

**Sunday Worship**  
**January 7, 2024**  
**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**



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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## 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

*Angel Suite*

Arr: Keveren

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

**GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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**

R: <sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God 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.**

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

R: <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

R: <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

R: <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

R: <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

R: <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

R: <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7**

R: <sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He 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." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul 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." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #102**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to **Mark 1:4-11**

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>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.**

## **COMMISSION OF COUNCIL**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN** Red Hymnal #445      *Wash, O God, Our Songs and Daughters*

## **OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues**

**OFFERTORY SONG #113**      *Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace*  
**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 every 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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

## **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** *(Response after each petition)*

**P:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer . . .

**BLESSING**

**P:** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you + bless you and remain with you always.

**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 in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Arr: Manz

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Bob & Deb Keppel in celebration & thanksgiving for our four grandchildren*

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

**In Helpful Service**

Acolyte

Jason Schlater

Pastor

Dale Schaefer

Reader

Christine Schlater

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|------------------|------------------------|
| Communion Assist | Bob Keppel             |
| Greeters         | Dale & Debbie Rudisill |
| Usher            | Garry Yunker           |

**ATTENDANCE 12/30 & 31: 98**

**Unified Giving 12/30 & 31: \$1,803.00**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Shoes 4 the Shoeless Sock Drive***

January's Mission of the Month will be a Sock Drive to benefit Shoes 4 the Shoeless. When this organization travels to schools to give children a pair of needed new shoes, they also give the children socks to wear with their new shoes. During the month of January, please put a pair or package of new children's socks in the laundry basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Contact Kathy Groth with questions.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order and can be taken home today. New numbers have been assigned to some of the boxes.

**JANUARY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The adults will begin the month with a lesson the Christian denomination family tree. Following that, we will continue our series by Bob Goff, *Love in Chaos*. All are invited to join us!

**2024 FLOWER CHART:** There are still openings to sign up to donate flowers. The chart to sign up is posted in the fellowship hallway. ***Please indicate what they are honoring and color choices.***

**SUNDAY SERVICE HELPERS:** January and February still have some openings for helpers during service. The sign up poster is in the fellowship hallway. Please consider offering assistance.

### **CONFIRMANDS RECEPTION & PASTOR DALE FAREWELL:**

A reception for the new confirmands and farewell lunch will be held immediately after service on Sunday, January 28th.

**MEMBERSHIP FORMS:** If you have not done so already, please fill out a membership form so we can update our records to have an accurate roster. There are blank forms on the table in the narthex, as well as a collection box for completed ones.

**JANUARY TIDINGS** are now available on the table in the narthex. There are also a few left from December if you didn't get one.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

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| <b>Monday, January 8</b>     | 10:30 am       | Mission Quilts                  |
|                              | 3:30 pm        | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) |
|                              | 6:00 pm        | Property Meeting                |
|                              | 6:30 pm        | Boy Scouts                      |
| <b>Tuesday, January 9</b>    | 10:00 am       | Mission Quilts                  |
|                              | 5:00 pm        | Communications Meeting          |
|                              | 7:00 pm        | Council Meeting                 |
|                              | 8:00 - 9:00 pm | AA                              |
| <b>Wednesday, January 10</b> | 6:00 pm        | Worship & Music Meeting         |
|                              | 7:00 pm        | Choir Rehearsal                 |

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2024!

**May God's presence never leave your heart. To each new chapter of your life, may the Lord grant you His grace and strength. Happy New Year!**

### Staff

Dale Schaefer, *Interim Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;  
Annette Calicoat, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;  
Tina Putnam, *Sexton*









