

Zion Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 7, 2024



Today we celebrate the baptisms that have taken place here at Zion in 2023 with the lighting of the candles during the prelude or first hymn.

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(*Please stand as you are comfortable)*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

GATHERING SONG “When Jesus Came to Jordan” ELW # 305

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE** (p. 184) *(sung)* [Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy]

Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 185)

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain:**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain:**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 29

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

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory ^ldue God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ^lglory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ^lmighty waters.

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

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ^lcedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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

⁷The voice ^lof the LORD
bursts forth in ^llightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD ^lshakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder ness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ^lforests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are ^lcrying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned asking for evermore.**

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

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 188)

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

***GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

P: The Holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

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 around 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 MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY "Borning Cry" ELW #732

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **receive our prayer.**

***APOSTLES 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** “Create in Me a Clean Heart” # 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Ushers will guide you forward)*

***BLESSING** Response: **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG** “Baptized in Water” ELW #456

***DISMISSAL** Go into the world knowing Christ and making him known.
Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Announcements - January 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Christmas

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

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp

Pianist: Laura Rude

Organist: Marie Longo

Greeters: Jon & Junelle Looker

Reader : Russell Rhen

Acolytes:

Communion asst: Tom & Kaylynn Wold

Ushers: Darrick & Cindy Wiskow, Sophia Tougas

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Especially: Those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, and all who are moving through a challenging season. Shannon & Darla Boen & family on the death of Shannon's mother, Patsy Boen.

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 in memory of Eileen Rhen sponsored by Marie Engen.

WEBSITE sponsor for January is Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Loved Ones & friends.

ALL WOMEN OF ZION are invited to the WELCA meeting on Jan. 9 at 10 am. Join us for fellowship, Bible study and refreshments. Hostesses are Marcia Sandahl and Vivian Knutson. Board meets at 9am.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due in the church office by January 11th.

FALLS DELIVERED MEALS - Zion will be delivering meals Jan. 15-19th. If you would like to help with this please call Koni Johnson at **218-681-1344**

ZION ANNUAL MEETING will be held on January 28th at 10:00 AM, following worship.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Dec. 1-31 Offerings: \$

Weekly Goal: \$6,547.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING –Sign up available on Zion's website or contact the church office.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Offering envelopes are in the narthex for next year.

Those on Vanco electronic giving do not have envelopes. If you cannot find yours, contact the church office.

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 have directed dollars!*

LSS Group Respite is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Volunteers are also needed to socialize over coffee and interactive videos during Group Respite. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org for more information. Thursdays, 12:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

Sharing the Peace - Due to the increase in COVID cases and the upcoming flu season, Parish Health would like to return to elbow bumping instead of hand shakes and only verbal messages for the Peace greetings during the church service. An increase in our hand washing is also strongly suggested. Thank You!

PARISH NURSE NOTES— As we greet this new year, may our Infant King be our strength and comfort! As we celebrate the miracle of the Virgin Birth, we are reminded that the birth of each precious child is a miraculous gift from God. In Deuteronomy 30:20, we are reminded that all life is a gift from God. As God's people we are called to carefully nurture this gift of life. As we begin the new year, many people's thoughts turn to resolutions and self-improvements. Here are a few specific ways to care for our life.

First...we have a responsibility to care for this gift. Many of the illnesses that we suffer from can be avoided or limited in severity by a healthy lifestyle.

Second...a healthy lifestyle includes such things as eating foods from all four food groups and limiting our intake of high fat and high salt foods, developing an exercise program, balancing work and rest/leisure, and using constructive ways to handle stress.

Third...maintaining a healthy relationship with ourselves, others, and God also can nurture our life. Real health is dependent upon a balance between all of our dimension: the physical, emotional, spiritual, social and environmental.

"Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice and hold fast to Him" (Det. 30:19). *May the Lord of all life richly bless your life decisions with wholeness and peace. Happy New Year! God's Blessings and Peace - Parish Health*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, Jan. 7:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship/
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids
10 Blood pressure screen
10 Coffee fellowship
11 Silver Creek Worship

Monday, Jan. 8:

9 SAIL

Tuesday, Jan. 9:

No Faith Community Nurse hours
9 WELCA Ex board
10 WELCA meeting
11:30 Ev/Lay Ministry Board

Wednesday, Jan. 10

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

Thursday, Jan. 11

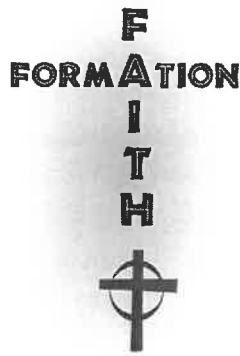
9 SAIL exercise
12:30-4 LSS Respite Care

Friday, Jan. 12

8 Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday, Jan. 14:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship/Broadcast ch. 3;
KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids
10 Coffee fellowship
10 February Sharing Servants mtg
11: Silver Creek Worship/ Annual Meeting



Sunday School/ Cornerstone resumes January 7th

Sunday School— age 3 thru Grade 5 from 10-11 AM

Cornerstone Kids—Grade 6 & 7 meet from 10-11 in the youth room.

NOISY OFFERING January 10 & 24 will go to Prowler Pantry.

YOUTH NOTES:

Thank you to our families for providing treats for coffee following worship each Sunday.

Please bring 2 dozen baked goods on or before Sunday,

January 7: Jaime & Ashley Miramontes, Jared & Alyssa Vandestreek, Jared & Stephanie Kainz, Jason & Ashley Klaven

January 14: Jeff & Alicia Schneider, Jeremiah Gregerson, Jeremy Lian, Jerod & Tera Lunsetter

January 21: Food & Fellowship

January 28: Jessica Hegland, Jim & Mandi Nelson, Joe & Heather Bregier

God's Creation Calendars - 2024 Calendars are available \$8.00 each.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast served after worship on Sunday, January 21. Free-will donation goes to youth programming. Breakfast will be served by 6 & 7th Grade students.

Confirmation Classes resume January 10th

Supper served at 5:15

January Menu:

10: Tater tot hotdish

17: Chicken Alfredo

24: Spaghetti and meatballs