

**January 9, 2022
Baptism of Our Lord**



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INTRODUCTION

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Arr. Turner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #861

When Long Before Time

(Choir vs. 1,2) (Everyone vs. 3-6)

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHANCEL CHOIR *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*
Composer: text / Ruth Duck—Donna Kasbohm
Director: Bill Jones

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

R: ¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

R: ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #611 (vs. 3) *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

C: **I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

P: ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He

will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And 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 Kervyn Mach

HYMN Red hymnal #448

This is the Spirit's Entry Now

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, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #311

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

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 with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by the Sauls Family in memory of their moms.*

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

In Helpful Service

Leader	Kervyn Mach
Greeters	Jeff & Donna Slyman
Reader	Madelyn Lopez

Total Attendance 1/2: 52
Unified Giving: \$2,828.00
Building Fund: 375.00

12/24 Christmas Eve: 125
12/31 Year end deposit
Unified Giving: \$1,518.84
Building Fund: \$ 200.00

TREASURERS REPORT: Month of October 2021

Unified Giving: \$18,495.20	Expenses: \$22,381.02
Building Fund Giving: \$3,492.03	Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00
Building Fund Balance: \$24,242.46	

If you desire more detailed financial information there are copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of October 2021, on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

“**Little Kindness**” is our Mission of the Month for January. Pam Hale (sister of Terri Darrah) heads up this non-profit. Little Kindness sends care bags to hospitals and churches for those going through chemotherapy. During the Covid shutdown, Pam also sent encouraging cards to neighbors and food pantry participants, nurse appreciation gifts, Welcome Back to School gifts and cards for teachers as well as providing lunch for middle and high school teachers. In the lounge at the back of the sanctuary, you will find a small Giving Tree with ornaments hanging from it. Please take one or more tags and purchase the item (s) and return them to the tree by the end of the month.

"Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed."

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

SUNDAY, January 9	5:00 PM	Women of Zion Mtg.
TUESDAY, January 11	5:00 PM	Communications
	7:00 PM	Council
WEDNESDAY, January 12	1:00 PM	Music & Worship

CALENDARS

2022 Wall Calendars are available. Beautiful sturdy calendars with NIV Bible verses and scenery for \$7.00 each. All proceeds go to the Zion Youth Gathering Fund.

FLOWER CHART

The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write your name under “presented by”. You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Altar flowers are ordered from Always Blooming Flowers of Tipp and are \$40.00 for two vases. Color preference may also be requested. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (**please designate under other “altar flowers”**).

Available dates: Jan. 30—Mar. 6 —Apr. 3—May 1,8,22,29—July 10, 24—Aug. 14,28—Sept.18—Oct. 9,23—Nov. 6—Dec. 11, 18.

NEW ADDRESS

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