

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

Pentecost 24- Holy Communion- November 15, 2020



Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

ELW #561

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The day of the LORD

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.” ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day

of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12 *So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom*

¹Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.**

³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are
gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Be alert for the day of the Lord

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So

then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Sermon Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW #712

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 (Zion)

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

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW #638

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: Glenice Johnson

OUR PRAYERS TO Justine & Ava John who continue to be hospitalized in Rochester; Also Prayers to Lois Bergland who is hospitalized in Fargo.

OUR SYMPATHY TO Jean Larson & family on the death of her mother, Marilyn Mattson.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Vivian Knutson in memory of Harley Knutson.

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 At times we all wonder what will keep us going? Prayer is powerful and the greatest partner you can have, so do not forget to pray which includes prayers of thankfulness. We also need to share God's Love. This is a challenge when we are doing social distancing and wearing masks, but we can meet this challenge too. Reach out and share a virtual hug, throw a kiss, or just give a big wave. Your actions will show your heart. Think of what we can do safely and not what we cannot do. Many are working hard at Zion and safely increasing activities that are appropriate, and we thank you for sharing God's Love in this way. May God's love be with us all and give us strength to meet the challenges of each day. Share God's love and you will brighten someone's day, including your own!

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)

Nov 2—Nov 8 income:\$9,358.

Nov 1-8 income: \$14,648.

Year to Date income January 1— Nov. 8: \$280,389.

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.

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 15th at Zion. Home communion packets are available for pick-up at the church.

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. Those 65+ can call the church office to sign up. Please specify delivery or pickup. Deliveries will be from 1-3PM on Sunday, Nov. 22. Pick up is also available during this time. **RSVP by Nov. 18.**

Confirmation Classes are meeting in person. Zoom links available, email group leader.

Confirmation Students may sign-up to Acolyte, Read, or Tech Crew for Sunday worship. Sign-up sheets on Madison's office door

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday , Nov. 15:

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

9:30 Online Sunday School class posted for the week

10:00 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship

Monday, Nov. 16: Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Donations/ Boxes

Parish Nurse available by Appointment

Tuesday, Nov. 17: 9:30 Staff meeting

Pastor's Text study

Wednesday, Nov 18: 6:00 Confirmation Classes

Sunday , Nov. 22:

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 devotional

10:00 Silver Creek Worship/ council meeting

1-3 Slice of Thanksgiving 65+

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