

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches
Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 13, 2020

Call to Worship

Welcome

Advent Reading/ Lighting of Advent Candle

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

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 *Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden*

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

PSALM: Psalm 126

The LORD has done great

things for us.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

**⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

**⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 *Kept in faith until the coming of Christ*

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ***The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.***

**Children’s
Sermon**

Madison Crane

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A witness to the

light

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²²Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ ”

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Sermon

Pastor

Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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Apostle’s Creed

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: Hear our prayer*

Lord’s Prayer

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.

Hymn

“Rejoice, Rejoice,

Believers”

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Benediction

Third Sunday in Advent December 13, 2020 Announcements

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

Musician: Phyllis Dalager
Reader: Kaylynn Wold
Elizabeth Arett

Worship assistant: Millie Reierson
Advent Readers: Barbra, Edward, &

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Dean & Pam Joppru in memory of Kory Joppru.

ZION'S WEBSITE for December is sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of loved ones.

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.

POINSETTIAS If you would like to share poinsettias for the Christmas Eve broadcast in honor or in memory of a loved one, please email or call the church office with the information by December 17th.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE Enjoy this wonderful season as this is something that does not change. Remember and celebrate the reason for the season in Gods Love.

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

Dec 1—Dec 6: income:\$3,739.

Year to Date income January 1– Dec 6: \$306,173.

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

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated December 20 at Zion. Home communion packets are available for pick-up at the church.

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

SONS OF NORWAY MEATBALL DINNER Sunday, Dec. 20 Pick up behind Eagles 12-1PM.
\$12/meal. To order call 686-0733.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday , Dec. 13: Third Sunday in Advent

- 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 Devotional Zoom link sent thru Remind App
- 10:00 Silver Creek Worship & council meeting following worship

Monday, Dec. 14: Parish Nurse available by Appointment

Tuesday, Dec. 15: 9:30 Staff meeting
Pastor's Text study
7:00 Zion Council

Wednesday, Dec 16: 6 Confirmation via Zoom, Last class until January 6

Sunday , Dec. 20: Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 In-person Holy Communion worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio
- 9:30 Online Sunday School class posted for the week
- 10:00** Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship & council meeting following worship

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 PM Broadcast Worship, Ch 3, Facebook, KTRF radio