

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2021

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Shall We Gather at the River” by Robert Lowry

(Please stand, kneel or remain seated)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God’s promise of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

R we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through ☩ Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN “God, Whose...” HYMN NO. 673

**God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**

**Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water’s face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth’s darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean’s tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.**

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

R Thanks be to God.

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

-Music: American Folk Hymn; Lyrics: Samuel Stennett

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray,

R **Have mercy, O God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

R **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**

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.

R **Amen**



GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "O Day of Rest and Gladness" **HYMN NO. 521**

**O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.**

**Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.**

**New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.**

**We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.**

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R **And also with you.**

(Please remain standing as you are able)

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

HYMNAL p. 147

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

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

R Lord, have mercy.

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

R Lord, have mercy.

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

R Lord, have mercy.

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

R Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Spoken)* "Glory to... **HYMNAL p. 148**

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

R Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed

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

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

How to make a financial offering:

- Mail your offering envelope to the church office
- Check out Zion's website for online donation option via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)
OR you can go directly to this link
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1367077>
- Set up direct bill pay at your personal bank

*And always remember, there are **many** ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.*

"Peace Like a River" ~African-American Spiritual; Arr. John Innes

P The gospel of the Lord.
R **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Rev. Lisa Hoelscher

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the..." **HYMN NO. 249**

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus in the Morning"

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WORD

FIRST READING **Genesis 1:1-5**

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(Spoken responsively by verse)* **Psalm 29**

P ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

P ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

L ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

P ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

- L** ⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- P** ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- L** ⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- P** ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
- L** ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
- P** ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace! (NRSV)

SECOND READING Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul 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.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them. (NRSV)

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- R** **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung) HYMNAL p. 151

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

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

- P** The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.
- R** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-11

Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. 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 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” (NRSV)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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The Special Concern for January is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. They are in desperate need for food and monetary donations. You may write your check out to Zion with Food Pantry in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

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WELCA Bible Study will be on Zoom on Wednesday, January 13 at 1:30pm. You are all invited to join! Call the church office for instructions.

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You may pick up your 2021 Offering Envelopes from the church office. If you call ahead of time, we can leave them on the front porch for you as you request.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,425 given this past week.

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