

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

Gathering Song “Here I Am to Worship” *lyrics printed on back pages*

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

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

Children’s Sermon

Noisy Offering for Pathways

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.” *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart ¹ will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will ¹ not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music ¹ to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;

have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— ¹ “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,

O God of ¹ my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,**

the LORD will ¹ take me in.

¹¹Teach me your ¹ way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of ¹ my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will ¹ of my foes,**

for they rise up against me, false witnesses ¹ breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness ¹ of the LORD

in the land ¹ of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD ¹ and be strong.**

Take heart and wait ¹ for the LORD!

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the

Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Sermon “Stand Firm in the Lord” Pastor Mark Helgeland

Hymn of the Day “In Christ Alone” *lyrics printed on back pages*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ELW page 227

Baptism of Colbie Blake Beger, daughter of Colin & Maia Beger.
Sponsors are Kyle & Sara Beger, Brett & Molly Sobolik

Offering - *ushers bring offering forward*

Offertory “Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (CCLI Lic. # 11095451)

Prayers of Intercession *response: receive our prayer.*

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 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *lyrics printed on back pages*

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

Post-service Music

FROM PARISH HEALTH: Good news! Covid cases in our area are finally heading in the right direction. We need to be aware that it is not at the level of positivity in our area where we can relax completely, according to Intercounty Nursing. We need to use proper precautions appropriately, staying home when we are sick, washing hands frequently, covering your cough, and maintaining space/wearing masks when appropriate or required. This is such good progress and we want to continue this moving forward to keep our schools and businesses open, and our healthcare facilities at a capacity to be able to meet the needs of our community. Stay safe wrapped in Gods Love!

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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, March 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

BEREAVED PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP: Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 15th, 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.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today - Sunday, March 13:

9:00 Zion Worship/Baptism/Broadcast ch. 3;
KTRF;

10:00 Sunday School

10 Coffee fellowship

10:00 Book discussion in Patio room

10:00 April Servants mtg in lounge

10:30 Silver Creek worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

1:00 Hotdish Cookoff

4:00 Lenten Bingo

Girl Scouts

Monday, March 14:

9 SAIL

Tuesday, March 15:

10:30 Bereavement Group

12 noon Pastors text study

5:30 Zion Council

6 Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 16:

5:30 Lenten supper served by WELCA

6:30 Lenten Worship

7:15 Senior Choir

Thursday, March 17:

9 SAIL

12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

1 Quilting

Friday, March 18:

7 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Saturday, March 19:

10 Troop 59

Next Sunday, March 20:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/Baptism/
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10:00 Sunday School

10 Coffee fellowship

10:00 Book discussion in Patio room

10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

3:00 Pathways Annual meeting



YOUTH NEWS

5th Grade First Communion classes will be held March 27 & April 3 during Sunday School. A parent or adult is required to attend with the student. Shawna Spears and Denny Minks will lead the classes.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month. March Noisy offering is going to Pathways.

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

PATHWAYS BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY is April 3rd.

information is now available on their website pathwaysbiblecamp.org. Printed brochure copies and camp schedules available on the youth bulletin board.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP - March 20th in the Fellowship Hall. Food and Fellowship will happen the 3rd Sunday of each month. Donations will go towards new furniture for our Sunday school classrooms.

8-10TH GRADE WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes resume following Lent

Attendance is required at Wednesday Lenten Services.



LENTEN BINGO TODAY March 13th 4-6 PM for Grades 5-7. Bring a friend! Bingo, Snacks, prizes.

Lent Service Meal Clean-Up Help

Every year we ask students to help with the clean-up after the Lenten meals. Here is the schedule with the corresponding grades for each night. All students are asked to help.

Please be at church by 5:30 on your clean-up night.

*Parental help is needed for elementary nights

March 16	10th Grade
March 23	5th and 6th Grade
March 30	3th-4th Grade and 11th Grade
April 6	K-2nd and 12th Grade
April 14th- Seder Meal- 8th grade	

Lenten Series on Job

Pastor Mark Helgeland

2nd Wednesday of Lent – March 16

5:30 Supper– WELCA; Clean Up-Grade 10

6:30 Worship - Sermon “**Three Friends**” *Contemporary wisdom, Book of Proverbs*

3rd Wednesday of Lent – March 23

5:30 Supper – Senior Choir; Clean Up-Grades 5 & 6

6:30 Worship - **Sermon “Job Responds”** *God is a criminal, God is absent, The world has no meaning*

4th Wednesday of Lent – March 30

5:30 Supper - Men’s Breakfast; Clean Up-Grades 3,4, & 11

6:30 Worship- **Sermon “God Appears, First Speech”** *Divine Order*

5th Wednesday of Lent – April 6

5:30 Supper – Zion Council: Chili; Clean Up-Grade K-2, & 12

6:30 Worship- **Sermon “God Appears, Second Speech”** *Behemoth and Leviathan*

Maundy Thursday - April 14

6:00 Seder Meal for First Communicants & Families; Clean Up-Grade 8

7:30 Worship & Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 19

12 Noon Prayer Vigil begins

6:30 Worship



This Lenten season we are using the Holden Evening Prayer worship service.
Please join us to share a meal and worship together during this Lenten season.

(Free-Will donation for the Lenten Suppers)