

# Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

## Advent 2- Holy Communion- December 6, 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

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

ELW #249

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 40:1-11**

*Good news of God’s coming to a people in exile*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it togeth-



er, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” <sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**      *Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God.*

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people  
and blotted out | all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

*Waiting for and hastening the day of God*

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait

for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

*John appears from the wilderness*

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**Sermon**                      “Who’s Your John the Baptist?”                      Pastor Ale Tulu

**Hymn of the Day**                      “Prepare the Royal Highway”                      ELW #264

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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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

**Prayer after Communion** Response: Amen.

**Hymn** "Joy to the World"

ELW #267

**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:* Glenice Johnson

*Advent Readers:* Kevin, Tanya, Isabella & Samuel Ek

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of loved ones.

**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](http://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** Thankfulness is Happiness. We are blessed and thankful for the little things and all things that God has given us. God's love to all!

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](mailto: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](http://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 23—Nov 29 income:\$1,713.

Nov 1-30 income: \$35,748.

Year to Date income January 1— Nov. 30: 302,434.

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

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated December 6 & 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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday , Dec. 6 Second 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

**Monday, Dec. 7:**

Parish Nurse available by Appointment

**Tuesday, Dec. 8: 9:30 Staff meeting**

Pastor's Text study

**Wednesday, Dec 9:**

6 Confirmation

**Sunday , Dec. 13: Third 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

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