

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020 Holy Communion 8:30 AM



TODAY WE REMEMBER

Teresa Nelson
Kyle Joppru
Lenord Swanson
Arlo Holen
Violet Joppru
Gloria Larson
Vivian Contos
Jeanne Williams
Arthur Hinrichs
Dorothy Jury

Virginia Buringrud
Ina Stordahl
Hazel Olson
Florence Hillyer
James Dalager
Karen Thygeson
Helen Wysoski
Dennis Bakke
Patrick Sherman
Sherman Johnson

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.”
Matthew 5:4

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit who gives us peace. We come to remember the voices and faces of those whom we dearly love. We come to listen to God's voice and hear words of hope and encouragement. We come to light candles, to pray, and to remember.

(As each name is read, a bell is rung twice.)

Congregation: God of Christmas and Easter and everyday, we thank you that you love each of us and that your Spirit is present with us in every day. We ask that you would help us to remember, and through our remembering, give us love and healing in this hour. Bless the memory of those who have died and give us the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "For All the Saints" vs. 1-4 ELW # 422

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Gracious God, who is the source of all love, we have been called to share not only our lives but our livelihood, and we find it difficult. We are called to respond in total love to the needs which surround us, but we find this kind of commitment unattractive. The need is great and our hearts are hard. Help us today to discover the great joy of sharing the adventure of giving and the wonder of your Spirit at work in us. We desire a new beginning. Forgive our sin and give us a new start.

Pastor: Hear the word of the Gospel! The God of all the universe has loved us with an everlasting love that forgets our sin and makes all things new. Hear the word of the Gospel! Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross so our relationship with God would be made right. Praise God! He has made us his people through our baptism.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

²**I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref-uge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3*We are God's children*

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12*Blessed are the poor in spirit*

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Sermon

Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW #423

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *response: Your mercy is great.*

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

The Song

Congregation: We share this food together, rememb'ring Christ;
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure, a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above.

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Communion Distribution

Prayer after Communion Response: Amen.

Hymn

“Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”

ELW #441

Benediction

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musicians: Phyllis Dalager

Worship assistant: Millie Reierson

Reader: Amber Meier

Bell Ringer: Sally Mumm

OUR SYMPATHY TO

† Peggy Genereaux & family on the death of her father, Roger Skjerven.

† Muriel Olin & family on the death of her mother, Phyllis Odegaard.

OUR PRAYERS TO Justine (Erickson) John who is hospitalized at Mayo.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Delores Laliberte in memory of Michael Muzzy.

ZION'S WEBSITE for November is sponsored by Zion memorials.

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE Many of us are experiencing stress at various levels and handling it in many different ways. There are many positive ways to handle stress and maintaining communication for some is essential and others not so. It is very important to reach out to those in need. A five-minute phone call to someone can make a big difference in their day and yours. There are many people doing outreach on their own, which is great and appreciated. We thank you for sharing God's Love and your time. If you know of anyone that may need a virtual hug and a quick phone call please let me know through the office, and if you are willing to call someone please let me know as well. Remember we are not alone and we will get through this! God's Love!

We have some masks still available so if needed please leave your name and telephone number in the office for myself or Darlene and we will contact you to meet your needs if possible. Thanks to all who are doing their part to keep safe and keep others safe as we work to keep our schools, churches and businesses open. This is a great Public Health challenge and we can meet this challenge by following public health guidelines that will minimize a viral surge like we are seeing with our neighbors most recently. God's Love to all!

The Inter-County Community Council is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 heating season. This helps pay a portion of their home heating and electric bills after qualifying. You can contact their office at 218-796-5144 ext 4 or toll free 1-800-778-4008 or E-mail at eap@intercountycc.org for more information. There is also information with income guidelines on a poster by the North Entrances. Applications are also available on line at www.intercountycc.org. If you need help with this please contact the Parish Nurse.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Simply Giving/ Silver Creek included in all totals)

Oct 19-25 income:\$4,335.

October 1-25 income: \$23,865.

Year to Date income January 1– October 25: \$264,558.

2020 Budget \$389,621. /\$7,493. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses

PLEDGE CARDS for 2021 have been mailed out. Please return them by November 15th. This is a significant part of Budget planning for 2021. If you did not receive a pledge card there are extras at the church office.

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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Food For the Poor Update- \$1,600 was sent to Food for the Poor from Zion member donations and missions. Our hope is that this money can be used to provide housing. Envelopes available if you are considering a donation.

Holy Communion will be celebrated November 1st and 15th at Zion. Home communion packets are available for pick-up at the church.

Confirmation Classes will begin in-person November 4th.

65+ Thanksgiving Pie Due to the current covid situation we are unable to host the annual Thanksgiving Dinner but would like to honor our members 65+ with a Slice of Pie on November 22nd. Invitations have been sent. Those 65+ can call the church office if they would like a delivery of pie from the youth. Deliveries will be from 1-3PM on Sunday, Nov. 22. Pick up can be arranged during this time also.

6th Grade Class receiving First Communion at a special service today:

Karena Bakken	Livia Harbott	Ava Niebuhr
Mikkel Bertilrud	Jaycee Klaven	Zander Olson
Nora Bruggeman	Tucker Knott	Bria Scheef
Dawson Colden	Landen Larson	
Matthew Erickson	Gabriel Nelson	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Sunday

8:30 Holy Communion worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 Online Sunday School class posted for the week

10:00 Silver Creek Worship

6:00 PM First Communion worship for 6th graders & families

Monday, Nov. 2: Parish Nurse available by Appointment

Tuesday, Nov. 3: 9:30 Staff meeting

Noon - Pastor's Text study

Board meetings

Wednesday, Nov 4: 6:00 Confirmation Classes –in person

Sunday , Nov. 8:

8:30 In-person worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 Online Sunday School class posted for the week

9:30 6/7 grade Zoom Devotions

10:00 Silver Creek Worship

11:00 Baptism at Zion



It's that time of year again! Operation Christmas Child is in full swing! Zion would like to encourage everyone to help fill at least one shoe box, or if you would like to donate items you can do that also. There are drop off boxes throughout the church for your items. Money donations are also welcomed to help with shipping costs or we can use the money to buy items to fill more boxes. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift. Please have boxes or donated items to the church no later than Monday November 15th. Look for the arrows to find your OCC shoe box today!

Gift Suggestions:

TOYS or a "WOW" item: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.), Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) blanket, non liquid lip balm, nail clipper & file, etc.

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES: Puzzles, Binoculars, Compass, Chalkboard and chalk, Sewing kit, Playdough (plastic cookie cutters, non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough), Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.), Playing cards, Skipping rope/Jump rope

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT AMBER HOLTAN @ 689-9405

*****FUN FACT*** *More than 10.5 million shoebox gifts were collected in 2019!!!***