

*Happy
New
Year!*

ALL THE BEST FOR 2022 !!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

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CHRISTMAS 1

December 26, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome, Announcements
Confession and Forgiveness
HYMN 288: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm Hymn 272: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Sermon

HYMN 278: "Away in a Manger"

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

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MEAL

Offertory Prayer
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Distribution of Holy Communion
Post-Communion Prayer

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SENDING

Blessing
HYMN 282: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Dismissal
Postlude

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Zion Lutheran Church **welcomes our visitors and guests**. We are pleased that you have come to join us in the worship of our God of grace and love. May you be strengthened and uplifted in our time together. Plan to be with us, again, at your earliest opportunity. All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This morning, we will be distributing the Lord's Supper in a continuous fashion. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the centre aisle.

HOUSE OF BLESSING: To help the House of Blessing with their significant increase in the number of people using their services since this time last year, as you are able, if you could bring **hygiene items such as shampoo and conditioner; or food items such as peanut butter or large cans of soup** for the House of Blessing Food Bank and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. If you pre-register for Sunday morning worship, I will have your envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church. We are still working on delivering as many as possible within Stratford; so, if you have not received your envelopes, please check your mailbox regularly. If you wish to pick up your envelopes or if you live outside of Stratford, you can pick them up just inside the doors off the side parking lot.

Please DO NOT use your 2022 envelopes until January, 2022. Please

call Jane in the office 519-271-8527 any weekday morning if you cannot find your offering envelopes or if you wish to start receiving them. You may also contact the office if you wish to switch to **POP, the pre-authorized** offering program. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes are available for anyone wishing to use them for their contributions; a taxable receipt is given at year end. To receive your envelopes, please contact Jane in the office 519-271-8527 or drop into the office during office hours (currently Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

**** YEAR END OFFERINGS ****

PLEASE NOTE: As stated in the December Newsletter, we will be accepting 2021 offerings at the office during the last week of December, namely December 27 to December 31, 2021 or they can be left in the locked mailbox. **We will also be accepting offerings for 2021 on Sunday, January 2, 2022 as long as the member uses a 2021 offering envelope. If the offering is made via a cheque, it is must be dated with a December date.**

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: "Thank you" to the following donators who have contributed to the purchase of the flowers used to decorate the Sanctuary for our Christmas celebrations: *Jean Weir, Eva Wagner, the Quilting Ladies, Lynne Huras & Mom, Brian & Barb Groppe, Ellen Wolfe & Bruce Mitchell, Tom & Joanne Cosstick, Elfrieda Zimmerman, and Bob & Marilyn Wells.*

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Elizabeth, Sharon, Susan, Nya, Dan, Jane, Maria, Bob, Brian, Murray, Mary, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Muriel, Beryl, Cathy, Jack, John, Katana, Ron, Brian and Kolby.
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 AS WE WORSHIP:

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Usher Captain: Fritz Steigmeier Team

Reader: Carmen Beck

Counter: NO COUNTERS

VOLUNTEERS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND ARE NEEDED in order to celebrate our weekly Worship. If you are able to help us out by volunteering for any role (Usher, Reader, etc.), please contact Jane in the office 519-271-8527. Usher and Reader Schedules are currently in the process of being made for 2022. Thank you!!

***A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!***