

January 9 & 10, 2021

# Zion Lutheran Church

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## The Baptism of Our Lord

*We invite and encourage all communicant members of Zion, or one of our sister LCMS churches, to commune with us later in the service.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

## CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

(rise)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: Who made heaven and earth**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

— *Remembering your sins, kneel as you are able* —

P: O almighty God, merciful Father.

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

(rise)

- No Singing
- Practice social distancing  
As best you can.
- Submit prayer requests  
by email or phone

**Psalms 29(ESV)**

P: <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**C: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.** P: <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**C: worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

P: <sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**C: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

P: <sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**C: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P: <sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

**C: the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

P: <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

**C: and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P: <sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord

**C: flashes forth flames of fire.**

P: <sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

**C: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

P: <sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

**C: and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

P: <sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

**C: the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

P: <sup>11</sup>May the Lord give strength to his people!

**C: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever Amen**

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray....

(sit)

**First Reading:**

**Genesis 1:1-5(ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And 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: This is the Word of the Lord — **C: Thanks be to God**

**Epistle Reading**

**Romans 6:1-11(ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord — **C: Thanks be to God**

(rise)

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 1:4-11(ESV)** (The sermon today is based on this reading)

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord — **C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

*We confess our Christian Faith in the words of the . . .*

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(sit)

**Music Plays**

**SERMON:** "Close to the Real Thing"(Mark 1:4-11)

In our prayers today . . .

Our Prayers:

P: Lord, in Your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Consecration of Communion Elements**

(sit)

**COMMUNION / Organ plays**

(rise)

**COMMON LORD'S TABLE DISMISSAL**

**BENEDICTION**

(sit)

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

- Place offering in the Narthex basket
- For Communion:**
- Maintain social distancing and come forward in center of aisle. (Those seated, move away from aisle to preserve social distancing.)
- No social distancing is required for family groups to receive Communion.
- Elder will drop wafer in your hand. Pastor will place individual cup on the table.
- Exiting after worship**
- Progressively exit from rear pews to front pews.

**EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK**

MON	9:00am	Women's Bible Study
	1:00pm	Stewardship
	5:30pm	Trustees
	6:30pm	Council Mtg
WED	6:30pm	Jr. Confirmation

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PRAYER CHAIN” contact the church office at 632-5792, Pastor, or Lydia Posch @ 632-6228 for any prayer concerns or questions.



**ALTAR FLOWERS PROVIDED THIS MONTH BY:**

1/17 Gary & Gloria Irwin

**2021 Envelopes**

There are offering envelopes in your mailboxes for 2021

<b>SATURDAY/SUNDAY JANUARY 2 &amp; 3 (11/36) 47</b>			
<b>Current</b>	\$3,389.00	<b>Building Fund</b>	\$704.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$72.00	<b>Memorial</b>	\$60.00
<b>Mission</b>	\$34.00	<b>Youth</b>	\$29.00
<b>Christmas Day</b>	\$500.00		
<b>New Years Eve</b>	\$276.00		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>\$4,271.00</b>	<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS</b>	<b>\$793.00</b>
<b>NEEDED FOR EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,965.00</b>	<b>NEEDED FOR BUILDING LOAN</b>	<b>\$863.58</b>
<i>Memorial to Building Fund in memory of Adeline Weber</i>			
<i>Youth money received from can recycling</i>			

**LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE**

The deadline for subscribing to the monthly Lutheran Witness magazine is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to receive this magazine, please contact Barb in the office by phone, email or a note on the desk. The cost for the magazine is \$22.56 for the year. Please make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and note that it is for the LW magazine subscription

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** Sermons can be heard on Sunday at: 6:05am @ WCCO 830AM  
7:05am @ KFML 94.1FM  
6:10am @ KLTF 960AM 5:00pm @ KCFB 91.5FM  
6:30am @ KEYL 1400AM –

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN JANUARY**

\*Women’s Monday Morning Bible study will meet on Mondays, **January 11 and 25** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, studying “Psalms: Conversations with God.” Join us as we social distance and wear masks!

\*The Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, **January 18** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, wearing masks and social distancing. The study, “Gold, Frankincense, and ME!” is found on p.16 of the Winter 2020 LWQ.

\*The ZLW will meet on Monday, **January 18** at 10:00 a.m. The ZLW is Zion’s connection to the LWML, and we encourage you to join us!

**ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION IS DUE BY JANUARY 15**

All board chairs and leaders of other organizations at Zion need to have their annual reports into the church office by Friday, **January 15**, so that Zion’s 2020 annual report can be completed. Thanks for taking care of this.

<b>. WORSHIP SERVANTS</b>					
<b>Jan</b>		<b>ELDER</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ORGANIST</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>COM</b>	Chris Roe	Marie Holey Jennifer Hanson	Jennifer Hanson	Peggy Dolney
<b>10</b>	<b>COM</b>	Jerry Knafla	Harvey Axel	Katie Schumann	Peggy Dolney
<b>16</b>	<b>COM</b>	Greg Rausch	Julie Dancer	Greg Rausch	Carol Prozinski
<b>17</b>	<b>COM</b>	Craig Bohnsack	Ben Messinger	Amanda Dawson	Carol Prozinski