

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

P=Presider R=Responses

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, and fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket as you desire.)*

P Let us pray.

R Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the faithful shepherds you have sent to Zion over the many years in this place. Thank you for their ministry done in your name. Bless their memory among us. We now wait in expectation for a new pastor. Wherever they may be, tend their heart, giving them courage to preach your Word, knowledge of your vision for the future, and the will to model consistent and godly living. Guard their family, that they may experience a healthy transition to our congregation. Bless them and us with genuine friendship. And bless the congregation that is left behind with a sense of your comfort and leading. Good and faithful God, prepare us for our new pastor. Set our hearts aright, encourage our faith, heal our divisions. Show us how to let go of what has gone before and, with open and eager hearts, take hold of what is coming. We pray all in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"Mary, Did You Know?" by Mark Lowry & Buddy Graves; Arr. Dan Coates

(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.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

R Amen

BENEDICTION

P Wherever you go, may God go with you: may he go before you to show you the way...behind you to encourage you...beside you to befriend you...above you to watch over...and within you to give you peace. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN *"Songs of Thankfulness..."* (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 310**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

R Thanks be to God.

"Our Day of Joy is Here Again" by Andrew L. Skoog

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COMMUNION SONG*"Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"***HYMN NO. 336**

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" by Timothy R. Matthews & Emily E.S. Elliott

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" ~Music: Danish, 19th Century; Lyrics: Nikolai F.S. Grundtvig

(Please stand as you are able)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

R Amen

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

R Amen

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

R we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. 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

GATHERING

(Please remain standing as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "As with Gladness Men..." (vs.1,2,3,5) HYMN NO. 302

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
 as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
 so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
 there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
 so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,
 so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
 all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

**In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
 there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.**

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.

R **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.

R **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.

R **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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

R **Amen**

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HYMN OF PRAISE "Now the Feast and Celebration"

HYMN NO. 167

**Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. Refrain**

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain**

**For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

R **Amen**

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**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to share the body and blood of Jesus that are present in the bread and wine of communion. If you do not wish to participate, you may still come forward for a blessing. As you come forward, please have your hands open to receive a wafer (the body of Christ). If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.



PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

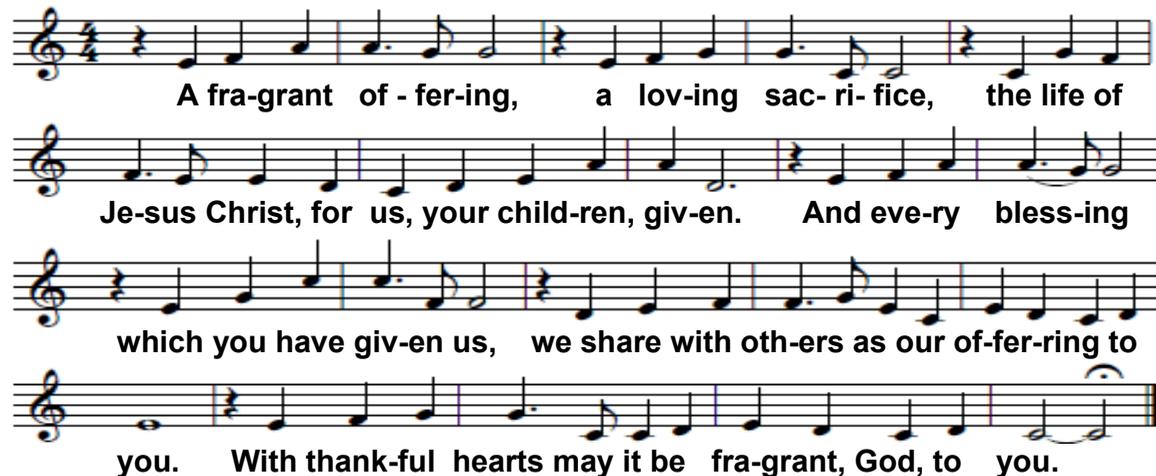
OFFERING

“Oh, Come, Little Children” by Johann A.P. Schulz

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG

“A Fragrant Offering”



A fra-grant of - fer-ing, a lov-ing sac-ri-fice, the life of
Je-sus Christ, for us, your child-ren, giv-en. And eve-ry bless-ing
which you have giv-en us, we share with oth-ers as our of-fer-ring to
you. With thank-ful hearts may it be fra-grant, God, to you.

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(Please remain standing as you are able)

DIALOGUE *(Spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

R We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

(Sung)

HYMN NO. 191 *(Holy, Holy...)*

R Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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

“Peace Like a River” by Marvin V. Frey

KOTK

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" **HYMN NO. 172**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Matthew 3:13-17**

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 God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens 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

Pastor Kay Johnson

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ, When for Us You..." (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 304**

**Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

**God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.**

**Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.**

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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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Arthur Haun in remembrance of Kathlyn Haun’s birthday and his mother’s birthday.

The Special Concern for January is Lutheran World Relief – Ukraine. Since conflict began in late February, millions of people have fled Ukraine, with millions more in dire need within their country. What is the best way for you to help? They are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for them to respond immediately. **At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.**

The Christusbäum Tree Display will get disassembled TODAY at 1pm. Your help will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

A Budget Forum will be held TODAY at 10am in the Sanctuary and on Wednesday, January 11 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Preston Wilson’s memorial service has now been rescheduled for Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11:00am in Zion.

The Worship Committee would like to thank Wilfred Crenwelge, Arthur Haun, Yvonne Klaerner, and Perry Strackbein for helping take down and put away all the Christmas decorations. Blessings to you all.

Thank you for your Contributions of \$3,165 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 43

ASSISTANT – Robert Menking

USHERS – Perry & Cris Strackbein, Sandy Schmitzinsky, Karen Snowden
Jim & Emma Jane O’Neal, Dan & Judy McGookey, Donna Oehler

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Jan 9	5:30pm	Line Dancing – Fell Hall
TUES – Jan 10	5:15pm	Finance Mtg—Conf Rm
	5:30pm	Chancel Choir —Choir Room
	6:00pm	Investment Mtg—Conf Rm
WED – Jan 11	9:00am	Laborers of Love—Arhelger House
	5:30pm	Evangelism Mtg—Conf Rm
	6:00pm	Budget Forum—Fell Hall
THURS – Jan 12	5:30pm	Cemetery Board Mtg—Conf Rm
SUN – Jan 15	8:30am	Coffee & Donuts
	9:00am	Worship with Communion (Live on YouTube @9am, Broadcast @10:30am)
	10:15am	SS—Fell Hall & Adult SS—Sewing Rm NO 3 rd Sunday Fellowship Lunch



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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson; Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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