

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

10:15 a.m.

\* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.

**WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

P: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

L: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

P: **May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

\*HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

\*OPENING PRAYER **Lord Jesus, at your baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon you to reveal you as God's beloved Son and our Savior. You sent the same Spirit on Pentecost to empower your disciples for ministry. At our baptisms we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Open our hearts now to welcome that same energizing and empowering Spirit and to become more faithful, effective disciples. Amen.**

ANTHEM *The Life of My Song*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

MESSAGE

*A Saint and Two Golfers*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Renewal Of Baptismal Promises**

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**People: I do.**

Pastor: Do you affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**People: I do.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

**People: I do.**

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

**People: I promise, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

**People: I promise, with the help of God.**

\*HYMN *Born-ing Cry*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The family of Rita Bingheim, Mary Fiedler, Ivan and R.C., Debbie, the Family of Nancy Grosenbach, Ramona, Kathy Linthacum, Renee Kerr, Luke & Theresa, Missy, Harp & Kathy, Dixie Tonozzi, Mary Opsal, Terri Jacobson, The family of Marjorie Ploch, The family of Monsignor Soseman, Bill & Melissa, Leslie, Pastor Karen Karczewski, The family of Chris Gedraitis, The family of Gary Gearhart, The family of James "Jim" Essl, Terri, Trevor Pruitt, The family of Melba Grove, Mona & Joe Rogel, Nursing Home

residents & workers, Joyce Lucas, The family of Rick Kotowski, Joe, Armetta, Angel Dannis, Bob & Marilyn Haslam, Carrie White, Susan Zimmer, Deb Cooper, Mrs. Friedle, Joanna, Linda Lyon, Alli, Ron Hudkins, Teachers, students and parents, Kaysen VandeWerken, Thomas Zebron, Mary Newcomer, Pat Nickel, Bud Schlosser, Clint, Austin Zimmer, Joe Boelens, Marian Cichy, Dotty, Steve, The Tonozzi Family, Jennifer S., Mark Bishop, Brent Becker, Pastor Doug, Matt Henkel, Steve Kerr, Lisa K., Wendy & Lori Zach, Selah Crossman, Rick Rynke, Dave & Arlene Greening, Ed Burash, Rose Hopkins, Mrs. Lucas, Linda Washkowiak, Kathy L., Susie & Terry Lindenmeyer.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Make Me a Servant*

#### OFFERING INVITATION

#### OFFERTORY

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: As Christ's disciples, baptized into His service, we are commissioned to go out to the world to make more disciples, baptizing and teaching all that Jesus has commanded us. Bless these gifts, O God, and our use of them. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

### Announcements

#### New Prayer Requests

- The family of Nancy Grosenbach
- The family of Rita Bingheim
- Mary Fiedler, for health
- Ivan and R.C., for health
- Debbie, for health

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Rita Bingheim. Rita passed away Tuesday, January 5. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00pm Thursday, January 14 at Mueller Funeral Home. Visitation will also be 10:30 to 11:00am at Zion Friday, January 15, with services at 11:00am officiated by Pastor Alex Garncarz.

Due to the alarming numbers of positive COVID cases, we are **temporarily suspending in person worship**. Out of an abundance of concern for the health of our people, we are taking this action. Remember, the building is not the church... we are! We will do our best to return to in person worship safely. So for now, be sure to continue to join us on YouTube Live.

Join us for **CREW Time** on Facebook Live at 9:00am Sunday mornings.

The **Annual Congregation Meeting** has been postponed until spring. Please check future announcements for a new meeting date.

Christmas Eve **Luminaries and Poinsettias** are available to view on our website and will be published in the February newsletter.

Zion will be providing **meals for PADS** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. If you would like to contribute, please send a donation marked PADS or contact Pastor Alex or the church office.

## Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—  
<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

## Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his

sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."