***Celebrating the Richness of God’s Grace***

***Proclaiming the Kingdom: beginning in Chisago County***

*+ Please stand if you are able*

*To enhance our worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship

Worship with Song (please stand or sit as you wish)

Children’s Message

+Hymn #224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Special Music *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  Bell Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 24:36-44

Message Pastor Dale Stiles

+Hymn #171 *There’s Something About That Name*

Prayers

Service of Holy Communion Hymnal #12-13

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup (gluten free available)

Offering (please bring your gifts as you come to commune)

Communion Blessing

+Benediction

+Hymn #251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

+Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, December 2**

4-6p Community Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

6:00p Bell Choir

**Tuesday, December 3**

**Wednesday, December 4**

6:00p Adult Bible Study – Book of Ephesians

7:00p Confirmation

7:00p Choir

8:00p Worship Team

**Thursday, December 5**

**Friday, December 6**

Pastor’s Day Off

**Saturday, December 7**

**Next Sunday, December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent**

9:00a Worship / Sunday School

10:15a Fellowship

Last week’s offering: $2,350 Budgeted Weekly: $3,693

Monthly giving (Nov.): $16,093.09 Budgeted Monthly: $16,004

Attendance last Sunday: 78

**Children at First**

* ‘Worship Bags’ are in the foyer for children to borrow
* A Nursery for babies and toddlers is available every Sunday

**Please Pray For:** Cole Anderson; Sandy Danielson; Brad Elshaug;

Brian Elshaug; Olga Determan; Nate Clark; Baby Lilly: Ed Oswald

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Fellowship:** Join us for coffee & treats in the fellowship hall following the service.

**Our Mission Focus this month:** The Gideons.The Gideons International began distributing the Word of God in 1908. Today, they have more than 300,000 members—and an untold number of supporters—in 200 countries, territories and possessions across the globe. These dedicated individuals give their time and money to make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word.

**Choir Director/Accompanist:** We are seeking a Choir Director/Accompanist to begin as soon as possible. This is stipended position ($1,200/annually). If interested in this position please contact Pr. Dale directly.

**Meals On Wheels:** If you would consider volunteering to deliver Meals On Wheels, once a month, please see Juanita Morgan.

**Foundation Mission:** Just a reminder from the Foundation Board that our mission is to assist church members in funding activities that lead to a more Christ-centered life. This applies to both adult and children’s events. Applications for funding are located in the Foundation po box located outside the church office. If you have any questions, please talk to Donn Arnold, Dick Berglund, Cyndi Keesee, Susan Hernick, Lois Anderson, or Dari Ferguson.

**Foundation Board Position Open:** The Foundation Board is looking for an individual to fill an opening on its Board. No financial expertise is required.

If you are interested, please contact Donn Arnold for more details.

**Living Nativity:** Saturday, Dec. 14. Sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall!

**Cookies for Living Nativity:** We are in need of LOTS of cookies for the Living Nativity! We invite the people who watch the nativity inside for hot chocolate and cookies between shows. So, as you are doing your Christmas baking, set aside a few dozen cookies and bring them to church by Saturday December 14th. See Katie Leadholm with questions.

**Christmas Cookie Youth Fundraiser is coming!**

If you'd like some help with Christmas baking...check this out...

You can order a festive wrapped platter containing SIX dozen homemade cookies and treat for $30! See Angela RempelEwert.

**Snow Shoveling:** The Trustees are making a call list of people to help with shoveling off the walks on Saturdays and Sunday this winter. If you would be able to help, contact Lloyd at 651-213-3110.



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***December 1, 2019***

***9:00 a.m.***