

The Baptism of Christ
First Sunday after Epiphany

January 9, 2022 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 *This Is the Day*

*OPENING SENTENCES

L: Our God is a God of power and strength!

P: **God has created each of us with tender care.**

L: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

P: **God walks with each of us every step of the way.**

L: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

P: **God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.**

L: Our God calls us each by name.

P: **God calls each of us to unite in worship together!**

*HYMN *Called As Partners*

*PRAYER **Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 29

Luke3:15-17, 21-22

MESSAGE

A Dove Came Down

HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Family of Minnie Wellner, family of Terri Jacobson, Joe Lindenmier, Craig Smith, Joan Nave, Irma Gallagher, The Tonozzi family, family of Baby Rocky, family of Marcy Denslake, Healthcare Workers, Rikki Trinidad, Mike Schoening, Ron Hukins, Ron Narczewski, George Garncarz, Coleton Schultz, Paul Lewis, Carol Dean, family of John Watkins, Mary Thies, Terry Grant, Jessica Grove, family of Doris Gentert, Jaiden, Arlene Greening and family of Dave Greening, family of Steve Fassett, family of Vernon Bejster, Susan Zimmer, family of Nancy Maggi, family of Andrea Kaszynski, Jean Spayer, Richard Greening, family of Billy Schmitz, family of Bob Haslam, Lori Rynke's mother and brother, Marian Benedict, Tom Bjerke, Cindy Harzheim, Ed Ferrari, family of Matt

Henkel, Kent Zeller, Nancy DeWalt, Steve Martin, Don McGuire, Ed Lopeman, Mike Ribas, Megan, Mitch Kruger, Marty Johnson, Mary Armon, Steve McCagni, Armetta, Belinda Klein, Mary Fiedler, Renee Kerr, Luke & Theresa, Bill & Melissa, Joe Rogel, Carrie White, Mrs. Friedle, Ron Hudkins, Pat Nickel, Joe Boelens, Marian Cichy, Dotty, Jennifer S., Brent Becker, Steve Kerr, Lisa K., Wendy & Lori Zach, Selah Crossman, Ed Burash, Mrs. Lucas, Linda Washkowiak, Kathy L., Susie & Terry Lindenmeyer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

OFFERING

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 *Sing a New Church*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New prayer Requests

-The family of Minnie Wellner

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Philomena "Minnie" Wellner. Minnie passed away January 1, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

I would like to deeply thank my beloved church family for all they have done for me and Cindy and Todd. Thank you for the calls, cards, food and prayers. We appreciate it very much and miss everybody. Church was always a big part of my life and I miss it very much. Happy New Year to everyone.

-Marian Benedict

CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship) Due to the surge in Covid, the Board of Christian Education has made the decision to postpone the kick-off for CREW indefinitely. We have an exciting new curriculum when we resume. Pre-K - 1st grade will be learning all about Jesus: A to Z. 2nd -3rd grade lessons will be the theme "Route 66", and they will learn about all 66 books of the Bible.

The Board of Christian Education needs volunteers. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve, please contact the church office.

Choir practice is Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30am. We need new members! If you like to sing and have fun please contact the office or Jim Greening with questions, or come to practice.(Resuming January 19th.)

2022 Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Your envelope number is the same. If you are giving for more than one week, you do not have to use a separate envelope (or a separate check) for each week. You can mark the envelope for the weeks that are covered in it.

Zion Diners celebrated together Dec. 16 with their Christmas party at Liberty restaurant. We had a marvelous time with Jyll Janz and Dixie Tonozzi as the "party masters". They prepared a fantastic celebration with beautiful decorations and party gifts for everyone. We had a great time with a White Elephant gift exchange game that provided a lot of laughs. Next Diners will be 6:00pm Jan. 20 at Garzanelli's in Oglesby. Bill and Phyllis will be hosting and taking names. We usually collect dues (\$10) for the year at that time.

The Annual Meeting will be tentatively held on Sunday, January 30th after worship depending on COVID. If you have a report, please turn it into the office by Friday, January 21st.

"Souper Bowl Sunday" will run Jan. 30- Feb. 13. Everyone is asked to bring cans of soup to worship and use them to vote for the team they think will win the Super Bowl, or the team they hope will win. The Sunday after the game, those who voted for the losing team are asked to bring one can of soup for every losing vote they cast. Jim Greening also says those who voted for the winning team should bring more soup to celebrate their team's victory. All the soup will be given to the Food Pantry. So who are you going to vote for?

The kitchen could use extra containers for after we serve food at functions. If you have clean containers, (cottage cheese, Cool Whip, etc.) please drop them off in the kitchen and we will store them for future use. Thank you!

We are looking to **"Dress Up"** our website with current photos of church activities. If you have any newer photos, please send them to office@zionperu.org in jpeg format. Thank you!

***Please Note:** To keep our Prayer Request list current, please update the church office. If an update is not received within two months of a prayer request and we are not aware of the person's status, we will assume they are doing better and will be removed from the list. You The person may always be placed back on the list. Thank you.

Zion will donate a meal each month to **PADS** to help feed the homeless. If you would like to help with a donation, please mail a check to the church office indicating that it's for PADS or choose "PADS Meals" on our online giving site. Thank you for doing your part to care for people that are facing hardships.

A local **Grief Support Group** for adults meets each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret's Health, 1305 6th St. Peru. The meetings are at 6:00pm and all are welcome to attend. Please call 815/780-4618 or email joan.fernandez@ivch.org for more information.

You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

*Extra copies of the hymns are available in the Narthex.

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This Week:

Sunday, January 16th

10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube

Office Hours

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday: 9:00am-1:00pm
 Wednesday: Closed
 Thursday: Closed
 Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

(Office hours subject to change-please call ahead)

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