!___ Al - le - lu - ia!___
___ Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!___ Al-le - lu - ia!___
___ Al - le - lu - ia!___ Al - le -
lu - ia,___ al - le - lu - ia!___

The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.' "

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Message

Pastor Michelle Manicke

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

ADVENT

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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The Prayers of the People

*(The petitioner will say, "God of grace"; the congregation will respond with "**hear our prayer.**")*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: On the count of 3, let's all say together, "**The peace of Christ be with you always!**"

Please be seated.

The Offering

Please take a moment of silent prayer to consider the many needs and to give thanks for the blessings you've received from God. Ask God to guide you in discerning how you can share some of the gifts God has entrusted to you. (Perhaps you'll feel moved to call someone, to write a card, or to make an extra donation in support of ministries making a difference in our wider community, so that they can continue to bring light and life to our neighbors in need.)

The Offertory



Please stand, as you are able.

The Offering Hymn

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Blessed Is the One

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes' are placed below the first staff. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes' below it. The third system concludes the piece, with the lyrics 'in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.' below it. The score uses various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some measures containing rests or specific rhythmic markings like '8'.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes

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

in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26
Music: Nathan Houge, b. 1977
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BLESSED IS THE ONE
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The Blessing of the Quilts

Let us pray together:

**C: Gracious God,
Source of all blessing and of every good gift,
we give you thanks for the work of Zoar's Sewing Circle and Knotty Loopers
who have lovingly created these beautiful quilts,
afghans, and hats,
and who've assembled so many health kits.
Bless the members of our Sewing Circle and Knotty Loopers,
and bless these gifts as they travel to their new homes.
May they provide warmth and comfort
to your dear children who receive them
for many days to come.
This we ask through the One who came to reveal your love
and to heal this broken and troubled world;
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

**A: 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.**

C: Amen.

The 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 God thanks and praise

The Proper Preface

**P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and
praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, whose coming the prophets and John the
Baptist announced with great joy, and so with the church on earth, all creation, and
the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

Holy

Mel Kubik-Bondy

Lively **4**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er and might,

12 — heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

17 -sa - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is

22 he whocomes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na! Ho -

29 -sa - na! Ho sa - na in the high est! Ho - sa - na!

36 Ho - sa - na! Ho - sa - na in the high est!

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

IP: Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

P: At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

IP: Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C: Amen

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The 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.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God

Mel Kubik-Bondy

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E♭ A♭ D♭(sus4) G♭ A♭ G♭ D♭

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us._____

E♭ A♭ G♭ B♭m A♭ G♭ D♭

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Grant us peace._____

The Distribution

Instructions for those communing online/in their homes:

Please take a minute to wash your hands if you'll be touching the bread or cup and offering it to another person.

As you are offering bread to another, say these words: "The body of Christ, given for you."

As you are offering the wine or grape juice, say these words: "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Communion Hymns

We Are Waiting for Jesus

905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up-on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov-ing Shep-herd, walk be-side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957
Music: John Helgen
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JESUS BRINGS PEACE
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Light Dawns on a Weary World

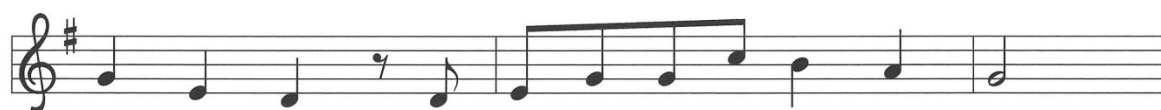
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1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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TEMPLE OF PEACE

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Please stand, as you are able.

The Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen**

Closing Prayer:

A: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The Sending Blessing

IP: 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.

C: **Amen.**



Please stand, as you are able.

Sending Hymn

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People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new
of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming
trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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The Dismissal

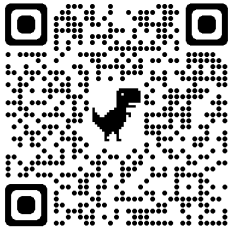
IP: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Assisting Minister	Di Bernklau
Communion Assistant	Renna Marcus
Pianist	Mel Kubik
Lector	Paul Rothi
Song Leader	Worship Team
Sunday School Teacher	Don Weaver
Greeters	Janet Jeffries, Nancy Mohr
Altar Care	Marie and Jerry Rothi
Sound	Alden
AV Technician	Anne Manicke
Altar Flowers	ZLCW

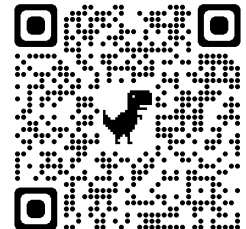
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Special Giving



General Fund



Building Fund

Looking Ahead

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Date	Time	Activity
Sunday: 12/7	9:15 – 10:15 am	Adult Forum: Kindness Room
	9:15 – 10:15 am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – Speaking Parts: Sanctuary
	10:30 – 11:30 am	Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service: Sanctuary
	12: – 1 pm	Fellowship Time: Narthex
	12 – 1:30 pm	Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
	1:30 – 3 pm	Confirmation: Kindness Room
Monday: 12/8		Pastor's Day Off
	11:30 am – 2 pm	Quilter's Lunch with Clackamas County: Narthex
	7 – 8 pm	Property Leadership Team: Narthex
Tuesday: 12/9	5 – 6:00 pm	Community Dinner: Narthex and Kitchen
	7 – 8:30 pm	Church Council Meeting: Zoom
	7 – 8 pm	Grupo La Frontera (Spanish language AA): Kindness Room
Wednesday: 12/10	11 – 6 pm	Music Ministries: Sanctuary
	7 – 8 pm	Grupo La Frontera (Spanish language AA): Kindness Room
Thursday: 12/11	10:30 – 11:30 am	Bible Study with Pastor Michelle
	12 – 7:30 pm	Music Ministries: Sanctuary
	1 – 2 pm	Youth and Education Leadership Team: Narthex
	7 – 8:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study: Zoom
Friday: 12/12	7 – 8 pm	Grupo La Frontera (Spanish language AA): Kindness Room
Saturday: 12/13	9 – 12 pm	Furniture Ministry
	10 – 12 pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: Sanctuary
Sunday: 12/14	9 – 10:15 am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: Sanctuary
	10:30 – 11:30 am	Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Pageant and Worship Service: Sanctuary
	12: – 1 pm	Fellowship Time: Narthex
	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal: Sanctuary
	1:30 – 2:30 pm	Ordinary Men Rehearsal: Sanctuary

Long-term Monthly Scheduled Activities:

First Tuesday of every month	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Evangelism Team Mtg. – Zoom
Monday prior to each Church Council Mtg.	7 - 8 pm	Property & Management - In person @ Zoar
Second Tuesday of every month	7 - 8:30 pm	Church Council Mtg. - Zoom
Second Thursday of every month	1 - 2 pm	Youth & Education Mtg. – In person @ Zoar
Third Wednesday of every month	7:30-8:30 pm	Technology Task Force: Zoom
Fourth Tuesday of every month	7 - 8:30 pm	Executive Council Mtg. - Zoom
Last Friday of every month (3 rd Fri in Nov & Dec)	9 – 10:30 am	Breakfast Group: Jarboe's Grill in Canby