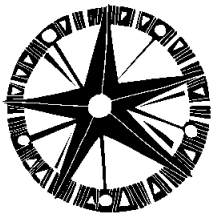


The Baptism of Our Lord + January 8, 2012 AD + 9 and 11 AM

“Jesus with You”



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Lord our king, your voice sounds over the waters as you reign above the flood. Help us, who are born again by water and the Holy Spirit, to praise your wonderful deeds in your holy temple; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
~ prayer for Psalm 29

Welcome. When Jesus stands in the Jordan River, baptized by John, it's not just Jesus who stands there: it is also you who stand in the water, you who are baptized, and you whom God calls His "Beloved". Wherever Jesus goes, you go with Him! In today's worship, we rest and rejoice in this profound mystery, even as we learn to live it each day.

Parents: Children are welcome at our services. For parents who desire it, a nursery with an attendant is downstairs.

Where our
sins are is
where He is.
Where His
righteousness
is, is where
we are. His
righteousness
is as surely
ours as our
sins are
surely His . . .
. The delight
and pleasure
of God are in
His beloved
Son, and that
is where we
are too.
What is our is
His; what is
His is ours . . .
. . . God,
Christ, you—
all together
like one thing.
~ Norman
Nagel,
1990 A.D.

PRELUDE

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

... Clarke

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born” green hymnal #83

GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

□ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

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

C: he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

L: And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

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

L: The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND LESSON Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



*The Trinity appears very clearly: the Father in the voice, the Son in the man, the Spirit in the dove.
~ Augustine, about 400 A.D.*

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children after the divine service.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Jesus Came to Jordan” blue hymnal #647

SERMON

“Jesus with You”

Please stand.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

**All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord’s salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation;
Through Christ’s redemption they will stand
Among the glorious heav’nly band
Of ev’ry tribe and nation.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastoral Address

Renewal of Vows

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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. 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*No baptism
was necessary
for Christ, but
he freely re-
ceived the
baptism of a
servant (John)
to draw us
toward his
baptism.
~ Augustine,
about
400 A.D.*

Baptism is the reality in which early Christians knew God and His forgiveness; it both described and set the parameters for their entire existence. Luther deserves the credit for putting Baptism in its proper place: "In Baptism, therefore, every Christian has enough to study and to practice all his life"

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

BAPTISMAL HYMN

**With one accord, O God, we pray,
Grant us your Holy Spirit;
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit;
Grant us to grow in grace each day
By holy Baptism that we may
Eternal life inherit.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

... Leavitt

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and
dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

P: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their un-
ending hymn:

☐ Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of

*. . . Luther's intent is not that the Christian would meditate on an isolated ritual, but that he would reflect on the content of Baptism: "The Christian always has enough to do to believe firmly what Baptism promises and brings—victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sins, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit and his gifts."
~ David Scaer, 1999 A.D.*

pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

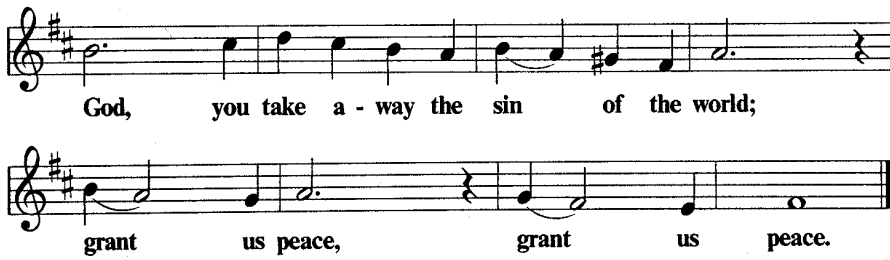
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

☞ 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



Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” green hymnal #192
- “O Living Bread from Heaven” green hymnal #197

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: 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.



Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

- “When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known” green hymnal #85

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

... Ore

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
Upon Leav-
ing Church**
Praise to you,
Lord, for your
glorious
epiphany
which brings
joy to us all!
The whole
world has
become radi-
ant with the
light of your
manifestation.
Amen
~ a prayer by
Ephrem
the Syrian,
about
370 A.D.

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✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Children may receive the sacrament after completing first communion class. Zion holds this class at the end of the child's 4th grade year.

Distribution: You may receive the Supper at either the altar rail or the chapel. To commune at the chapel, please proceed down the center aisle with the other communicants, and inform the usher at the front pew that you desire to commune at the chapel.

Communion Cards: Both members and visitors are asked to use a "Communion Registration" card. This enables our pastors to provide ministry and personal attention within the Zion family. When visitors include a church name and city on the card, we will mail it to that church.

Today's Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Liturgist: Rev. Theodore Gulhaugen

Guest Organist: Adele Bluhm

Lector: (9:00) John Ahrens

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Lee Anderton; Janet Dettmering;

Ruth Draeger; Roger Ormond

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Grace Mueller

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Judy Radloff

Acolyte: (9:00) Jake Kaczmarowski; Mitchell Kaczmarowski; Tyler Steinke

(11:00) Chris Beam; Henry Beam; Emily Kittel

Elder: Kathy LaPorte

Altar Guild: Judy Radloff; Anna Mae Zeinemann

Sharing God’s Blessings

- Sunday’s Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Phyllis Hopperdietzel in memory of deceased family members.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Donna Nuernberg, quoting from the Bible, Romans 6:3: Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death . . .

Sponsor Charts

The Radio Broadcast and the Flower sponsor sign-up charts for 2012 are posted on the bulletin board by the stairs by the church office. Many dates are open. Please view the charts and consider sponsoring a date that is available.

Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., A Catechism on Human Life
- Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., 1 John 2:12
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast; Ezra 6:19

Wednesday Midweek Services: 10 am and 6:30 pm

January 11: Galatians 4:1-7 (Calling on God, the Father)

Affirmation of Baptism: After Sunday’s sermon, we will remember our Baptism into Christ by renewing our baptismal vows. The Christian life is a continual return to Holy Baptism as we die and rise in Christ each day.

Open Font

Throughout the season of Epiphany, Zion’s font will be open and filled with water during worship. As you enter and leave Zion’s house of worship, you may pause by the font to remember your union with Jesus Christ through Holy Baptism. If you wish, you may dip your finger in the water and trace it on yourself in the sign of the cross.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ of My Zion Family

I request your prayers as I depart on January 13th to spend two weeks in the West Indies (Castle Bruce, Dominica), to share our oneness in Christ and His Good News with the people there. I’ll worship with you again, God willing, on January 29th. Bless you and thank you for your prayers and support. Amazingly, I shall return! *Radiant in His love and mine, Grace A. Mueller*

Christmas Decorating Fund

The following was received after the Christmas fund’s insert was printed: . . . in loving memory of departed loved ones by Lucille Goetsch

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Sponsors “Sundaes on Sunday”

. . . this Sunday, January 8 at fellowship from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church hall.

Stained Glass Windows

Jesus’ Baptism at Jordan is symbolized in the stained glass window on the northwest side of the sanctuary. Depicted are Jesus and John the Baptist, with the Holy Ghost (dove) descending.

Epiphany Bookmarks

. . . are available for you to take from the tables in the narthex and church office reception area.

Cookie Sale Report from December 3, 2011

Refer to the bulletin insert for the summary of last year's cookie sale.

Bread Baking

Phyllis Bliese will next bake French bread loaves in Zion's church kitchen on Friday, January 20. If you can be a kitchen helper, call Phyllis at 715-675-2630. For bread orders, sign up using the order sheet in the church office; or you may call the church office at 715-848-7286. Proceeds benefit Zion's boiler repair fund.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Free Tubing Party

... Sunday, January 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Sylvan Hill, 1329 Sylvan St., Wausau, on Wausau's northeast side. All are welcome to attend. Bring a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry to receive your free lift ticket for the tubing hill. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided.

January Mission Emphasis: Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (LSS): Zion's goal is \$2,000.00

LSS is the largest non-profit agency of its kind in Wisconsin and Michigan. They help to improve the quality of lives for those in need. Jesus was concerned about people in trouble and need. While on earth, he preached, taught, and healed. We as Christians must try to do the same. Today, a few issues we face in this world are: broken homes, family problems, unwed mothers, addicts, and trying to supply individuals with basic needs. LSS programs aim to help with these problems and achieve stability and permanence for those they serve. Please support generously this very worthwhile mission. Volunteers are always needed. If you can help, please stop in at LSS, 115 North 6th Street; or call 715-849-3344.

Bargain Shoppers!

Watch for sales on soup between now and February 5 when Zion will observe Souper Super Bowl Sunday. Many churches collect soup on Super Bowl Sunday for local food pantries. You may bring your donations of soup to the church office anytime now and before February 5.

Worship and Winter Weather

Scheduled worship services will always be held at Zion for those who are able to attend, even at times of inclement weather. Each individual or household is encouraged to make wise decisions regarding winter travel.

Parish Nurse

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's Parish Nurse, is available to make home visits on a weekly/monthly basis for family members of the parish. This visitation can be short-term or long-term. Lenore is also able to assist with understanding home medications and any other medical issues for which you may have concerns. These services are provided at no charge to members of Zion. Please call the church office, and Lenore will be given the request.

Memorial Sympathy Cards and Envelopes

... are available at the church office, or in the tract rack by the offices. These are free for any parishioner to take if they would like to use these cards.

Children's Handbags ...contain a book, crayons and paper for children to enjoy using during the services. Parents may get a bag for each child from the narthex.

Please return the bags after the service.

THIS WEEK AT ZION: January 8—15, 2012

- Sun. BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
 9:00 am Holy Communion, broadcast on WSAU Radio
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors fellowship
 “Sundaes on Sunday”
 10:15 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Holy Communion
- Tues. 9:00 am Bible Study**
 10:00 am Christmas Tea Meeting
 10:30 am Staff Meeting
 4:00 pm Morality in Media
 5:15 pm Thrivent East Marathon County Chapter meeting
 6:30 pm Elders
- Weds. 10:00 am Matins**
 6:30 pm Vespers
 7:15 pm Catechism
- Thurs. 7:00 am Men’s Bible Study**
 1:30 pm Ladies Aid
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 5:15 pm Holy Communion**
- Sun. Epiphany 2**
 9:00 am Holy Communion, broadcast on WSAU Radio
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Holy Communion

Every Sunday
 The Wausau Daily Herald may be purchased in the narthex or near the church office to benefit Zion youth.

Zion Cookbook Special
 ... \$10 each, or 2 cookbooks for \$15—great gifts anytime, for any occasion! The cookbooks can be purchased at the church office, or the Everest Inn Bed and Breakfast, 601 McIndoe Street.

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| <u>ATTENDANCE:</u> | |
| <u>December 31:</u> | |
| 6:30 pm | 79 |
| <u>January 1:</u> | |
| 9:00 am | 60 |
| 11:00 am | 38 |
| <u>January 5, Epiphany:</u> | |
| 6:30 pm: | <u>43</u> |
| Total: | 220 |

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Sixth and Grant Streets, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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