

# Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

## 2nd Sunday of Christmas

### Holy Communion ~ January 3, 2021

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**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in la-



bor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20**      *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.*

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;

praise your | God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup>**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup>God has established peace | on your borders  
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup>**God sends out a command | to the earth,  
a word that runs | very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup>God gives | snow like wool,  
scattering | frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup>**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

<sup>19</sup>**God declares the | word to Jacob,  
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*The will of God made known in Christ*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with

every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

#### **GOSPEL: John 1:10-18**

*God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Sermon**

Pastor Steve Wold

**Hymn of the Day**

"What Child is This"

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#### **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.*

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

**Prayer after Communion** Response: Amen.

**Hymn**

"The Bells of Christmas"

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**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

*Message:* Pr. Steve Wold

*Worship assistant:* Millie Reiersen

*Reader:* Dan Bartsch

*Acolyte:* Caitlin Ellison

*Tech assist:* Brianne Ellison

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**OUR SYMPATHY TO** John & Sandy Lubitz on the death of his sister, LuAnn Giles.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Gretchen Beito

**ZION'S WEBSITE** Sponsor for January is 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](http://www.ziontrf.org). in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

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

Dec 21-31: \$39,439.

Dec 1—Dec 31: income: \$67,122.

Year to Date income January 1– Dec 31: \$369,557.

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

**MEALS ON WHEELS—DRIVERS NEEDED** January 18-22. Call Koni Johnson if you can help PH 681-1344 or cell 689-7746.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated 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

**SILVER CREEK ANNUNAL MEETING** will be held January 17th following worship.

**ZION ANNUAL MEETING** will be held January 31st following worship. Please have all committee reports, organization reports and financial reports to the office by January 13th to allow for audit and printing.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday , Jan 3:** 8:30 Zion Holy Communion worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio  
10:00 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship

**Monday, Jan 4:** Parish Nurse available by appointment

**Tuesday, Jan 5:** 9:30 Staff meeting; Pastor's Text study; Board Meetings

**Wednesday, Jan 6:** 9:30 TRF Ministerial at Zion

6pm Confirmation Classes resume

**Sunday , January 10: Baptism of Our Lord** 8:30 Zion worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio;  
9:30 Online Sunday School resumes; 6/7 Grade Zoom devotional; 10:00 Silver Creek Worship;  
7 PM 4-H at Zion

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