

Zion Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 8, 2023



Today we celebrate the baptisms that have taken place here at Zion in 2022 with the lighting of the candles during the prelude or first hymn.

Declan Lian
Colbie Beger
Krew Joppru
Eaden Beito
Rowan Jimison
Tanner Opdahl
Arlen Gerszewski
Grady Gerszewski

James Johnson
Nash Voecks
Nico Voecks
Gemma Janzow
Hayes Mathieu
Spencer Pacheco Laboy
Bradyn Gustin
Louie Isaak

New Traditions Worship

Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM Worship
January 8, 2023

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy has made you a new creation.

You are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Song "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" ELW # 744

Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,
grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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!"

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

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

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." *Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.*

Song "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Kid's Point - Pastor Kristin

Song "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the

water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon "BELOVED OF GOD" Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day "In Christ Alone" *lyrics printed*

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.**

Offering - *ushers bring offering forward*

Offertory "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (CCLI Lic. # 11095451)

Prayers of Intercession *response: receive our prayer.*

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.

Sending

Blessing The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

Sending Song "Amazing Grace" ELW #779

Dismissal Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Post-service Music

Announcements - January 8, 2022

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WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp Pianist: Laura Rude

Reader: Denny Minks

Ushers: Darren & Cindy Wiskow Ushers/Greeters: Brenna Alby, Maverick Iverson

Acolyte: Gwen Wojciechowski, Nora Bruggeman Greeters: Darlene & Norman Blackstad

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Zion memorials

ZION'S WEBSITE for January is sponsored by Zion memorials

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher.

WELCA Meets January 10 All women are invited to this month's WELCA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for fellowship, Bible study and refreshments. Hostesses are Sandy Knutson and Ruth Ostby. Board meets at 9:00 a.m.

FALLS DELIVERED MEALS—if anyone is interested in driving the week of Jan. 16-20 please contact Koni Johnson at 218-681-1344 and 218-689-7746

ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023 are available to pick up in the narthex. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like them contact the church office.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

Jan 1 income: \$895.

Dec 1-31 income \$82,457.94

Jan 1, 2022– Dec 25, 2022 income: \$352,854.43

2022 Budget \$339,913./ \$6,536. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru the link on Zion's website.

OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN Donations & Pledges: \$16,968. If you wish to contribute to this project you can drop off or mail to the church office. *Thank you for your continued donations!*

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact. **Thank you to all who directed dollars in 2022. \$2,518. was received.**

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, Jan. 12th from 10-11:00 AM at Zion. All caregivers are welcome, you do not need to register. Please spread the word to those who can benefit from this group. More info Julie Praska Moser 218-686-6228

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 12 Noon to 4:00 PM in the Lounge. For more info and to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

PARISH HEALTH NOTE:

A big thank you to Paul and Marilyn Adams for donating a blood pressure monitoring machine. It is very easy to use and has been placed in the lounge for easy access. Consider checking your BP when you are at the church for any meetings or activities. Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. Parish Health.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Jan 8: Welcome Pastor Kristin!

9:00 Zion Worship; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School
10 Coffee fellowship
10 Blood Pressure screening
10 February Servant meeting
10:30 Silver Creek Worship
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Jan 9:

9 SAIL Exercise

Tuesday, Jan. 10:

9:30 Staff Meeting
9 WELCA Ex. BOARD
10 WELCA MEETING
6:30 PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD
7 ZION/SILVER CREEK COUNCILS MEETING

Wednesday, Jan 11 :

5:15 Confirmation supper
6 Confirmation classes
6 God's Joy Choir
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Jan. 12:

9 SAIL Exercise
10 LSS Caregiver Group
ANNUAL REPORTS DUE IN OFFICE

Friday, Jan. 13:

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, Jan. 14:

Wedding of Savannah Peterson & Ethan Barth

Next Sunday, Jan 15:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School
10 Food & Fellowship
10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship
Silver Creek Annual Meeting following worship.
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM

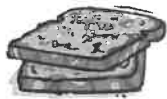
Parents: Are invited to stay for coffee fellowship in the basement following worship. All are welcome!

Muffin Makers: Thank you for providing treats for Coffee Fellowship! (proceeds go to youth funds)
(Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

Jan. 8: Garrel & Celeste Kinzler, Heather Blumer, Holly Maycock & Philip Nelson, Jaime & Ashley Miramontes

Jan 22: Jared & Alyssa Van de Streek, Jason & Ashley Klaven, Jeff & Alicia Schneider, Jeremiah Gregerson

Jan 29: Jeremy Lian, Jerod & Tara Lunsetter, Jessica Hegland, Jill Anderson, Jim & Mandi Nelson, Joe & Heather Bregier



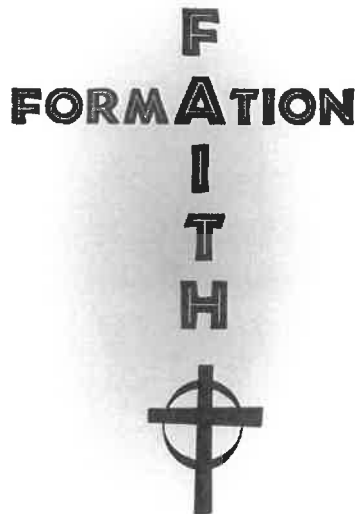
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP –January 15th

Come and enjoy a French toast breakfast! Free will donation.

2023 GOD'S CREATION

CALENDARS will be available for purchase during food & fellowship.

CALENDARS ARE \$8.00 each



CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE -

Meal at 5:15, Classes at 6PM

Jan. 11—BBQ's & Tater Tots

Jan. 18—Chicken Alfredo & breadsticks

Jan 29—Hot Ham & Cheese & French Fries

Parish Health Notes...

Greetings in the name of our New Born King! Have you developed your New Year's resolution yet? It's not too late. Whether we write them out or just think about them, most of us can't help but consider the fresh beginning a new year brings.

The making of resolutions brings with it thoughts of past failures and guarded hopes for the future. Jan Burg RN has written a poem on resolutions that is worth sharing.

My Resolution

I won't look back; God knows the fruitless effects, The wasted hours, The sinning, The regrets; I'll leave them all with Him who blots the record, And mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

I won't look forward. God sees all the future. The road that, short or long, will lead me home. And he will face with me it's every trial, And bear with me the burdens that come. But I'll look up-into the face of Jesus, For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled; And there is joy and love, and light and darkness, And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

How to make Resolutions 'fail proof'

Keep goals realistic. Set goals you are confident you can reach.

Be specific about your goals. Instead of saying "I'll lose weight", try "I will lose 2 lbs every week until I reach my goal".

Develop a plan for how you will reach your goals. Think about your resources, limits, and reasons for past failures. Try to include resources such as prayer, bible studies, and working with others.

Find a partner. Moral support can be a big help in reaching your goals. Don't forget that Jesus makes an excellent support person!

Keep track of your progress. This helps to see your progress one day at a time.

Think of each day as a new beginning. You don't need to keep your resolutions for 365 days, but just one day at a time.

Do your best; the rest, leave to God. The Lord is your partner and He will bless your efforts at the growth. Enjoy the knowledge that all things are in the hands of our loving Lord. May the Lord bless all of our good intentions in this New Year!

God's Blessings and Peace, Parish Health

GOSPEL MESSAGE

January 8, 2023

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Baptized and Beloved

It was a relatively common scene: a first-century Palestinian man waiting on the banks of the Jordan River for his turn to be baptized. And yet there was something different about this time, this place, this man. This time God would enter into the waters of God's own creation.

This story gives us a glimpse of how God enters fully into this life with us. God enters into our earthbound, created existence of river banks and dusty earth, rushing water and cloud-spotted skies. Jesus enters into our time-bound realities of life and death too, not shying away from the hard parts of being human. In these mysterious waters of baptism, Jesus immerses himself in pain and sin, sickness and death. And then Jesus emerges from the depths into new life—a life rooted in his identity as the Beloved One, the one sent by God to bring all of creation into renewed relationship with God and one another.

Jesus' baptism is just the beginning of his earthly ministry. From here, he will enter the wilderness, call his disciples, preach and teach and heal. He will disrupt the status quo, scandalize the authorities, and challenge his most loyal followers in his mission to offer the world a glimpse of the kingdom of God.

At its core, this is an Epiphany story. It reveals to us who Jesus is: Beloved. Sent by God. The one in whom God is pleased from the very beginning. The one in whom God is made known to the world. And this story reveals to us something else as well. It has the power to remind us who we are, as we too are swept up in these life-giving waters. We too emerge as a new creation made whole in Christ. May we hear God's words to us too: "This is my child the beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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