

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Worship
November 27, 2022

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle -

Ryan & Jamie Bakken family

Advent Song "Light One Candle" vs. 1 ELW #240



Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain,
the deliverer who sets us free.

Amen.

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

**To you, O God, we confess our sins,
known and unknown.**

**Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.**

**Make us reflections of the radiant love
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Beloved children of the Most High,
you are gathered before the righteous judge
who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism,
where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms
of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven
in the name of the one who is coming and is already here,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Song “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW #244

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Children’s Sermon- Shawna Spears

Noisy Offering—November goes to Christmas in Pennington County

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD! *Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they ¹said to me,
“Let us go to the house ¹of the LORD.”

²Now our ¹feet are standing
within your gates, ¹O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built ¹as a city
that is at unity ¹with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes ¹of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name ¹of the LORD.

⁵For there are the ¹thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the ¹house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace ¹of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be with- ¹in your walls
and quietness with- ¹in your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred ¹and companions,
I pray for ¹your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the ¹LORD our God,
I will seek to ¹do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
Word of God, Word of Life...**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his

house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Sermon **“ARE WE PREPARED?”** PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

Hymn of the Day “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW 257

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.**

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: hear 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

Blessing

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song “Hark, The Glad Sound!” ELW # 239

Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is with you. **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 LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Mark Helgeland, Interim

Pianist: Laura Rude

Reader: Sharon Wagner

Ushers: Sharon Jorde, Maverick Iverson, Lexie Walseth

Acolyte: Lucas Rantanen, Ava Niebuhr

Greeters: Maverick Iverson, Lexie Walseth

OUR SYMPATHY to the families of Marv Carlson and John Dyrseth whose funerals were held at Zion this past week.

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.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Clair & Suzy Ellison by Chris & Nicky Ellison family

ZION'S WEBSITE for November is sponsored by Chris & Nicky, Caitlynn & Brianne Ellison in memory of Clair & Suzy Ellison.

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher.

Zion will be hosting it's 13TH ANNUAL SPIRIT OF GIVING event on Saturday, December 3rd from 8AM—12 Noon, More information will follow about drop off times and set up dates.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will not meet in November.

PRAYER SHAWLS will not meet in December. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

A Huge THANK YOU to Kami Spears, the 9th Grade confirmation class and the entire crew for the wonderful 65+ Thanksgiving dinner served last Sunday evening. The tables were beautifully set, the food delicious, and the service un-matched. Well Done!

POINSETTIAS If you wish to bring a poinsettia or flower to share for Christmas services you may bring them in the week of Christmas. If you are sharing the flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call or email the church office by Dec. 19th to have it listed in the Christmas bulletin.

ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023 are ready to pick up in the narthex. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like them contact the church office.

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

Nov. 14-21 income: \$11,624.

Pie Auction income: \$6,775. (Faith Fund)

Nov 1-21 income: \$26,280.

Jan 1– Nov. 21 income: \$266,328.

2022 Budget \$324,553./ \$6,241. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru the link on Zion's website.

OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN Donations & Pledges: \$15,968. If you wish to contribute to this project you can drop off or mail to the church office. *Thank you for your continued donations!*

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.

FROM PARISH HEALTH

“And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope.” Romans 5:3-4

Trials and tribulations can be very painful for us to go through. Most times, we find ourselves begging God to remove us from the troubles we face. What we don't see in these tough times, with God's strength, our characters are developing. The next time we are faced with similar trials or tribulations, we are confident and experienced because we know God will help us out of them again.

Lord, help us remember that tribulations bring patience, patience leads to experience and experience results in hope. This note is taken from the King James Bible app. Too good not to share!

Wishing you God's rich blessing of peace, joy and perfect love as we head into the Christmas season and celebrate his birth. Parish Health

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 12 Noon 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, Dec. 8th 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, Nov. 27: Advent 1

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

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee Fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Nov. 28:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, Nov. 29:

9:30 Staff Meeting

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours

Wednesday, Nov. 30:

5:15 Confirmation Supper

6 God's Joy Choir

6 Confirmation

7 Senior Choir

1-7 Drop off for Spirit of Giving

Thursday, Dec 1:

9 SAIL Exercise

9-7 Spirit of Giving Drop Off

Friday, Dec 2:

7 Men's Breakfast

9-5 Spirit of Giving Drop Off

Saturday, Dec 3:

8-12 Spirit of Giving

Next Sunday, Dec 4: Advent 2

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

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee Fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Christmas Program

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

1 Diane Johnson Voice Recital



- Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM
- Students please bring your bibles to Sunday School
- **Noisy Offering** collected in December will go to **Austin's Hope**
Noisy Offering is collected on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- Sunday School Christmas Program is December 18th

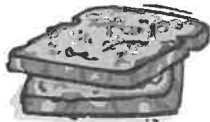
Parents: Please join us for coffee fellowship in the basement following worship. All are welcome!

Muffin Makers: Thank you for providing treats for Coffee Fellowship! (proceeds go to youth funds)
(Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

Nov. 27: Bryn & Sarah Nelson, Cainan & Shayla Langlie, Cameo Thomas

Dec. 4: Casey Leines, Casey Norris, Charity Welch, Charles & Tami Lundgren

Dec. 11: Chris & Kathy Olson, Chris & Missy Borgen, Chris & Nicky Ellison, Chrysi Gibson,
C-Jay & Francesca Wojciechowski



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP –December 18th

Come and enjoy a French toast breakfast! Free will donation.

2023 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING FOOD & FELLOWSHIP. CALENDARS ARE \$8.00 each



CONFIRMATION Schedule & Menu

Wednesday Confirmation supper at 5:15 Class 6PM

Nov. 30: Spaghetti & Breadstick

Dec. 7: Tater Tot Hotdish & Breadstick

Dec. 14: Christmas Bingo

Dec. 21 & 28 No Class



**Zion's 13th Annual Spirit of Giving
Saturday, December 3, 2022
8:00 AM— 12:00 Noon**

We welcome your donations for Zion's 13th Annual Spirit of Giving.

- New, Clean, very gently used , neatly folded winter clothing
- Household items, toys, Christmas décor and decorations. Miscellaneous items
- No items in garbage bags will be accepted.
- No large appliances, furniture, televisions, microwaves, or computers.

Donations may be dropped off in the basement Fellowship Hall on

- Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 1:00 PM— 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 1st from 9:00 AM— 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 2 from 9:00 AM— 5:00 PM

No Early Drop offs!!! No Saturday Drop Offs!!!

If you can help Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday with set up please
call Millie Reiersen at 218-681-7728
or the church office at 218-681-3296

Thank you for sharing God's love and abundance with others
and making someone's Christmas brighter.

