

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
Christmas Day
December 25, 2022



PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN** “Joy to the World” ELW #267

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.
Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God’s endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we are not perfect.
We have said and done things we regret.
We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.
We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.

Dear people of God, hear the good news:
Christ the Savior is born!
You are loved and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us.
You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God’s love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.
Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.
Amen.

HYMN “The First Noel” ELW #300 vs. 1-2

***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** “Your Little Ones Dear Lord are We” ELW #286 vs 1-3

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** “Angels We Have Heard on High” ELW #289

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Word of God, Word of Life... Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “What Child is This?” ELW #296 vs.1

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of

David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of our Lord...

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ELW # 270

***APOSTLES’ 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Your mercy is great.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY “In the Bleak Midwinter/ What Can I Give Him” ELW #294 vs 3

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;

Yet what can I give Him, give Him my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***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.

BLESSING

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✠ Child in the manger,
and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG** "Go Tell it On the Mountain" ELW #290

***DISMISSAL**

Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

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: Dan Narverud

Ushers: Rodney & Sandy Knutson

Acolyte:

Greeters:

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of David Morken whose funeral was held Thursday.

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 Ione Sparby given by Wally Sparby

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—can be taken home following worship today. Thank you to all who shared them.

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

ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023 are available 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 12-18 income: \$8,939.

Dec 1-18 income \$20,185.

Jan 1– Dec 18 income: \$290,581.

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 HEALTH 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.*
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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Dec 25:

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

NO Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Dec 26:

Church closed

Tuesday, Dec. 27:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours today

Wednesday, Dec 28:

No activities

Thursday, Dec 29:

9 SAIL Exercise

Next Sunday, Jan 1:

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

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

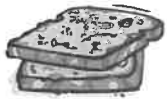


- Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM
- **December 25 and January 1 - No Sunday school**

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.)

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
Jan 22: Jared & Alyssa Van de Streek, Jason & Ashely Klaven, Jeff & Alicia Schneider, Jeremiah Gregerson

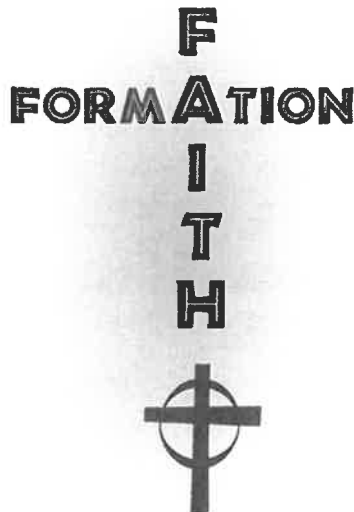


FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP –January 15th

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 -

December 28—No Classes

Meal at 5:15, Classes at 6PM

Jan. 4—Baked Mac & Cheese

Jan. 11—BBQ’s & Tater Tots

Jan. 18—Chicken Alfredo & breadsticks

Jan 29—Hot Ham & Cheese & French Fries