

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Baptism of our Lord
January 12, 2025

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#581

"You Are Mine"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, One God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.
Amen.

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

Merciful God,
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.

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.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ But 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. ² When 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. ³ For 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.

⁴ Because 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. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I 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—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

sung to the melody for
"Immortal, Invisible"

1 Ascribe to the Lord, all you ones of great might;
Ascribe to the Lord glory, strength in your sight.

2 Ascribe to Him glory, and His name adore;
In splendor of holiness, worship the Lord.

3 The voice of the Lord is above the great sea;
He thunders in glory; o'er waters is He!

4 The voice of the Lord, full of power and might;
His voice is majestic and flaming in light.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars in two;
The cedars of Lebanon, He does subdue.

6 The Lord makes all Lebanon skip like a deer.
Mount Hermon is like a young ox when He's near.

7 The voice of the Lord strikes with flashing of light.

8 His voice shakes the desert of Kadesh with might.

9 The voice of the Lord strips the forests all bare;
And all in His temple, His glory declare.

10 The Lord sits enthroned o'er the flood – He is King.
The Lord on His throne sits forever as King.

11 The Lord gives His people His strength without cease.
The Lord is the One who will bless them with peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The 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). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John 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. ¹⁷ His 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." ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY#445

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer..**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5

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. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
 at this table you have refreshed us
 with holy gifts of food and drink.
 Strengthen us for service,
 and send us out to embody your good news
 of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
 In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN#304 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 80

Last Year: 64

Announcements!

Ethel V. Klarner passed away peacefully on Friday, January 3, 2024 at Gabriel's Villa in Oshkosh. Visitation was held on Saturday, January 11th at Valley Funeral Home in Appleton.

A thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped set up and clean up for the Epiphany Brunch. A thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped with the Epiphany Program. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Deb Reis & Pennie Reis for organizing the events.

A thank you goes out to Stephanie Draheim and the confirmation students for putting together the giving tree. 88 items were donated and money was donated to St. Joe's Pantry and our Blessing Box.

Volunteers are needed to take down all the Christmas decorations from the church sanctuary on January 19th. This project will be done immediately after worship. Thank you so much for your help.

If you have a business and are interested in purchasing an advertisement to appear in the annual directory book, please contact Kimberly in the office for more information.

Each week a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Lynn has gift cards for sale today. They are Fleet Farm, Kwik Trip, Pick N Save & Target. She is also available to take any other gift card orders you may need. The list of what gift cards are available is in the narthex.

The blessing box is always looking for anything that is in a box like cereal, potatoes etc. Bread is also something that is used a lot. Please remember this when you are doing your weekly grocery shopping.

The annual meeting for Zion will be Sunday, Feb. 9th after the service. Some of the committees you can be a part of are: Council, Nominating Committee, Zion's Foundation/ Endowment Committee & Zion Place Committee. We also need delegates to attend some local conferences. They are East Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly, East Central Synod Appleton Conference, Crossways Camping Ministries, Linwood Community Appleton, Miravida Living-Oshkosh & Bethany Home-Waupaca. If you are interested in any of these please let one of the council members know.

Linwood Community at 425 N. Linwood Ave. Appleton is sponsoring an event on Thursday, January 16th at 2 pm. Their Wellness Coordinator Yon will present some ideas on how to set attainable goals for 2025. It's a tradition for many people to make resolutions for the New Year, but the fact remains that most resolutions are made without much thought and usually thrown to the wayside. There is a better approach that we can take as we face the coming year.

Grief Care: Nancy Scheuerman, member of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Appleton, and the facilitator for the Grief Support groups wants to extend a welcome to all in our community to join a group if they wish. There is an evening group on Thursday, January 30th that will meet from 6:30PM-8:00PM for a total of 8 weeks over a 10 week time frame. And a possibility of a daytime group if there is enough interest to begin on Wednesday, January 19 at 9:30-11:00AM for an 8 week period.

Sunday, January 12

Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29

Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

No Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Tuesday, January 14

Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, January 15

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Sunday, January 19

Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10

1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor Karen Jewell

Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Jim Schley

Closes: Gwen Schwandt



1 'I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 'I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 'I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. To stanza
 Come and rest in me. To refra
 all will know my name. To refra
 up, now walk and live! To refra



Refrain
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and*

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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We Come to the Hungry Feast

- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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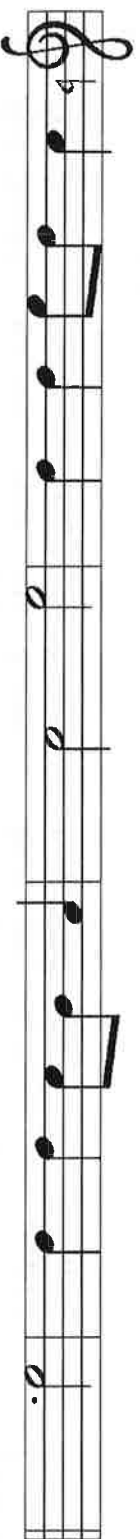
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



- 1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
- 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
- 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
- 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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