

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
Easter 5 May 15, 2022
Holy Communion / Senior Recognition



PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP “Who You Say I Am” Sr Choir

***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** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW #367

***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.

(*Please stand as you are able.)

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

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

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Pastor: Like all important transitions in life, graduation from high school is both painful and joyful. It is painful because those years of childhood are gone and will never come again. It is joyful because graduation is a symbol of the new level of maturity and responsibility that these young people have achieved. In this service the parents give their child a red carnation. This flower is a symbol of the parents acknowledgment of that growth.

Parents: **In honor of your graduation, accept this carnation,
As a symbol of our love, and our acknowledgement of your growth.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

Graduates: **Lord, I know you love me and have great plans for me.**

But sometimes, I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future.

It's scary, Lord!

Show me how to walk forward in your footsteps one day at a time.

May I take heart while I search and learn about life.

**Help me to place my life in your hands Lord, and trust in your
guidance.**

**Lord, may I always hear your call to a life and a career that will let
me love you, my Lord and Savior, and let me serve others with the
special gifts that you have given me.**

Lord, thank you for your hope and faith in me.

All: **Amen**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever

entered my mouth.’⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.
²**Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels;**
sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.
³Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.
⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,**
and you waters above the heavens.
⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they¹ were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail,¹ snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;
⁹mountains¹ and all hills,
fruit trees¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts¹ and all cattle,**
creeping things and¹ flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers¹ of the world;
¹²**young¹ men and maidens,**
old and¹ young together.
¹³Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all¹ faithful**
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.¹ Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

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

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

***GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P: The holy Gospel...

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

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

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

SERMON "FORGIVENESS IS HARD" PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia, Jesus Lives" ELW # 377

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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**

Congregational response: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY *Offering plates are available in the narthex. Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

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

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

***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**

Congregation: 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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***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.

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

May 2-8 income: \$7,375.

May 1– 8 income: \$13,288.

Jan 1– May 8 income: \$113,783.

2022 Budget \$324,553./ \$6,241. 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.

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 and to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, May 12th 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: Sunday, May 15:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/ Senior Recognition/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10 Food & Fellowship/Reception for Graduates
10:30 Silver Creek worship
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, May 16:

9:00 SAIL
7 Troop 59

Tuesday, May 17:

9:30 Staff Meeting
Noon Pastors Text study

Wednesday, May 18:

6 God's Joy Choir
7:15 Senior Choir

Thursday, May 19:

9 SAIL
12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

Friday, May 20:

Newsletter items due
7 Men's Breakfast at Biff's
Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 21:

Synod Assembly—virtual 8:30 - 3PM
4:30 Henrickson/Voecks Wedding

Next Sunday, May 22:

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

Upcoming Events:

Today, May 15— Senior Recognition Sunday

Please Join Us for French Toast and Fellowship honoring our graduating Seniors. 9:00 Worship service with tribute to graduates, 10:00 Breakfast. Let's all come together to celebrate them.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month. **May Noisy offering goes to Food Shelf**

THANK YOU to all the student families who are provided treats for coffee fellowship!



SAVE the DATE!!!

Watch for something exciting happening August 30th here at Zion!

Bible Camp Dates: These are the dates Zion will be providing transportation for camp! Remember Zion helps pay for half of your campers registration. When you register your camper it will be for the grade they are going into. If you are interested in taking or picking up Zions youth from camp please let Amber Holtan know 218-689-9405.

June 12-13th Pints Plus grades 1st- 3rd

June 19-23rd Jr High Classic grades 8-9th

June 26-28th Elementary Mini 2nd&3rd grade

June 26-July 1st Highschool Classic 10-12th grade

July 10-13th Elementary Jr 4-5th grade

July 10-15th Middle School Classic 6&7th grade

July 22nd Half Pint Day K-2nd grade

Blessing of Graduates—May 15, 2022

Today we honor our Graduating Seniors. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them God's blessing as they embark on the next phase of their journey in life.

Aliyah Alby

Isabella Berzinski

Madison Bregier

Isaac Dakken

Isabella Ek

Mattea Erickson

Abigail Flaagan

Dylan Hahn

Kaylee Lilja

Benjamin Nelson

Daniella Niebuhr

Morgan Rude

Austin Tabatt

Alex Von Holtum

Chesnie Wojciechowski



Thank you to everyone that made a blanket for our Seniors!