



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 12, 2025 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today! No matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at Zion. All, without exception, are welcome to Holy Communion.

We invite you to wear a name tag. Single use name tags are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you desire one, a permanent name tag will be provided.



Connect with us or update your contact information! Please scan this QR code using your phone. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. You may also fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

We are blessed to be able **livestream** our worship service, available on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. While our cameras are generally directed at the front of the sanctuary, please be aware that you may appear in the livestream. Our Children's Sermon is blurred during the livestream.

Wi-Fi Network: Zion Guest Wi-Fi Password: Zion5822321

Please join us for coffee hour after worship in the Atrium (near east entrance).

Prayer Podium – inside the center entrance to the sanctuary is a Prayer Podium where you can write your prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

We welcome children of all ages and we welcome the sounds and actions that accompany them. Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted space in the rear of the worship space. There are activity bags, hanging on hooks along the back wall, for children to use. Check out our Kids Station in the same area.

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary, but if you desire childcare, our nursery, located downstairs, is available from 9:45 to 11:15 am, for ages 5 years and younger.

All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Special seating areas in the sanctuary are available to support those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Air" from Water Music

Handel

** Indicates stand as you are able*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423 *

Shall We Gather at the River

GREETING, HYMN OF PRAISE, & PRAYER OF THE DAY *

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.**

Sung by Cantor:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Sung by all:



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.

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 OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

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

D. Chamberlin
2020

Refrain



The voice of the Lord is up-on the wa - ters; the
God of glo - ry thun - ders; the Lord is up-on the might - y
wa - ters. The voice of the Lord is a pow - er - ful
voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splen - dor.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf. The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness. **Refrain**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; and in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!” O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 305 *

When Jesus Came to Jordan

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Affirmation of Baptism

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *

*After each petition ending: God of grace, congregation responds: **hear our prayer.***

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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 grip. 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.

THE PEACE *

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✦ By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- ✦ By scanning the QR code with your phone.



MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

“Wade in the Water” piano duet

D. Zabriskie

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.

The image shows a musical score for a single voice part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with some rests and ties.

OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. 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.**

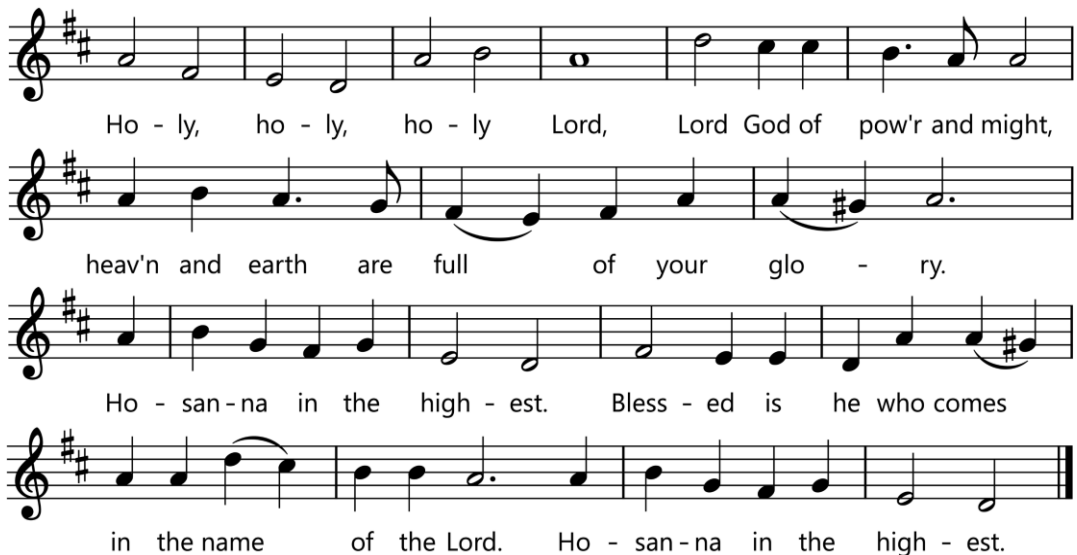
GREAT THANKSGIVING *

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:



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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your

promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

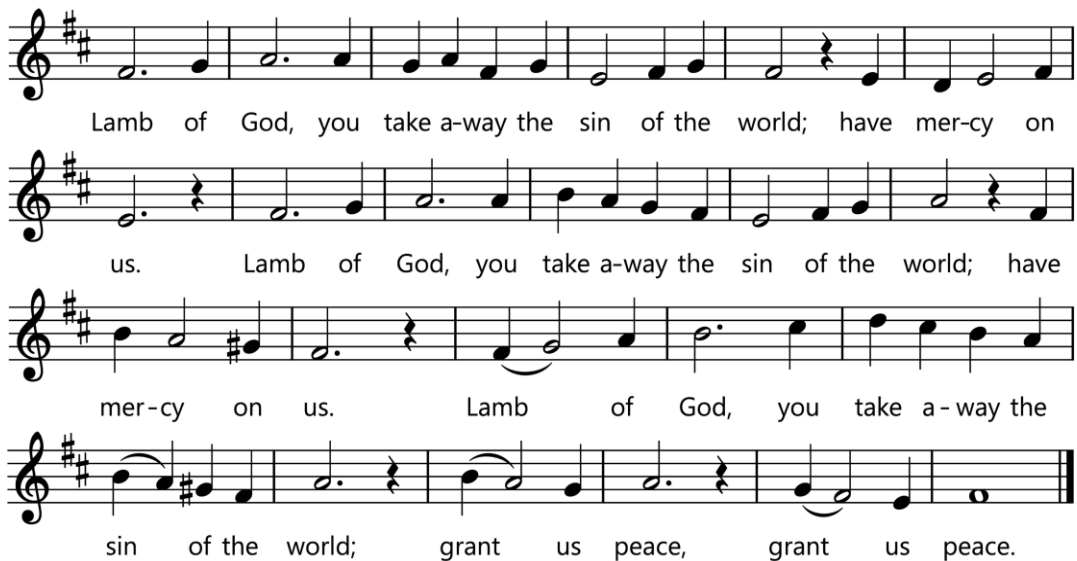
Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.

To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may eat it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Continue to the side to receive either wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup.

If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 798

Wade in the Water

COMMUNION HYMN 460

Baptized in Water

TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER *

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. 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 *

May our good God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 453 *

Baptized and Set Free

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Lemmens

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Presiding & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Tassler
Assisting Minister	Sabrina Bell
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Cantor	Jon Hall
Crucifer	
Reader	Marc Foulks
Communion Assistants	Marc Foulks & Marie Newton
Altar Guild	Marci Hall & Cynthia Rowatt
Ushers	Doug Graham & Mike Gruenhagen
Counters	Andrew Benseler & Bob Hackworth
Fellowship Hosts	Denny & Alyce Gross

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Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts – What are your unique spiritual gifts? How can you



discover, develop, and deploy them to serve Christ's mission? Join Pastor Michael Tassler and Liz Prystas on Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm to begin this discovery. Morning coffee and a light afternoon lunch will be provided. Scan this QR code to sign up. Questions? Ask Pastor Michael or Liz.

Dinner Church beginning soon! *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* (Acts 2:42) All are welcome to attend Zion's inaugural hosting of Dinner Church on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:15 pm**, in the Terrace Room. Join us for a simple catered meal around the dinner table as we worship with prayer, scripture, music, fellowship, and spiritual discussion. We encourage you to invite family members, friends, and neighbors who may feel uncomfortable attending church in a more formal setting. As one of Zion's 2025 Abundant Grace/Abundant Giving Stewardship Appeal initiatives, Dinner Church will be held once monthly. If you are unable to join us on January 15, we look forward to worshipping (and eating) with you in February! For more information or to participate in any way in this new church mission, please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gamil.com).

A Series of Conversations on Lutheran Identity with Pastor Tony – Curious about Lutheranism? Pastor Tony is presenting *A Series of Conversations on Lutheran Identity* on Sunday mornings at 9 am. The series continues today & Jan. 26. We will focus on the New Testament.

Let Me Shine Preschool! Open enrollment underway – Zion members are offered priority enrollment at our preschool (ages 18 mo to pre-k). If you are interested, please visit www.letmeshine.org or speak with Sabrina Bell or Holly Graham. Space is limited; act now!

Worship Assistants Opportunities – Our weekly worship offers many the opportunity to



participate. If you are interested in helping by serving as a reader, crucifer, assisting minister or communion assistant, please scan the QR code that will take you to the Sign-Up Genius for worship assistants.

Bi-Monthly Mission January/February - Lutheran Family Services, Rocky Mountains (LFSRM) is a faith based, non-profit human services agency providing disaster relief, foster care, adoption, older adult guardianship, family support & education, and refugee/immigration services since 1948. LFSRM supports children and families regardless of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or age.

The LFSRM Salt Lake City location houses an Immigration Legal Services Program that provides legal assistance and general immigration consultation for immigrants. To learn more about Lutheran Family Services, Rocky Mountain, please visit lfsrm.org. Contributions may be made through Zion's donor link (zelc.org/give.html) or by writing "Lutheran Family Services" on your check or envelope. We will continue to collect "noisy offerings" on the final Sundays of each month to support our bimonthly missions! Please remember your loose change on January 26 and February 23. Thank you!

Sunday School – Zion extends a warm invitation for you to join our Sunday school classes.



We have wonderful, dedicated teams of teachers meeting each Sunday from 9-10am. Questions? Contact Teresa Gresham – teamgreshamgo@gmail.com. If your child is not yet registered, please scan this QR code to connect to the registration form.

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study - We will meet Sundays at 9:00 am to discuss the lessons of the day. (Forthcoming lessons are found at the end of the bulletin.) We will meet in the Lounge (directly across from the sanctuary). All are welcome. Contact Alyce Gross with questions. 801-557-9646; adgross1@msn.com.

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – Please join us at 10AM in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

Crossroads Urban Center – Zion is a drop off for Crossroads Urban Center, receiving donations of food and small household items for those in need across the Salt Lake Valley (the drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony). **Currently in need of peanut butter, canned soup, vegetables & fruit, pasta, powdered milk.**

Attendance January 5, 2025 Worship: 124

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11