

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**  
Thief River Falls, MN  
**Epiphany**  
January 16, 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**    "All Are Welcome"                      ELW #641

**\*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.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches <sup>1</sup>to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness <sup>1</sup>to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like <sup>1</sup>the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your <sup>1</sup>love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow <sup>1</sup>of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance <sup>1</sup>of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of <sup>1</sup>your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the <sup>1</sup>well of life,

and in your light<sup>1</sup> we see light.  
**<sup>10</sup>Continue your lovingkindness to<sup>1</sup> those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are<sup>1</sup> true of heart.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 205)**

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

**\*GOSPEL: John 2:1-11**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

**P:** The holy Gospel...

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

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord

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

**SERMON** “God’s Good and Gracious Will”

PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW # 471

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Hear 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. Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERING CANTICLE** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” # 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

**\*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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**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *(Ushers will guide you forward at this time)*

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

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

**SENDING SONG** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW # 310

**\*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:* Glenice Johnson  
*Pianist:* Laura Rude *Acolytes:* Sienna Gregerson, Lauren Johnson  
*Ushers:* Bob Nelson, Barry Fellman *Greeters:* Darlene & Norman Blackstad  
*Communion assistants:* Tom & Kaylynn Wold

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**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](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 Berger-son 681-5445, or Renee Henney 964-5816

**Men's Breakfast is not meeting the month of January**

**New Servant Booklets are available to pick up in the narthex.**

**Falls Delivered Meals—Zion delivers meals January 17-21. If you would like to help please call Koni Johnson 689-7746.**

**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.

**Please join us** for an educational session starting in February. "Listening for God" Volume one Fortress press publishers. This will be led by Darrel Corry. To sign up or for more information come and ask Darrel down at Fellowship hall during the coffee hour. \*This is a contemporary read so a special invitation goes out to our Junior and Senior students to join us!

**ANNUAL MEETING OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
will be held Sunday, January 30th following the 9AM worship.

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

January 3-9 income: \$5,932.

January 1-9 income: \$9,019.

Income Jan 1– Dec. 31, 2021: \$364,614.

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. Please do not use previous years envelopes.

**OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN Current donations & Pledges: \$9,260.**

**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.

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**LSS RESPITE CARE** - Thursdays, **NEW TIME** - 12Noon to 4:00 PM in the Lounge. For more info and to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

**LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on Thursday, February 10th 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

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Today - Sunday, Jan 16:**

9:00 Holy Communion Worship/Broadcast ch. 3;  
KTRF;  
10:00 Sunday School  
10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion worship/  
Annual meeting/ Potluck  
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

### **Monday, Jan 17:**

Falls Delivered Meals Week  
9 SAIL

### **Tuesday, Jan 18:**

10:30 Bereavement Group  
12 noon Pastors text study  
5:30 Zion Council

### **Wednesday, Jan 19:**

7-5 Land of the Dancing Sky training in patio rm  
5:15 Confirmation Supper  
6 Confirmation  
6 God's Joy  
7 Senior Choir

### **Thursday, Jan 20: Newsletter Deadline**

9 SAIL

12-4 **Respite Care is currently on hold.** If you wish to enroll, please contact Julie at the number above.

**1 Quilting/ LWR workshop**

### **Next Sunday, Jan 23:**

9:00 Worship/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;  
10:00 Sunday School  
10:30 Silver Creek 12:00 Zion broadcast on cable  
ch. 37



**Family Event Today -**  
Sledding at Armory from 2-3 PM, followed by  
BBQ's, Chips & Hot Chocolate at Zion

**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!**

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.

**Confirmation Class – January 19, 2022**

Menu: Hot Ham & Cheese \$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**