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**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!! The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the Holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the Word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** Blessed be the Lord, ☩ the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**C** Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

**P** Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

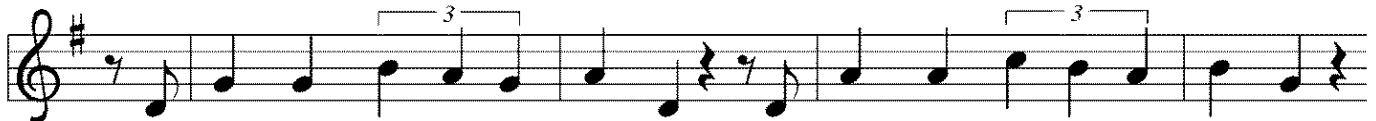
**P** God of new beginnings,

- C** we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.
- P** People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
- C** Amen.

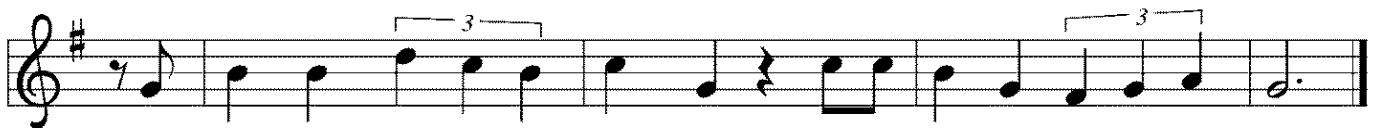
### GATHERING HYMN: *He Came Down* (ELW 253)

*Sing only verses 1, 3, and 4*

## He Came Down



- |   |                                      |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | He came down that we may have love;  | he came down that we may have love;  |
| 2 | He came down that we may have light; | he came down that we may have light; |
| 3 | He came down that we may have peace; | he came down that we may have peace; |
| 4 | He came down that we may have joy;   | he came down that we may have joy;   |



he came down that we may have love;	
he came down that we may have light;	hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;	
he came down that we may have joy;	

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

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### GREETING

- P** 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.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: ADVENT 1

- P** Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the World. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.
- C** Amen.



## First Sunday of Advent

HYMN: (ELW 240)

*We will sing the first verse only this week.*

### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
 He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. 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 His Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 2: 1-5***Please be seated.***L** A reading from Isaiah.*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.*<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup>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.<sup>3</sup>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.<sup>4</sup>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.<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**L** The word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**PSALM: Psalm 122***Read responsively.*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem**<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.<sup>8</sup>**For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.**<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."**SECOND READING: Romans 13: 11-14****L** A reading from Romans.*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.*<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside



# SERMON

*Please be seated.*

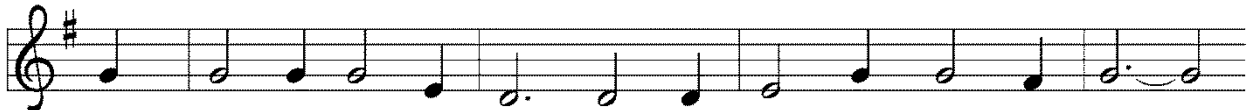
## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)

*Please stand as you are able. Sing only verses 1, 2, and 4*

### Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Please join me in confessing our faith in the Apostles' Creed  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a World that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence*

**A** God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the Global Church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** God of wonder, the Earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of the birth of Jesus and other places of conflict especially Ukraine. God, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care especially Michael, the Porters, Niki, Arlene, and others we hold in our hearts. God, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict especially First English who is looking for a new pastor. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



- P** God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In the name of Jesus we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

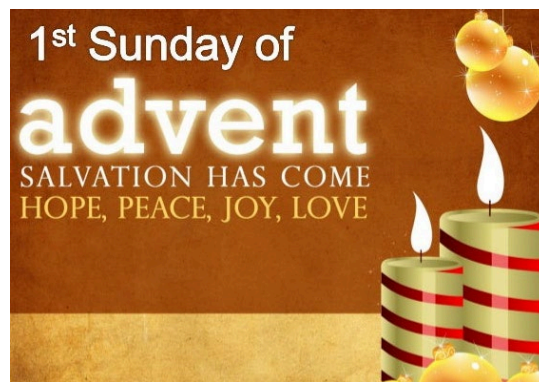
## SHALOM

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

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**



## DIALOGUE

- 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 our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
*(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)*



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** 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. 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. 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.



## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:

**C** **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

## COMMUNION

**will be done individually at your seats.**

*Please be seated.*

**P** The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

## COMMUNION HYMN

The hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;".

**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**

**have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.**

**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

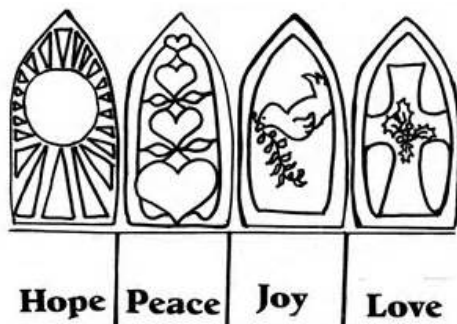
### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**C** Amen.



### BLESSING

**P** Believe that God came to be in Jesus Christ, and look for him to come again. May the advent of his coming bring you comfort and joy.  
**C** Amen.

**P** May God make you steady in faith, full of hope, and abounding in Love.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Rejoice that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. When he comes again in glory, may he bring you to everlasting life.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✝ and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN : *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)**

*Sing only verses 2, 3, and 4*

# Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C** Thanks be to God. *We go out--Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love.* Amen! (The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

## POSTLUDE

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### Serving during worship this morning:

**Presider:** Jon Meister

**Lector:**

**Musician(s):** Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry Gossett

**Food fund donations:**

### Serving during worship next week:

**Presider:** Jon Meister

**Lector:**

**Musician(s):** Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry Gossett

**Food fund donations:**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

## CONTACT THE PASTOR

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.

## COMING EVENTS AT ZION

### SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH

We have started Sunday morning discussions of 1<sup>st</sup> John every Sunday before Church. We meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings to have discussions about important things. We have started with 1<sup>st</sup> John. We are still discussing chapters 3. (we got to chapter 4.) Please come and bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you. Try to read the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, but it is not required. *I am loving the discussions. Please come and join us*



### ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

For those of us who wish to worship on Wednesday evenings during Advent, there are opportunities in our neighboring churches.

Resurrection Lutheran, Hilliard, 6:15 light supper, service at 6:45 (thereabout).

St. John's, London, service at 7:00

St. Paul's, New Rome, potluck supper at 6:00, service at 7:00 (pending)

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service.** Our service will begin at 7:00 PM. At 6:30 Ann will be playing lots of Christmas music for your listening pleasure.

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Once again this year we will be getting poinsettias for the Altar for Christmas Eve. This year we are again getting red blooms and they will, be \$12.00 per pot for 8.5" pots. Please take a moment to stop by the bulletin board behind the office door and sign up for one (or more). Place your money in an envelope and put it in an offering plate. We appreciate your help in making our Altar even more festive for this special night.

## VILLAGE EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** The Village will again be having a Fall Shop Hop from 10 AM-1 PM here

at the Community Center. The last one was very successful. Come out on that Saturday after Thanksgiving to see what our village can offer.

**DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>** I know some of you have some little people.

**West Jefferson Parent Teacher Organization's (WJPTO)**

## **BREAKFAST with SANTA**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30-11:30am**

**Norwood Elementary - 899 Norwood Drive**

**ickets: \$10 per child, \$6 per adult. 2 years and under free**

ult tickets include breakfast and drink. Children tickets include that and m

• Pancake, Sausage and Scrambled Eggs • Pancake Topping Bar •  
• Coffee, Milk, Water or Juice • Photo with Santa • Craft • Letters to Santa



**Secret Santa Shop with  
free gift wrapping.  
All items just \$2!**



**Santa's Raffle Baskets  
Tickets: \$1 each or  
6 for \$5**

**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup>** is Christmas in the Park. Take a romantic carriage ride around town. There is still a need for volunteers. If you are interested call Carol Beachy at the Hardware Store.

## **PRAYERS**



Please keep these people in your prayers: Michael Koch; Wesley and JoAnn Porter; Nicole Biler Robinette; and all of those who are suffering from diseases and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. (Does anyone have updates on the Toys? We have not heard from them for quite a while.)

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid). Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614 398-6302 [lejohn7310@icloud.com](mailto:lejohn7310@icloud.com)



## **LIRS HAPPY NEWS**

It is my pleasure to share with you that LIRS has just received its largest gift in the history of the organization! Revolutionary philanthropist MacKenzie Scott has given **\$15 million in unrestricted funds**. We are honored and deeply grateful for her generosity and affirmation of our work.

The gift is an investment in our vision that all immigrants and refugees are protected, embraced, and empowered in a world of just and welcoming communities. With it, **we plan to accelerate groundbreaking projects that will transform immigration services**, including trauma-informed mental health care and the expansion of our holistic Welcome Centers for asylum-seeking families. The record-breaking gift will also

**Fri. Dec. 9th. 5pm.-10pm.**  
**Sat. Dec.10th. 5pm-10pm.**

**Visit With Santa**



**The Kickoff Celebration is set for 5pm.-10pm. Fri. Dec. 9th. & Sat. Dec. 10th. Visitors will be treated to live entertainment, food, horse and carriage rides, a parade and more. Children can visit with Santa both nights to share their wish list. A trackless train ride is one of the new features this year.**

support the New American Cities workforce development program and reinforce our unique capabilities to care for unaccompanied children through foster care programming and other community-based services.

You are an integral part of that work, so please celebrate with us as we look forward to living in the impact of this gift.

In gratitude,  
Christina

### **FUNDS FOR ZION**

If you are an online shopper you may want to know that Amazon has a program that will send funds to your favorite charity. Instead of shopping at Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

If you have a Kroger card and shop there, you can designate Zion to receive a percentage of your grocery expenses. Go to the service desk to inquire.

### **REMEMBER SPECIAL FAMILY DAYS/ SIGN-UPS**

We are asking those who would normally remember special family celebrations by signing the calendar for flower donations too, instead, donate money in lieu of flowers. The money will go to the food pantry. Please check the bulletin board behind the door to the office for all of the sign-up sheets for this year. Lectors and Worship Assistants are also welcome. Thank you so much!

THE READINGS THIS TIME OF  
YEAR **FREAK** ME OUT EVERY  
TIME! WHAT IF I'M NOT **READY**  
WHEN IT'S **ALL HAPPENING!?**



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

DO YOU GO TO CHURCH AND  
HEAR THE GOSPEL? DO YOU  
RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION? DO  
YOU JOIN IN PRAYER WITH THE  
BODY OF CHRIST?



**YES OF  
COURSE!**



IT'S ALL  
HAPPENING.



MATTHEW 24:36-44