

Sunday Worship

January 11, 2026

Baptism of our Lord



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a "prayer request" or a "praise report", please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Arr. Shackley

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS James 5:16; 1John 1:8-9

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **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.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **+** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Purple hymnal #914

Jesus, the Light of the World

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **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**

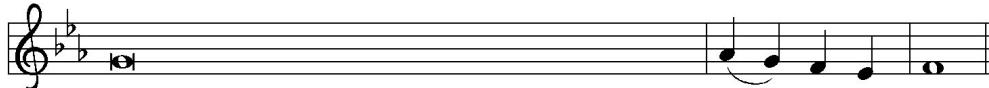
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



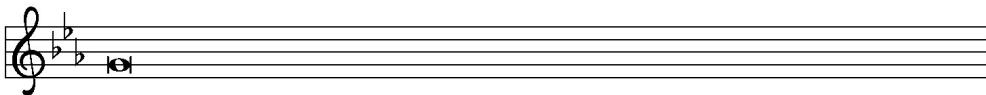
Lord, have mer - ey.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - ey.



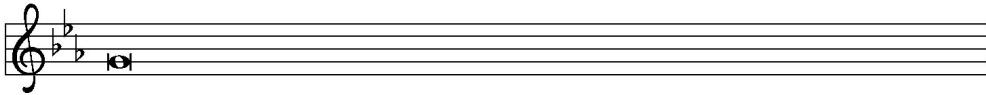
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

R: ¹ Here 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. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the

street;³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.⁵ Thus 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:⁶ I 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,⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

R: ⁹ The 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!"

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

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

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

R: ³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality," ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears

him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how 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.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not 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.⁴² He 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.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 3:13-17**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #423

Shall We Gather at the River

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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 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 again 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 (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113 *Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



COMMUNION PREFACE #107 & 108

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

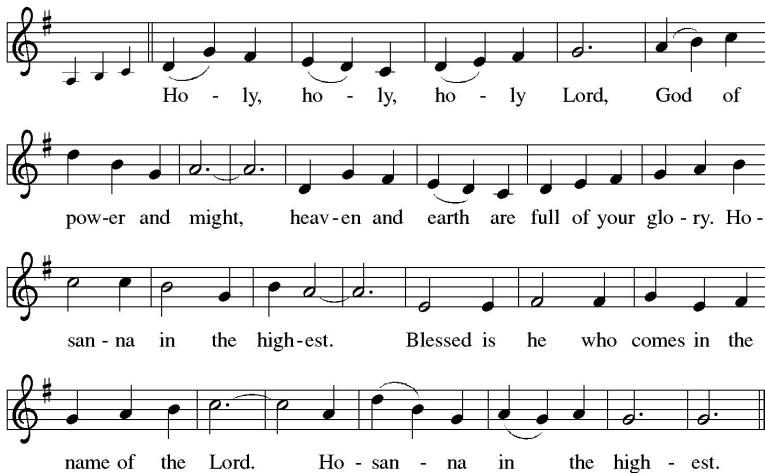
P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.*)

BLESSING Numbers 6:23-26

P: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:
"Serving Christ through serving others."

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Arr. Sadowski

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Bob & Deb Keppel in celebration of Zion's 200th Anniversary*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Communion Assist	Chuck Drake
Reader	Raenell Poynter
Ushers	Bob & Deb Keppel
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: A Little Kindness

We will be collecting items for *Little Kindness* during the month of January. Pam Hale (sister of Terri Darrah) heads up this non-profit which provides Chemotherapy Care Bags through *Pink Ribbon Girls* to local hospitals and churches. Please take one or two mittens from the basket in the narthex. Purchase the item(s) and return them to the mission box by January 31st. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please write it out to Women of Zion. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

ZION'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2026 On the table in the narthex there are two forms; a schedule for the activities planned for 2026 and a member questionnaire. Please fill out the questionnaire and place it in the box on the table. The **KICK OFF DINNER** is January 18th at 11:00. The church is supplying chicken, coffee, water, lemonade and iced tea. Please sign up for either vegetable, fruit or dessert in the fellowship hallway. Bring your own service ware.

BACK BAY MISSION—FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING The first official mission trip meeting will be help on **Sunday, January 25th**, immediately after worship service. All those interested in participating are warmly welcome to join us in the adult Sunday school room. All those 16 and over that would like to attend please come as we being planning this meaningful outreach opportunity.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the back of the church.

BUNCO RETURNS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 6:00. Pizza will be provided. There will be a freewill offering to cover the cost. Bring your own beverages and a snack to share. If you don't know how to play, no worries...it's easy and we will teach you. Sign up in the fellowship hallway.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, January 11	11:15 am 5:00 pm	Secret Sis Reveal Party Women of Zion Meeting
Monday, January 12	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, January 13	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Welcome & Comm. Mtg. Council Meeting AA
Wednesday, January 14	Blood Drive 6:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
Saturday, January 17	6:00 pm	Bunco
Sunday, January 18	11:00 am	200th Ann. Kick Off Lunch

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Custodian*