

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

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**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

R **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Amen**

P Rejoice in this good news: your sins are forgiven. 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**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A 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 remain seated as you are able)

OFFERING

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

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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**

GOSPEL**Matthew 3:13-17**

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Let's Celebrate Our Baptism"

Rev. Ron Windecker

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Baptized in Water"

HYMN NO. 456

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

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GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" **HYMN NO. 781**

**Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

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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.

KYRIE *(from the Greek word "Lord" – Sung)*

HYMN NO. 157

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have

mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, and defend us, O God.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Response Sung*) “*Glory to God...*” **HYMNAL p. 148**

A 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. 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.

R **Amen**

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC “*He’s Got the Whole the World in His Hands*” **KOTK**

WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 43:1-7**

Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

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. ²When 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. ³For 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. ⁴Because 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.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ 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—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING **Acts 8:14-17**

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Thy Word*”

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Thy Word is a lamp un-to _ my feet and a light un-to my path.

Thy Word is a lamp un-to _ my feet and a light un-to my path.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd Chapter.

R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SENDING HYMN *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”* **HYMN NO. 543**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.; Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

DISMISSAL

A We Share the joy of Christ.

C **We worship, love, and serve.**

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” ~Music: American Folk Hymn; Lyrics: Samuel Stennett



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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The Special Concern for January is Lutheran Disaster Response.

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The Christusbaum Display will be taken down after Sunday School today. Your extra helping hands will be much appreciated. Please see Dwayne or Karen Beyer for more details.

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Budget Forums to discuss the 2022 Budget will be on Sunday, Jan 23 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and on Wednesday, Jan 26 at 6pm in the Sewing Room.

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The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan 30 immediately following worship service in the Sanctuary.

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The Worship Committee gives a heartfelt-blessings and thank you to all the members who stayed after church to help put away all the decorations from Christmas. What a great group to work with.

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The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. We need flowers in Jan.

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Your Year-End Contribution Statements are available to pick-up in the Narthex.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$4,087 given on Jan 2. **Attend:** 34

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT & LECTOR – Robert Menking & Arleen Crenwelge

USHERS – Perry Strackbein, Wilfred Crenwelge, Sandy Schmitzinsky, Karen Snowden

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY – Jan 9	9:00am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall
	9:15am	Adult Bible Study – Sewing Rm
	8:00am	In-Person Worship
	8:00am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	8:00am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube
MON – Jan 10	9:00am	Staff Mtg
	6:00pm	Bible Study – Conf Rm
TUES – Jan 11	9:30am	Deanery Mtg (not at Zion)
	5:50pm	Choir Practice – Fell Hall
WED – Jan 12	8:30am	Laborers of Love – Arhelger House
	6:00pm	Council Mtg – Conf Rm
SUN – Jan 16	9:00am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:15am	Sunday School – Fell Hall
	10:30am	In-Person Worship
	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube