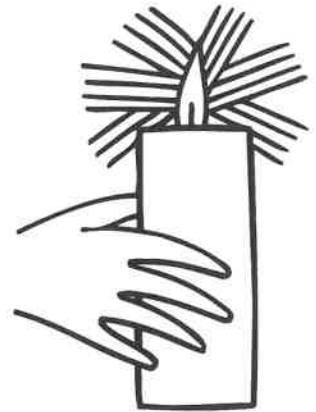


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
2nd Sunday of Christmas
January 2, 2022



PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.**

***GATHERING SONG** “Joy to the World” ELW #267

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE** (p. 203) *Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer...*

(*Please stand as you are able.)

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 204)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth...

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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

⁷Thus 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.”

⁸See, 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 labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With 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.

¹⁰Hear 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.”

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

¹²They 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.

¹³Then 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.

¹⁴I 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

- ¹²Worship the LORD, ¹O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars ¹of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹dren within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace ¹on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command ¹to the earth,
a word that runs ¹very swiftly.**
¹⁶God gives ¹snow like wool,
scattering ¹frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters ¹hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹gainst God's cold?**
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the ¹word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ments to Israel.**
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any ¹other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. ¹Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this 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 ACCLAMATION (p. 205)**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word...

***GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

P: The holy Gospel...

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

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

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.'")

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Children of God"

PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

ELW # 281

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **receive our prayer.**

***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.

OFFERING *Offering plates are available in the narthex*

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

***THE SONG**

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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***SONG AFTER COMMUNION** "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" # 204

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Response: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ELW # 270

***BLESSING** Response: **Amen.**

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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:* Denny Minks
Pianist: Laura Rude *Acolytes:*
Ushers: Bob Nelson, Barry Fellman *Greeters:*

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Zion memorials

ZION'S WEBSITE for January is sponsored by Zion memorials

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. 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

SAIL will resume January 3rd.

PARISH HEALTH committee will meet Tues., Jan. 4th at 4PM in the Patio Room. No blood pressure screening Jan. 2.

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 20-26 income: \$26,051.

December 1-26 income: \$48,661.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Dec. 26: \$333,442.

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.

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, **NEW TIME** - 12Noon to 4:00 PM 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



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 3rd 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**

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today - Jan 2: 2nd Sunday of Christmas

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

Monday, Jan 3:

9 SAIL
7 Troop 59

Tuesday, Jan 4:

9:30 Staff meeting
12 noon Pastors text study
4 Parish Health Committee
BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, Jan 5:

5:15 Confirmation Supper
6 Confirmation
6 God's Joy
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Jan 6:

9 SAIL
12-4 Respite Care in Lounge
1 Quilting
6:30 Girl Scout recruitment at Zion

Friday, Jan 7:

7 Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday, Jan 9: Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 Zion Worship/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 February Sharing Servant meeting in lounge
10:30 Silver Creek worship
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37