

Sunday Worship
January 12, 2025
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

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

This Little Light of Mine

Arr. Oines

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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,,

C: **You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #322

O Love, How Deep

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: **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**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #99

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
 Composer: Este's Psalmes; text by George Kirbye

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.**

PSALM: Psalm 29

R: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

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

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

C: **⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

R: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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

R: ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: **⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

R: ⁹The 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: **¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

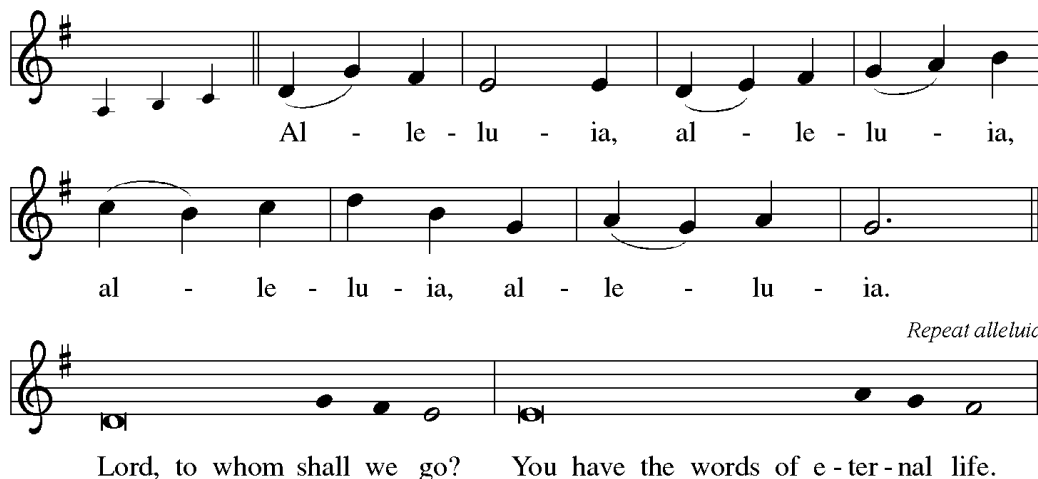
R: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

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 . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113

Now Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

COMMUNION PREFACE #107 & 108

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

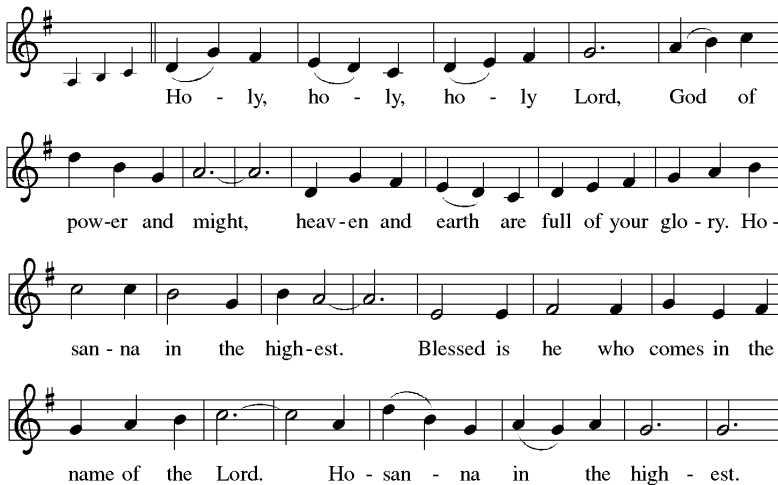
P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.)*

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #543

Go My Children, with My Blessing

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. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water

Arr. Harbach

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Bob & Deb Keppel in thanks for Pastor Summers and family.*

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

In Helpful Service

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| Pastor | Jaren Summers |
| Reader | Julia Helke |
| Communion Assist | Linda Holt |
| Ushers | Richard & Debby Geiman |
| Greeter | Wayne Fronczak |
| Bell Ringer | Jessica Dorn |

ATTENDANCE 1/4 & 5: 106

Unified Giving 1/4 & 5:\$4,656.00

Sunday School: Adults:11

Youth & Kids: 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: BLESSING BAGS

This month you are given the opportunity to make a blessing bag. This bag will include items that a homeless or person down on their luck could use.

Items included could be:

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| Scarf, hat, mittens, socks | Bottle of water |
| Travel sized lotion | Chapstick |
| Travel sized toothbrush/toothpaste | Comb/brush |
| For women – personal hygiene products | Hand sanitizer/hand wipes |
| Anything else you see fit | A card or note telling of Jesus' love |
| Small wrapped snacks (peanut butter or cheese crackers, protein bars, beef jerky) | |

On the table in the narthex there is a box of gallon bags and samples of items you could include. Take a bag, fill it, and keep it in your car to hand out when you see someone in need. Or you could fill a bag and return it to the table for someone else to take. If you have any questions, see Linda Holt.

BUNCO RETURNS on **January 25th at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.. Pizza will be provided with a love offering to cover the cost. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverages. If you don't know how to play, no worries, we will teach you. It's easy and fun! **Sign up** in the fellowship hallway.

THE ALTAR FLOWER CHART for 2025 still has several openings for February and March.

JANUARY TIDINGS are available in the narthex.

LEARN TO KNIT The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs knitters. A four-week knitting class for beginners is being offered through Tipp Community Services starting on January 25th from 10 - 11 am. Cost is \$25 for Tipp & Monroe Twp. residents and \$27 for non-residents. Classes are held at Fiber and Fusion Studio, 11180 North Dixie Dr., Vandalia. To register, visit www.tmcomservices.org.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

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| Sunday, January 12 | 5:00 pm | Women of Zion meeting |
| Monday, January 13 | 10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm | Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Scouts |
| Tuesday, January 14 | 10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm | Mission Quilts Welcome & Communications Mtg. Council Meeting AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, January 15 | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Worship & Music Meeting Choir Rehearsal |

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*