

# A Brief Form of the Service

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Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting 3

Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, MI

December 19, 2021

## Third Sunday in Advent

### PRESERVICE MUSIC & THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN      “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” LSB #348

### INVOCATION      *(Please rise)*

Leader:      We begin in God’s Name:  
                  In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People:      **Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader:      Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our  
                  sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord  
                  Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
                  Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader:      I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader:      Let us confess our sins to the Lord:  
                  O almighty God, merciful Father,

**ALL:      I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and  
                  iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your tem-  
                  poral and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and  
                  sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the  
                  sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son,  
                  Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Leader:      Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained  
                  servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead  
                  and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name  
                  of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:      Amen.**

## **PSALM** *Psalm 80: 1-7*

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

**C: stir up your might and come to save us!**

P: Restore us, O God;

**C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: O LORD God of hosts,

**C: how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears

**C: and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

P: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

**C: and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

P: Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## **RESPONSIVE KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

## **COLLECT PRAYER**

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE FIRST LESSON** *Micah 5: 2-5a*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 1: 39-56*

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." <sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"My Soul Now Magnifies the LORD" LSB #934**

### **THE SERMON**

#### **THE CREED**

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third  
day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the com-  
munion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE OFFERING**

*We will continue to receive your Offerings in the wooden box at the entrance. However, the Offerings will be brought forward by an Elder and as they are brought forward the congregation arises and sings:*

**“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB #781**

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

## **PRAYERS**

*[After each petition, we will respond:]*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*[At the conclusion of our prayers, we join together...]*

**ALL: 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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: We now turn our attention to these elements of God’s grace, as we hear Christ’s words, instituting His Holy Supper:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

And may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Members of Zion and members of other LCMS congregations are encouraged to join us at the communion rail to receive the Lord’s Supper. For those who are new among us, or members of a different faith background, please speak with pastor before partaking. We love to have conversations about the Lord’s blessings, so please feel free to ask if you have questions about our beliefs and practices surrounding this Sacrament. Thank you!) [The Communion Meal is distributed.]*

*(Note: We have returned to the option of kneeling at the Communion rail and Pastor will individually dismiss each table with a blessing.)*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**“Once He Came in Blessing” LSB #333**  
**“A Great and Mighty Wonder” LSB #383**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

L: And now, receive the blessing of our God:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor, and grant to you His peace.

ALL: **Amen**

**THE CLOSING HYMN**

**“See Amid the Winter’s Snows” LSB #373**

**POSTSERVICE MUSIC**

## **NEW MEMBER / 'LEARN ABOUT BEING LUTHERAN' CLASS**

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Pastor Peters would like to encourage anyone who is new to Zion over the last two years (COVID time, etc.) to please check their schedules, and hopefully join him for a New Member Class in the New Year!

Whether you're coming from a LCMS Lutheran background, or completely new to faith, it is our custom to ask you to attend such classes. Long-time members of Zion, and even folks who might just be curious about what we believe are VERY welcome as well!

We look forward to getting to know you better, and growing in faith together.

**The plan is as follows:**

**5 Class Meetings with Pastor Peters**

**Wednesday Nights, January 26 –  
February 23, 2022**

**7:00-8:30 pm\***

*\*If the evening time is difficult or impossible, please talk to Pastor. If we have a group who needs to, we could have a duplicate class in the early afternoon as well.*



**PLEASE RSVP your interest with the Church Office:**

**(231) 622-9210    [office@zionlutheranpetoskey.org](mailto:office@zionlutheranpetoskey.org)**

*New Members from this class will be officially welcomed on  
Sunday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Transfiguration Sunday*

Please join us for our upcoming vespers concert at Zion Lutheran, Petoskey



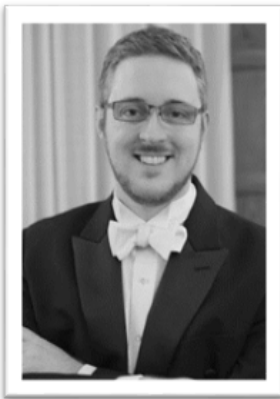
Vespers Concert: featuring Dr. John Boonenberg, DMA

Saturday January 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM

*Hors d'oeuvre and dessert reception immediately following*

*Highlighting music of the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany*

*Organ, Piano, Guitar, Trumpet, Chamber Choir, Handbell Choir, Flute Trio*



Dr. John Boonenberg serves as Director of Worship Arts Leadership and Assistant Professor of Music at Concordia University—Ann Arbor. In 2014, he became the 39th pianist of the historically acclaimed University of Michigan Men's Glee Club. Dr. Boonenberg holds degrees from **The University of Michigan (BM, DMA)** and **The Juilliard School (MM)**. His principal teachers include Logan Skelton, Robert McDonald & Mary Siciliano.

Dr. Boonenberg is passionate about liturgical renewal in the church and creative worship planning. Enjoying a wide variety of musical styles, Dr. Boonenberg believes simple congregational song and music of the highest artistic achievement join together in the praise of God and in the proclamation of the Word. He believes in utilizing the varied musical gifts of congregation members to glorify God in Word and Song, and to edify the community of believers. He takes special interest in historic Lutheran hymnody, Contemporary Christian songwriting, and the music of J.S. Bach.