

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome friends! Christ came “to shine on those living in darkness and ... to guide our feet into the path of peace” (Luke 1:79). Let us open ourselves to the light of the Savior and walk in love and peace with one another as the children of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

CONGREGATION: *Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths."*

PASTOR: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; 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.

CONGREGATION: *There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.*

PASTOR: The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

CONGREGATION: *His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears;*

PASTOR: But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

CONGREGATION: *Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.*

PASTOR: The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION: *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:1-6, 9

God gives us His Son—The Prince of Peace—to make the dark, painful areas of our lives less frightening. He whispers softly to us "Don't rush, walk slowly, don't be afraid of the dark—I am with you always."

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. ... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Dear Lord, let peace abound in each of us gathered here. Prevent us from resisting the benefits of your grace. You alone can satisfy our greatest needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The second offering this morning is our monthly Building Repair Fund offering.
- Christmas Choir Practice this evening.
- **December 9** - 7:00 PM - Student Music Recital
- **Friday, December 12 - 7:30 PM** - Christmas music by Central Zone churches.
- **December 17** - Meet at the church at 6:00 PM for caroling. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments afterwards in the parsonage basement
- **December 21 - Morning Service** - Sunday School Christmas Pageant
7:00 PM - Christmas Musical
- **December 24 - Christmas Eve** - No service
- **December 25 - Christmas** - 7:00 PM - Candlelight Service
- **December 31** - New Year's Eve Fellowship (8 PM) and Watch Night Service (10 PM). The Rev. Don Myers will be speaking.
- *The Christmas card mail sorter is up for "special delivery". We suggest that the money you save on postage be donated to missions or another worthy project.*
- A large crew was on hand Saturday to decorate the church. Thanks to Bunnie & Bobbie Bates, Karen Cartwright, Merylin Ellis, Karen Fairbairn, Kathy Moltzen, Rachel Owens, Cathy Posson, and Lois Schenck for all your work!



SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

Thank you for your sacrificial giving!

From our treasurer:

Special Offering Statistics -

Thanksgiving Missions Offering: \$889.00
(last year - \$1212.00)

Building Repair Fund Income

- General church repairs (including roof) +\$5931.74
- Designated for parsonage flooring/repairs +\$700.00

Building Repair Fund Expenses

- Roof -\$4921.97
- Other church repairs - \$589.38

Building Fund BALANCE +\$1120.39

The Community Christmas Chorus will present their Christmas program, a holiday gift to the community, on Sunday, December 14, 4:00 PM at the Cobleskill Zion Lutheran Church. Guest conductor Mitch Haverly will lead the Chorus.

The program will feature the Saint Saëns *Christmas Oratorio* accompanied by harp, organ and string quintet. Also on the program is the "Magnificat" by Mitch Haverly, and several seasonal numbers. A freewill offering will be collected.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Lisbon, Ohio**. Aaron Sherman is pastor.
- Pray for Jadine Hughes, Chris & Margo.
- Physical Needs -
 - Let's be faithful to pray for **Charlotte** (Neil Adams' cousin), **Violet Hollingsworth** (Lois Schenck's sister), **Roger Ellers** (cancer, broken leg), **Alberta Heckman**, **Ernest and Doris Cook**, **Louise**, **Mary Lum**, **David Rison**, **Glenn Hockmeyer**, **Brett**, **Noreen**, **Roberta Lepera**, **Bill Snyder**, **Marie Rooney**, **Dominique**, **Pastor Dixon**, **Howard Mickle** (and Bonita), **Rosemary Snyder**, **Cathy Posson**, **Brian Edwards**, **Albert Barr**, **Mark Vosburgh**, **Robert Ford**, **Lillian Jamison**, **Jean Ford**, **Bob Zeh**, and **Kathy Moltzen**.
- From our Cobleskill church: **Helen** (in hospital), **Ralph**, **Kathleen**, **Bruce**, **Judy**, **Sharon**, and **Genevieve**.
- Continue to pray for:
 - Our **young people** in college:
 - Lyndsay France
 - Seth and Isaac Owens
 - Keith Posson, who has been recalled to active military duty.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Our service personnel, especially **Wesley Lum**, **Jacob Eggleston**, **Donnie Gray**, **Anthony & Joyce Willey**, **Ryan Mills**, and **Charles Laraway**.
 - Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Hosea 6:1-9:17	Hosea 10:1-14:9	Joel 1:1-3:21	Amos 1:1-3:15
NT	3 John 1:1-15	Jude 1:1-25	Revelation 1:1-20	Revelation 2:1-17
PSA	Psalms 126:1-6	Psalms 127:1-5	Psalms 128:1-6	Psalms 129:1-8
PROV	Proverbs 7	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9	Proverbs 10
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Amos 4:1-6:14	Amos 7:1-9:15	Obadiah 1:1-21	
	Revelation 2:18-3:6	Revelation 3:7-22	Revelation 4:1-11	
	Psalms 130:1-8	Psalms 131:1-3	Psalms 132:1-18	
	Proverbs 11	Proverbs 12	Proverbs 13	

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM