

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
First Sunday of Christmas January 1, 2023



PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,
you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.**

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace

and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ELW #283

***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 (p. 203)**

Congregation: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

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

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

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has bright-ened 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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his pres-

ence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.
Word of God, Word of Life... 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, heav-¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a-¹ bove the heavens.**
⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they¹ were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forev-¹ er 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 all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.¹ Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the

devil,¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. *Word of God, Word of Life... Thanks be to God.*

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

Congregation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

P: The holy Gospel...

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

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt,¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

P: The Gospel of our Lord...

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

SERMON "WHY DID CHRIST COME?" PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY "Silent Night" ELW # 281

***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: **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY ELW #184

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

Gather the harvest of the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers, we offer now,

Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **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

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth,

and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW # 279

***DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements - January 1, 2022

1st Sunday after Christmas

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, pulpit supply Pianist: Laura Rude Reader: Kaylynn Wold

Ushers: Lynell & Bob Wayne

Acolyte: Landen Larson, Gabe Nelson Greeters: Zander Olson

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Lorraine Mathieu whose funeral was held at Zion last 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 by Zion memorials

ZION'S WEBSITE for January is sponsored by Zion memorials

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.

SAIL will not meet Jan. 2

QUILTING ON THURSDAY, JAN. 5 The first quilting day in 2023 will be Thursday, January 5 at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief is invited to join in the project. Sewing or quilting skills aren't necessary. Come & join us for the fellowship and coffee/refreshments, too.

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 19-25 income: \$29,690.

Dec 1-25 income \$49,875.

Jan 1– Dec 25 income: \$320,271.

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:

It's been two years of the COVID pandemic and now we have a "triple-demic" that is hitting our country with a fast and furious pace. The term describes three different respiratory viruses, RSV, Influenza, and COVID 19. The flu cases started two months earlier than expected with the highest numbers in a decade. Influenza and RSV have already been overwhelming some hospital and medical centers in certain parts of the U.S. Colds and influenza are taking a toll on our communities too. Many schools are seeing a double digit percentage of kids out of school with flu symptoms and of course the teachers too.

Public health experts and the CDC says the best preventative measure to prevent Influenza is getting the flu shot because the vaccine is designed to target this strain and is extremely effective in lessening the symptoms should you get it. If you do get the flu, an antiviral drug prescribed by your physician can further decrease the symptoms and shorten the illness. Unfortunately, there is no home kit for testing for influenza or RSV. If you feel you may have influenza, it is wise to get tested. This medication works best when started in the first 48 hours of symptoms but can be started at any time.

Pneumonia can be a complication of Influenza and that can easily lead to hospitalization. A double insult and longer recovery! There are many similarities between the three viruses. COVID and influenza share these symptoms.....

Fever or feeling feverish, chills, cough, difficulty breathing Sore throat, runny stuffy nose, muscle pain or body aches Headache, vomiting and sometimes diarrhea

Continue to use your common sense and all those preventive measures to decrease the spread of infections that you have heard and read many times. Take care of yourself because YOU are the best one to DO that! Heed the symptoms, stay home, get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids and warm soups, and monitor your urine output to keep it at its normal level. May God's peace, comfort and healing hands be with all those young and old affected with these viruses.

—Praying for a healthier, prosperous, and Happy New Year for our minds, souls, and bodies in 2023!
Parish Health

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Jan 1: Pr Mark

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

No Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Jan 2:

Church closed

Tuesday, Jan. 3:

9:30 Staff Meeting

BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, Jan 4:

5:15 Confirmation supper

6 Confirmation classes

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Jan. 5:

9 SAIL Exercise

10 Prayer Shawl Ministry

1 Quilting

Friday, Jan. 6:

7 Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday, Jan 8: Welcome Pastor Kristin!

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

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee fellowship

10 Blood Pressure screening

10 February Servant meeting

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



- Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM
- **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 & Ashley Klaven, Jeff & Alicia Schneider, Jeremiah Gregerson

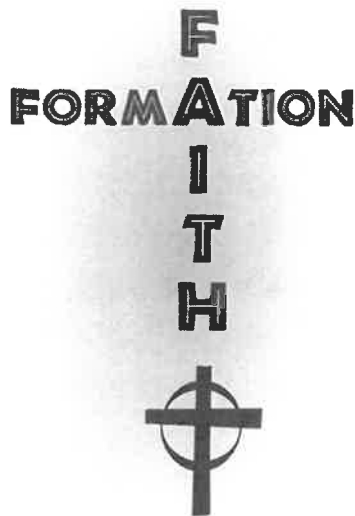


FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP –January 15th

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 -

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