

Sunday Morning Worship
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INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

What Star is This (Puer Nobis)

Arr. Keesecker

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #300 (vs. 1,5)

The First Noel

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Reader: Jeff Slyman

R: ¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

Reader: Jeff Slyman

R: ¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #250 (vs. 1)

Blessed Be the God of Israel

C: Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree. So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is Mark 1:4-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #453 (vs. 1,2,4)

Baptized and Set Free

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again 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 THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113

C: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN #673

God Whose Almighty Word

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Arr. Hansen

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God.
by Joe & Shirley Delaplane in celebration of Joe's birthday.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

End of Year Deposit 12/31/2020

Unified Giving: \$475.00

Total Attendance 1/2/2021& 1/3/2021: 69

Unified Giving: \$4,507.00

Building Fund: \$ 360.00

TREASURER'S REPORT:

October 2020

Unified Giving: \$16,148.06

Building Fund Giving: \$1,303.72

Expenses: \$18,094.29

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of October 31, 2020: \$28,722.82

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of October 2020, on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Jeremiah's Letter

We will be collecting donations for the Super Bowl of Caring to be used for supplies for their program. We will also collect new or gently used household items. They are especially in need of twin sheet sets, pots, pans, and cooking utensils. A bowl for your offerings and a box for the household items will be in the hall during the month. Jeremiah's Letter is a faith based agency that assists people in need through several programs. The agency has also been a special blessing to Zion. While volunteering at Jeremiah's Letter when they were located at St. Paul's, we mentioned that our old pews needed to be repaired. St. Paul's had just announced that they were preparing to disband, and we were given their pews for our sanctuary.

WOMEN OF ZION will meet on Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be in person, in the adult Sunday School room. Masks are required. We will be looking at the year ahead and making tentative plans for fundraising and outreach ministry. We will also be setting up the schedule for the Missions of the Month for the year ahead. If you cannot attend the meeting but have a topic that you would like to bring to the meeting, please call Deb Keppel (1 937-901-4461) or email her at:
DebKeppel@gmail.com.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you need assistance during the week going to a doctor's appointment or various appointments, Donna Slyman has agreed to help out members by transporting them to their appointments. Please call Donna Slyman on her **cell phone: 1 937-902-1038** to see if she can help you. **Please note:** *Donna is not available on Wednesdays.*