

Baptism of Our Lord January 12, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church as we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord! Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, 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 God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just two doors down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE	Shall We Gather at the River	Dale Wood
	Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters	Wayne L. Wold Charles Potter

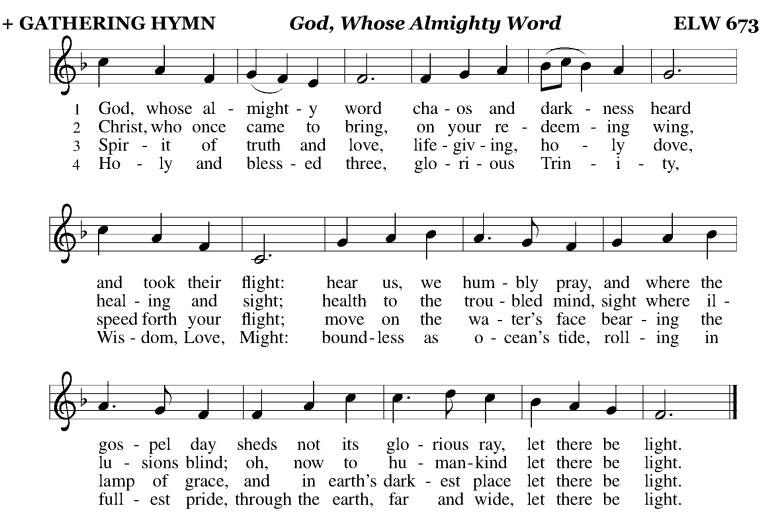
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUST FUND COMMITTEE 2024 GRANT AWARDS

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God



Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

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.**

+ 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.**

Leader In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Assembly Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have 4 For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer cy. peace through - out u-ni-ty of all, let us the world, for the to the pray Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

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+ KYRIE – ELW 157



+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE – Now the Feast and Celebration





The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray: 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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

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." The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

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

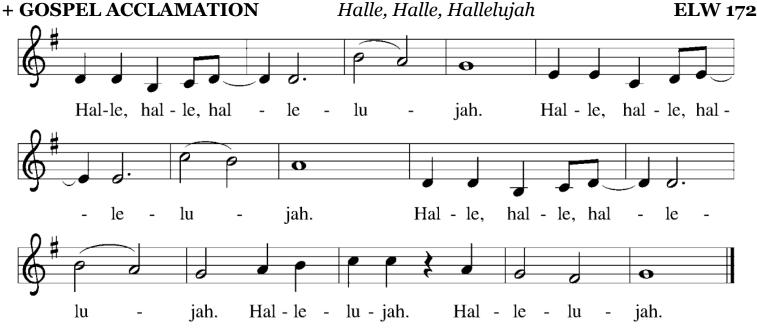
SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



+ GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

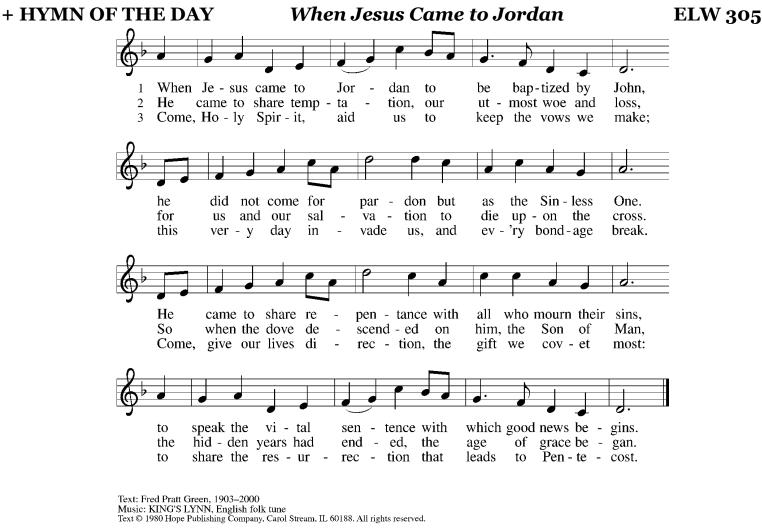
¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. 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."

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



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+ 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with:Lord, in your mercyCongregational response:Hear our prayer

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*** MEAL ***

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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MUSICAL OFFERING Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove Johann Gottfried Walther Charles Potter

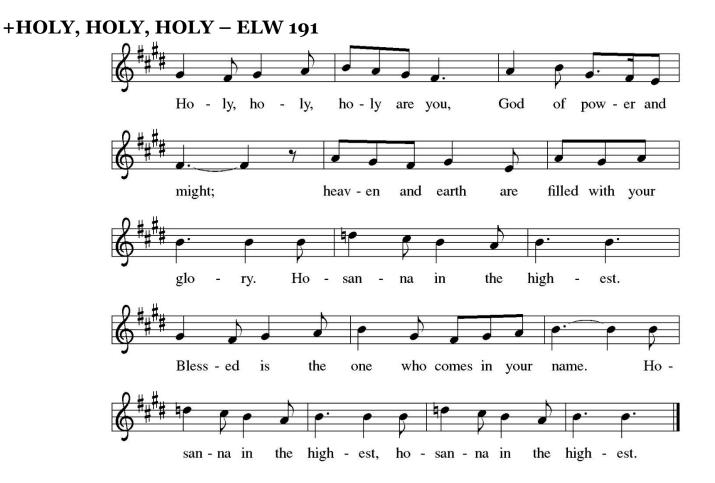
+ OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

+ DIALOGUE
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

+PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION On the Night

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language of your heart:

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

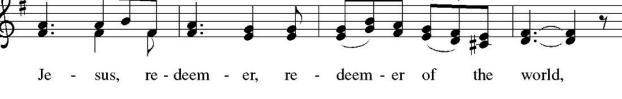
The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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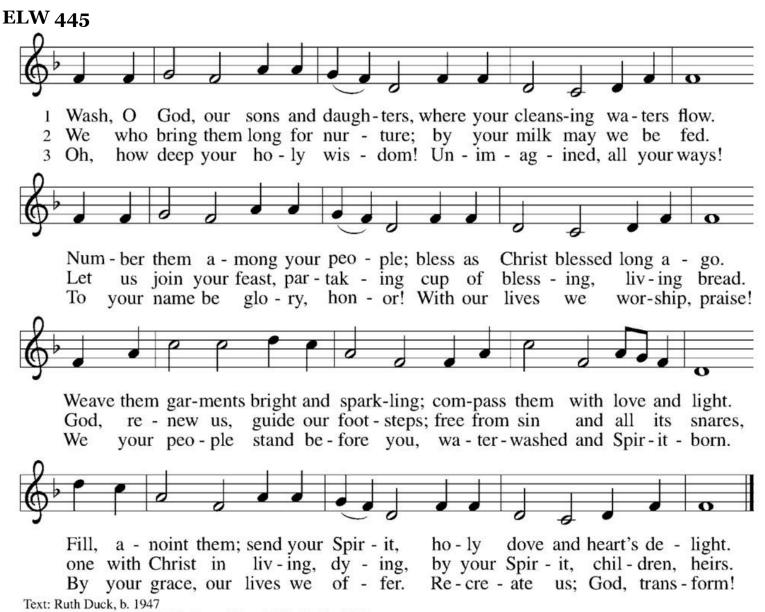








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+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, + now and forever. **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.

*** SENDING ***

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

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+ BLESSING

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

+ SENI	DING HYMN Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
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	Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise; Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul; Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;
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	man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far, and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest; man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might; grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
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	branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem: man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill: that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,
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	an - thems be to the ad-dressed, an - thems be to the ad-dressed, an - thems be to the ad-dressed, an - thems be to the ad-dressed, and may praise the, ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

+**Dismissal** Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation*

Marilyn Rinehart

Charles Potter

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