

Zion St. John Lutheran Church  
*Being the Body of Christ*

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January 11, 2026 9:00 am Baptism of Jesus

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

**GATHERING SONG** *Remember and Rejoice*

#454

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>†</sup> one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

**and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

Shower us with your Spirit. Renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

### SCRIPTURE SONG

**Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.**

**Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse; just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.**

**Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?**

**Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.**

**For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you, for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.**

**Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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**

*Sit*

### FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>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,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:<sup>38</sup> 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.<sup>39</sup> 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,<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> 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.<sup>42</sup> 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.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you!  
 Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.  
 Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!  
 Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you!

## GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the third chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Wade in the Water*

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

A line of musical notation on a staff with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glo - ry to you!" The music consists of quarter notes, eighth notes, and a sixteenth-note cluster, followed by a dotted half note, another sixteenth-note cluster, and a final dotted half note.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

#### *Stand* CONFESsION

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

*Sit*  
**OFFERING/PSALM**    *Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

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#### OFFERTORY



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### THE PRAYERS

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

SENDING SONG      *Baptized and Set Free*      #453

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

#### *Sit* POSTLUDE

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...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us

#### Our Selves...

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...Cindy H Lector...Doreen D

Greeters/ Fellowship...Daren & Pam M

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

#### Our Time...

Jan 4...57 LSV...23 SS...8

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