

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
December 18, 2022, 9:00AM



**Sunday School Program of the Little Lambs – 5th Grade
& Cornerstone Kids—Grades 6 & 7**

PRELUDE Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK—Koni Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Zach & Kelsey Johnson family

ADVENT SONG “Light One Candle” vs. 4 ELW #240

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN- “Joy to the World”

ELW #267

Reader: Dani Hart **Newsboy:** Dylan Bregier

“Away in a Manger”

Reader: Ella Hart **Newsboy:** Kaden Nelson

“Happy Birthday Jesus”

Reader: Farryn Fain **Newsboy:** Enzo Nelson

“Starlight”

Reader: Nora Fay **Newsboy:** Dylan Bregier

“Christmas Offering” God’s Joy Choir (K-5) and Cornerstone Choir (6-7)

OFFERING *Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

***OFFERTORY** “Create in Me a Clean Heart” # 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

All: 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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***THE 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *response: Hear our prayer.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Reader: Quinn Harris **Newsboy:** Kaden Nelson

"O Come, Little Children"

Reader: Miley Bruggeman **Newsboy:** Enzo Nelson

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High" ELW# 289

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

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:

Ushers: Loren & Lisa Pittman

Acolyte: Syver Bertilrud & Mikkel Bertilrud Greeters: Gwen Wojciechowski, Brianne Ellison

Communion Assistants: Ruth Ostby, Dick Haugen

OUR SYMPATHY to Glen Peters on the death of his sister Sandra Eikenbusch Dec. 9th and brother –in-law Gordy Eikenbusch who died Dec. 6th.

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 Lloyd & Ellen Spray by Judy Melby

ZION'S WEBSITE for December is sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Family & Friends.

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

PRAYER SHAWLS next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

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 bulletins.

ANNA CIRCLE meets **Dec. 21** at 11:30 a.m. at Glenice Johnson's home, 811 Main Ave N, for their annual Christmas potluck lunch. Guests welcome, too.

SAIL will not meet Dec. 22, 26, or Jan. 2

Ushers Needed for Dec. 25 With many families gone for the holiday weekend, we need volunteers to usher at the 9:00 service on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25. Please call the church office if you are willing to usher that day; 681-3296.

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)

Dec 5—Dec 11 income: \$5,206.

Dec 1-11 income \$ 11,246.

Jan 1– Dec 11 income: \$ 281,642.

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: \$16,968. If you wish to contribute to this project you can drop off or mail to the church office. *Thank you for your continued donations!*

FALLS DELIVERED MEALS—if anyone is interested in driving the week of Jan. 16-20 please contact Koni Johnson at 218-681-1344 and 218-689-7746

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 CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, Jan. 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

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

PARISH NURSE NOTE: Candles and the holidays seem to go together as a way of creating a warm and festive atmosphere. Here are some reminders of the safety tips for candle use during the holiday season and all through the year.

- Keep wax pools free of wick trimmings or other foreign matter that presents a fire hazard. Be aware of candle rings that could catch fire if the wax overflows onto them.
 - Always burn candles on a protected, heat-resistant surface, securely in an appropriate holder.
 - Always burn candles well away from anything flammable and out of reach of children and pets.
 - Always extinguish candles by blowing them out gently so as not to splatter liquid wax. In the case of jar candles, do not replace lid while the candle is still burning.
 - Always burn candles in a room that is attended.
 - Candles should be used cautiously in homes with young children who may be intrigued by the flames.
- Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and may the joy of the Emmanuel, "God with us" accompany you into the New Year.*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Dec 18: Advent 4

9:00 Zion Sunday School Program /

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School

10 Food & Fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Dec 19:

9 SAIL exercise

6:30 Scouts

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Newsletter Deadline

9:30 Staff Meeting

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours today

10:30 Bereavement Group in lounge

ZION COUNCIL MEETS

Wednesday, Dec 21:

11:30 Anna Circle

5:15 Confirmation Supper

6 God's Joy Choir

No Confirmation

Thursday, Dec 22:

NO SAIL Exercise today

Friday, Dec 23:

7 Men's Breakfast

Saturday December 24:

4 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

5:30 Christmas Worship at Silver Creek

10 Christmas Eve Holy Communion Worship

Next Sunday, Dec 25:

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

NO Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



- Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM
- **Noisy Offering** collected in December will go to **Austin's Hope**
- **TODAY** - Little Lambs -5th Grade and Cornerstone Kids **Christmas Program** at the 9:00 Service.
There will be Sunday School following worship!

- **December 25 and January 1** - No Sunday school

Parents: Are invited to stay 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.)

Dec. 25: Colin & Maia Beger, Corey & Shannon Scott, Cori Bregier, Darek & Jennifer Gerszewski, Darin & Lisa Robson

Jan 1: Davina Brown, Deanna Alby, Desirae Iverson, Elizabeth Erickson, Eric & Teri Forsberg

Jan. 8: Garrel & Celeste Kinzler, Heather Blumer, Holly Maycock & Philip Nelson, Jaime & Ashley Miramontes



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

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CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE -

December 21 & 28 -

No Classes Resume January 4