

# New Traditions Worship First Sunday of Christmas

9:00 AM Worship  
December 26, 2021

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Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

## Gathering

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who shines in glory,  
clothes us in compassion,  
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, wonderful counselor,  
**we confess that we have turned from your gifts  
and chosen our own way.**

**We have not made room for you  
in our hearts or in our world.**

**We have lived in fear;  
we have not welcomed the stranger;  
we desire gifts that will not endure.**

**Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus  
dwelling in and among us.**

**Amen.**

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

We are saved, not by anything we have done,  
but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

Through the Spirit living in you,  
God give you faith to trust Jesus,  
who is Love born for you, now and always.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *lyrics printed on back*

### **Greeting**

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,  
grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Word**

### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people. *The word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.***

### **PSALM: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful  
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:41-52**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**Sermon** "Don't Keep Christ in Christmas" Pastor Mark Helgeland

**Hymn of the Day** "Angels We Have Heard on High" lyrics printed on back

## **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 to the dead.**

**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**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

# **Sending**

## **Benediction**

**Sending Song**      *"Joy to the World" lyrics printed on back*

**Dismissal**                      **Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **Post-service Music**

**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 *Reader:* Jamie Bakken  
*Pianist:* Laura Rude *Acolytes:* Andraya Bakken, Ella Gust  
*Ushers:* Judy Melby, Becky Solberg *Greeters:* Glenice Johnson, Krista Johnson

**OUR SYMPATHY** to Dale & Mavis Newton on the death of Dale's brother, Rodney.

**POINSETTIA** given by Judy Melby in memory of Richard Melby whose birthday was December 29th and Ellen Spray whose birthday was December 30th.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Judy Melby in memory of Richard Melby.

**ZION'S WEBSITE** for December is sponsored by Chris & Nicky Ellison & family in memory of Suzy Ellison

**REMINDER to those hospitalized** If you wish Pastor Mark to call, please let the office know.

**ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE** Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM 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.

**LWR QUILTING** the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month 1- 4pm. Questions? call Sharon Bergeron 681-5445, or Renee Henney 964-5816

**No SAIL** this week. SAIL will resume January 3rd.

**BEREAVED PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP:** Are you a parent or grandparent of a child or grandchild of any age who has died? Would you be interested in support in dealing with your loss (doesn't have to be recent)? You are welcome to join us this group to offer you some support. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 18th, at 10:30 am** in the Lounge at Zion. Pastor Mark will be leading us. If you have questions, please call Marcia S. @ 681-6242.

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

December 13-19 income: \$7,927.

December 1-19 income: \$22,011.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Dec. 19: \$306,791.

2021 budget \$353,032. / \$6,789. is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Vanco Electronic Giving is available - forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru Zion's website.

**ENVELOPE BOXES** are available in the narthex. Those who receive boxed envelopes should note that they have been renumbered for 2022. Most contributors will have a new contributor number in 2022. Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®** Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

**LSS RESPITE CARE** - Thursdays, 9am-1pm in the Lounge. For more info contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

**LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on Thursday, January 13th from 10-11:00 AM at Zion. All caregivers are welcome, you do not need to register. Please spread the word to those who can benefit from this group. More info Julie Praska Moser 218-686-6228

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## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Today - Dec 26: 1st Sunday of Christmas**

9:00 Zion Worship/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;  
No Coffee fellowship today  
No Silver Creek worship  
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

### **Monday, Dec 27:**

No SAIL  
7 Troop 59

### **Tuesday, Dec 28:**

9:30 Staff meeting  
12 noon Pastors text study

### **Wednesday, Dec. 29:**

No Confirmation

### **Thursday, Dec. 30:**

No SAIL  
9-1 LSS Respite Care in lounge

### **Friday, Dec 31: New Years Eve**

Contributions for 2021 due in the church office by  
12 Noon

### **Next Sunday, Jan 2: 2nd Sunday of Christmas**

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/Broadcast ch.  
3; KTRF;  
No Sunday School today  
10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion worship  
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



No Sunday School December 26th or January 2nd.  
Classes resume January 9th.

Sunday School meets from 10:00 to 11:00 AM

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month. January Noisy offering will go toward new Sunday School furniture.

Thank you to our student families who are providing treats for coffee fellowship!

**Thank you** for an awesome first half of our Sunday school year!!! I think I can speak for everyone when we say it's been good for the soul to be back in person for worship and Sunday school, and we look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Also please sign up for **Remind**, this will be a form of communication for upcoming events, and weather cancellations if needed. I did archive the past years, so if you were signed up you will need to sign up again. **Remind code is @743332**

### **FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP - January 30th**

(formerly Flapjacks for Faith) in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having Food and Fellowship the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**January date is changed to follow the Annual Meeting.**

Donations will go towards new furniture for our Sunday school classrooms.



### **8-10TH GRADE WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION**

A meal is served at 5:15 followed by classes at 6PM.

**Next Confirmation Class – January 5, 2022**

Menu: Tater Tot hotdish \$4.00 Pop .50

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS: Please sign up for REMIND. You may be missing out on important information. To sign up text: @ziontrf to 81010**

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing, Choirs of Angels, sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God, in the highest  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

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## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o  
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o  
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the Angels see  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King  
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o  
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o  
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## **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, Repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, And wonders of His love

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