

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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**Rooted in Faith   \*   Growing in Spirit   \*   Reaching Out to Those in Need**  
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10:45 am Baptism of Our Lord January 13, 2019

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, 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 the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk

Journey Home

GATHERING

✠ *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.* ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with us always and calls us each by name.
When we pass through difficulties and stress,

God is with us and calls us by name.
When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.
Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

GATHERING SONG

“You Are Mine”

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near
Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me
Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name
Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live
Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

Blessed be the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We seek our own way.
We divide the body of Christ.
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths,
the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything that we do
be filled with faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives."
In the name of † Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.
Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving Father, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your dear Son. Thank you for making us your children by water and the Spirit. Keep us faithful to you throughout our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN & NOISY OFFERING

WORD

✠ *God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.* ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Message

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

SECOND READING **Acts 8:14-17** *The Message*

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

ALLELUIA (*please stand*) **“Hallelujah”**

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Pew Bible NT, p. 61

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (*please be seated*)

SERMON

Pastor Erin

SONG OF THE DAY **“The River”**

To the river I am going, Bringing sins I cannot bear.
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me,
Lord I need to meet you there.
In these waters, healing mercy,
Flows with freedom from despair.
I am going to that river,
Lord I need to meet you there.

Precious Jesus, I am ready To surrender every care.
Take my hand now, lead me closer.
Lord I need to meet you there.

Come and join us, in the river.
Come find life beyond compare.
He is calling, He is waiting,
Jesus longs to meet you there.

Precious Jesus, I am ready To surrender every care.
Take my hand now, lead me closer.
Lord I need to meet you there.

Precious Jesus, I am ready To surrender every care.
Take my hand now, lead me closer.
Lord I need to meet you there.
Take my hand now, lead me closer.
Lord I need to meet you there.

APOSTLES' CREED (*please stand*)
With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 THE PEOPLE

As God's dear children through holy baptism, let us pray to our loving Father in heaven, trusting that he will hear us in his mercy.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Father, you have sustained your whole church in faith by freely giving your Holy Spirit. Keep us in the power of your Spirit, so that we may always live with the freedom that comes from trusting your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share this peace with one another.

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "God's peace be with you" or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, any friendly word or gesture is appropriate.

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

OFFERING SONG "Come to the River"

Come, O come, come to the river flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water, but in the Lord we shall arise.
Come, O come, come to the river flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water, but in the Lord we shall arise.

Come, O come, come to the river flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water, but in the Lord we shall arise.
But in the Lord we shall arise.

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

✠ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.* ✠

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the Lord's table.

*Please come forward as directed by the ushers. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available;
please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

COMMUNION SONG **“He Knows My Name”**

I have a Maker, He formed my heart.
Before even time began, my life was in His hands.
He knows my name, He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.
He knows my name, He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

He knows my name, He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.
And hears me when I call, and hears me when I call.

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

God, you gave us your Son Jesus to save all people. As you sent Jesus, send us now with the good news. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy of your Word that fills us now, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

✠ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.* ✠

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Amen)

SENDING SONG **“The River Is Here”**

Down the mountain the river flows,
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here.

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.

The river of God is teeming with life,
All who touch it can be revived,
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.

Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God has called you by name, and you are his.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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