

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

Pentecost 23- November 8, 2020



Welcome

Call to Worship “Great Day” Andraya Bakken

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW #881

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Let justice roll down like waters

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.**
³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"**
⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The promise of the resurrection

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13*The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Sermon

Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

ELW # 244

Apostle’s Creed ELW page 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *response: Your mercy is great.***Lord’s Prayer****Hymn**

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW #439

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: Laura Rude

Worship assistant: Millie Reiersen

Reader: Kaylynn Wold

TODAY WE WELCOME through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: (11:00)



John Orlyn Besserud, son of Alyssa & Derek Besserud. His sponsors are Tyson & Stephanie Hesse.

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

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Family & Friends.

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 26– Nov. 1 income: \$6,473.

October 1-31 income: \$25,046.

Year to Date income January 1– October 31: \$265,740.

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.

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 is also available during this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Monday, Nov. 9: Parish Nurse available by Appointment

Tuesday, Nov. 10: 9:30 Staff meeting
Pastor's Text study
5:15 Christian Ed Board

Wednesday, Nov 11: 6:00 Confirmation Classes –in person

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 boxes and donations.

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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!!!***