

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches
Fourth Sunday in Advent- Holy Communion
December 20, 2020



Welcome

Call to Worship

Advent Reading/Lighting of Advent Wreath

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

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW #282

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

The LORD's promise to David

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:

⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55

You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made | to our forbears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

The mystery of God revealed in Jesus Christ

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the

only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

The angel appears to Mary

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon Drawn to the Word - The Annunciation- Paul Oman Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" ELW #251

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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: 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.

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

"What Child is This"

ELW #296

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

Musician: Laura Rude

Worship assistant: Millie Reierson

Reader: Amber Meier

Advent Readers: Ryan, Jamie, Andraya & Karena Bakken

OUR SYMPATHIES to

- Wes & Dawn Brinkman family on the death of Wes' father Dennis Brinkman.
- LaVonne Wegge on the death of her husband Wendell. His funeral will be Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 1PM, visitation at 12 noon at Johnsons Funeral Home.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored Delores Laliberte in memory of Kenneth Muzzy.

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.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE Christmas is coming and we are blessed! We are told to be patient. We are also needing to be patient as we are now getting the Covid vaccine distributed. This is not magic and will take some time to get herd immunity so we need to remember to continue to follow the CDC Guidelines to keep family, loved ones as well as yourself safe. Remember to share Gods Love remembering the reason for the season and the wonderful gift we have been given. Merry Christmas to all and may you have a wonderful 2021! God Bless!

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

Dec 7-13: \$8,668. Dec 1—Dec 13: income:\$12,407.

Year to Date income January 1— Dec 13: \$314,841.

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

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated December 24, January 3rd & 17th 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

I would like to say "THANK YOU" for all the support Zion has shown for Operation Christmas Child! I am proud to say that during this time of uncertainty we were still able to send a total of 48 boxes!!! We filled 12 boxes, and covered the suggested \$9 shipping on those boxes with the monetary donations that were received.... again thank you! What a great way to show "God's work our hands"! I can't wait to see what Zion has in store for Operation Christmas child in 2021! *Amber Holtan*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Dec. 20: Fourth Sunday of 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
1-3 PM Drive Thru Nativity—Zion, Trinity, Redeemer

Monday, Dec. 21: Newsletter deadline; Parish Nurse available by appointment

Tuesday, Dec. 22: 9:30 Staff meeting

Pastor's Text study

1:00 Wendall Wegge funeral at Johnson Funeral Home

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM Broadcast Worship, Ch 3, Facebook, KTRF radio

Sunday, Dec. 27: 8:30 Zion worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 6/7 Grade Devotional thru Zoom

10:00 Silver Creek Worship

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Churches Together: Drive Through Nativity Scenes Sunday, December 20th 1-3pm

Follow along with the Christmas story -
starting at Zion, then Trinity, and conclude at Redeemer.

Zion: Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 1: 39-46

Trinity: Luke 2: 1-7 and Luke 2: 8- 15

Redeemer: Luke 2: 15-20, John 1: 1-9

If you would like to use your smartphone to stream the prerecorded readings and music, please search Redeemer Lutheran Church's YouTube channel starting at 1pm on 12/20. The readings of Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 1: 39-46 read by: Jamie & Andraya Bakken of Zion. The readings of Luke 2: 1-7 and Luke 2: 8- 15 read by: Noah & Grace Gonzales of Trinity. The readings of Luke 2: 15-20, John 1: 1-9 read by: Emmy Eickman & Vanessa Thibert of Redeemer.

**Please remember to stay in your vehicles as you drive through the parking lots to see the scenes of the Christmas story portrayed. The whole drive should take about 20 minutes. **

There will be a free will donation for Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf, collected at Redeemer.

**The final stop at Redeemer will have an opportunity to light a luminary candle.*

*Please wear a mask and follow COVID-19 social distancing guidelines if you choose to light a luminary. **