

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
ADVENT – WEEK 2  
DECEMBER 7, 2024  
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

*Note: Worship leader will ask for prayer requests at the start of this evening's service. Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers during Prayers of the People. We will also be using our cell phones for the Sharing of the Peace. You may wish to select someone ahead of time to send your message of peace and love.*

**GATHERING**

Video: "The Heart of Advent"

Reading: "The Candle of Peace"

Opening song: "O Come, O come Emmanuel" (Verses 1,2,3)

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

How shall we prepare for the coming of the Lord?

**With hearts filled with love and peace.**

How shall we prepare for the coming of Christ?

**With prayers filled with adoration and devotion.**

How shall we prepare for the coming of our savior?

**With songs filled with joy and hope.**

How shall we prepare for the coming of God's Son?

**With worship filled with passion and spirit.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together: **God of our deliverance, you meet us in our need. You fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. As we await your Son and the glory of your salvation, guide our feet in the ways of peace. Amen.**

Greetings – Deb Davies

## Sharing of Peace

The one who brings the peace that passes all understanding awaits. Share the longing for this peace as you share signs of Christ's love with one another.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Sharing by text

We invite you to take out your cell phone now and send a text message of joy and love to someone who isn't in worship this evening.

## Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

## **THE WORD** (Luke 3: 1-6)

### Gospel reading

Holy God, may we taste and see the good things you are doing in our lives.

**May the words we hear inspire us to be your faithful followers.**

**Amen.**

A reading from Luke: **3** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— **2** during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,

make straight paths for him.

**5** Every valley shall be filled in,

every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,

the rough ways smooth.

**6** And all people will see God's salvation.”<sup>[a]</sup>

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

Today's message – Deb Davies

### **Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

Let us pray: **As you rescued your people of old, rescue us over and over again, Mighty One. As you purified the saints like a refiner's fire, purify our lives this day and bless the gifts we bring before you now. Through our offering, may those who sit in darkness find their way into the light of your loving arms. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ...

Lord in your mercy ...

**Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

### **The sending**

Benediction

And all God's people say ....

**Thanks be to God.**

Sending song: "Prepare the Royal Highway" – Resurrection

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Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.