

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
330 GRISWOLD STREET, ELGIN, IL 60123**

December 1, 2024 at 10.45 AM

**“Keeping Your Values in
Difficult Circumstances”**

“Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing”

1st Sunday in Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“I Pray”

ACT OF GRACE

WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

OPENING HYMN

“People Look East”

248

ADVENT WREATH

L The prophet Isaiah wrote, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. [...] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Prayer: Let us pray. Lord, as we light this first candle of hope, we remember that your light pierces the darkness and brings hope to all who trust in You. Fill our hearts with anticipation for your coming, and may we carry this hope into every corner of our lives. Amen.

Light the first candle as “Light One Candle” verse 1 is sung

ALL SING:

**“Light One Candle”
(Verse 1)**

240

HANGING OF THE GREENS/CHILDRENS SERMON

Wreaths

Pastor Dave

WORD

(We turn our attention to hearing God's Word)

VERSE OF THE MONTH

L Let us remember together the witness of scripture.

C "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. (Joel 2:13)

FIRST LESSON Daniel 6:6-27 (OT pages 781-782)

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"

GOSPEL LESSON

P The Gospel according to **St Luke 23:1-5** (NT page 76)

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the lesson)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN "Give Me Strength"

ACT OF GRACE

APOSTLES CREED

THE PRAYERS (Peace Song)

Peace be with you both night and day.

Peace to those close and far away.

Lord help us work 'till all receive.

The gift of your lasting peace

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Voices Raised to You"
(Verse 1)

845

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Together, let us pray:

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy, have mercy.

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

“Source of My Hope”

ACT OF GRACE

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C Amen

PRAYER FOR COMMUNION TO BE TAKEN TO THE HOMEBOUND

A Good and gracious God, you have fed us with more than bread and cup but offered us your very self. We rejoice that as we celebrate your presence in our lives, that there is more than enough here to share with those who are unable to be with us today. Bless those who bring these elements and those who receive them, that we may all rejoice at your presence and work in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P The blessings of God, whose love offers hope and new lift to all who believe, fill you with faith and faithfulness, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

DISMISSAL HYMN “Grounded in Christ”

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, Encourage one another in Christ.

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

JEFF GROSSER