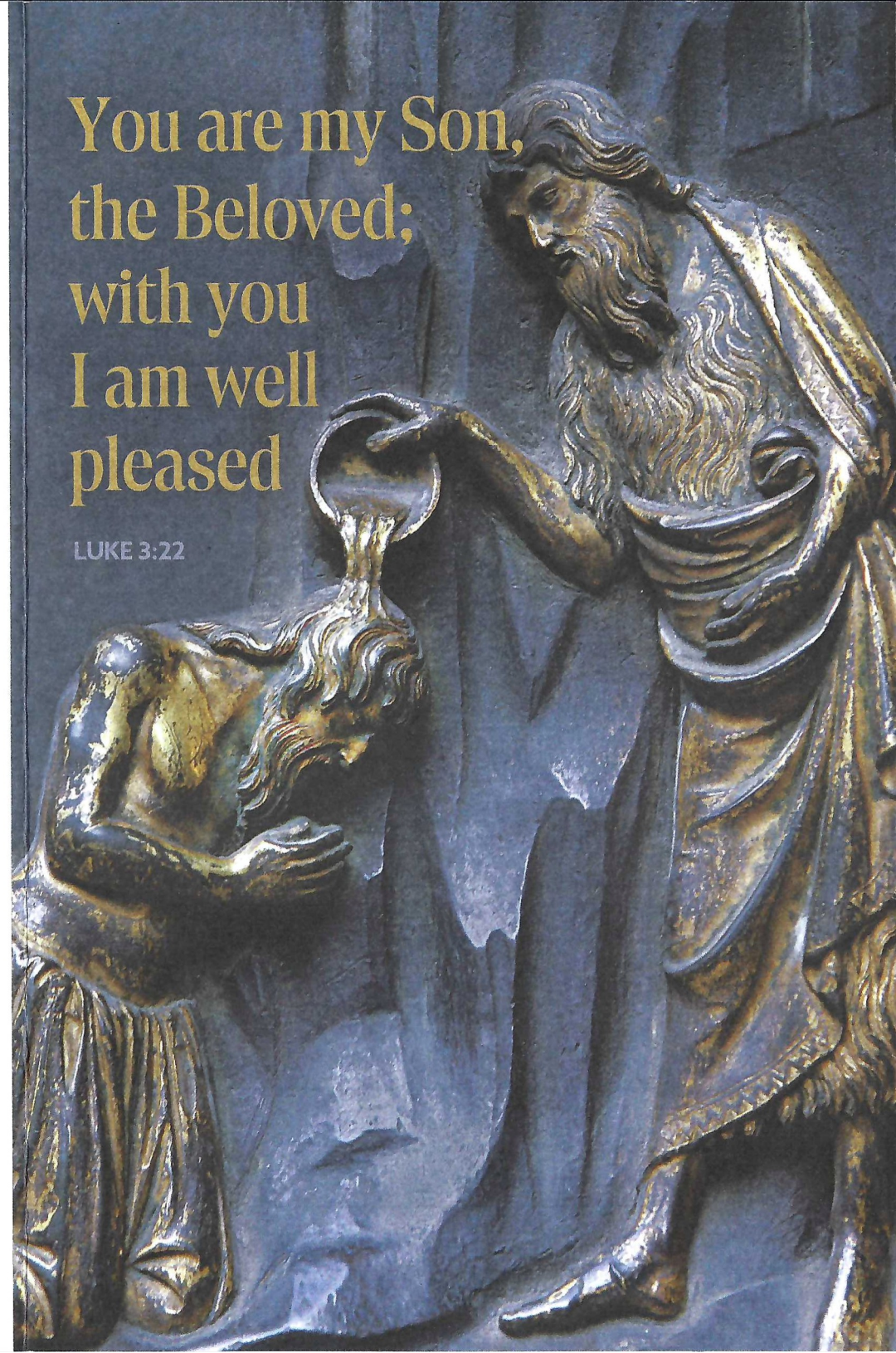


You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you
I am well
pleased

LUKE 3:22



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: January 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

Conference call: (425) 436-6395 Toll Free: (844)-854-2222

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Paul was a tentmaker

A LITTLE HUMOR

Why do cemeteries have fences around them?

Because everyone's dying to get in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luke's Backpack "Foodraiser" - As the days have gotten "chili" and you are "stewing" about the "souper" bowl, consider donating cans of chili, beef stew or soup to help replenish our shelves. Please leave your donations on the front pew at either church from now until February 9. Be assured that each and every can/box/pouch helps every bag that goes home to feed our students. Thank you for supporting this outreach!

St. Jacob's Council will meet at 6:30 at church on Monday, January 13.

Wednesday in the Word, our weekly Bible Study will NOT meet this week, but will resume at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22. We'll be diving into the Book of Leviticus, so feel free to read ahead!

The Parish Council will meet at 6:00 PM on Thursday at Zion. The Zion Council will meet briefly following the Parish meeting.

When bad weather comes.... We have people in both our churches who live close and make the call about road and parking lot conditions. If the decision is made to not worship in-person, you still have the option of dialing into the 11 AM Call-In service with the numbers provided in this bulletin. **How will I know if the churches are closed?** You can call Zion's answering machine (540-984-8764) and listen to the message, or watch WHSV Channel 3, or check out our website. Make the best decision for you!

Spring Forward joins the SC Public Schools in looking forward to resuming classes this week! Nothing like a 3-week Christmas break! Come this Tuesday & Thursday at 4PM, we look forward to welcoming our scholars back from their long winter's nap to take on the challenges of math, science and reading! For more information, call Jane Perry (540) 477-2088.

Zion's Blessing Box is a gift and outreach for our community. As the doors say....take what you need, leave what you can....blessed to be a blessing! During these extremely cold weeks it is best to leave dry goods as cans should not be frozen. ☼☼☼ Lawrence reports the box has been well used.

Our **Cub Scouts** will NOT be using the Social Hall this coming Friday and Saturday.

Mid-Winter Power in the Spirit: Monday, February 3-Wednesday, February 5 from 5:30-7:30 this Virginia Synod sponsored event will take place online through Zoom! Registration is now open, with this year's theme being: *Gifts of Faith, Hope, and Love* based on 1 Corinthians 13:13. Register at <https://vasynod.org>



Baptism of Our Lord

Zion Lutheran Church

January 12, 2025 + 11 AM

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us

from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

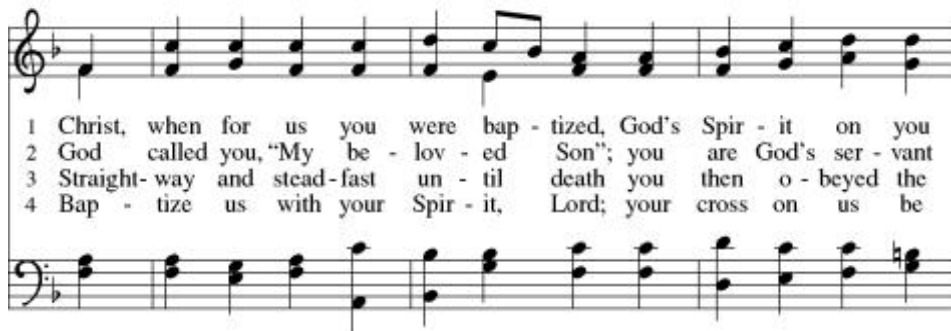
Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

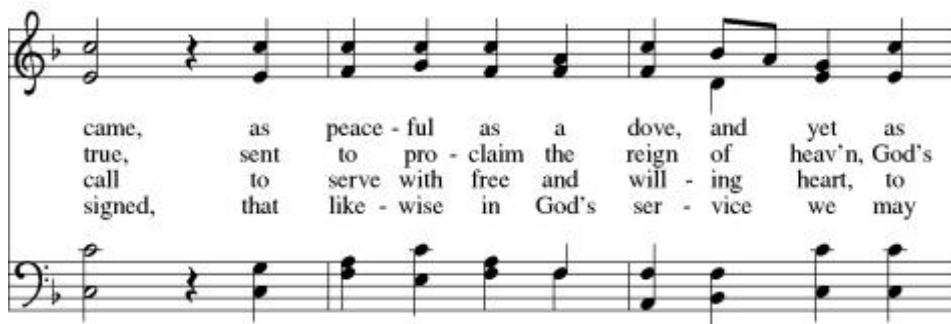
Assurance and Forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called, 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. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn # 304 *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie (spoken)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy place, for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

God's Word



Today's Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd, beginning with the 15th verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Sermon Hymn # 305 When Jesus Came to Jordan

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Offering

Offering Prayer

God of all creation, all You have made is good, and Your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of Your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star He was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine He revealed Your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

+ Words of Consecration +



The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence, there is fullness of joy.
Come, share in His presence.

Partaking of Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune at the
beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

Communion Dismissal

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give You thanks, most gracious God, that You have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be Your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
+ and give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

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Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es; the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days,
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light,
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Sending

Go in peace with the joy of
Christ in your heart!
Thanks be to God.



Psalm, continued

⁵The voice of the LORD
breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
the LORD
breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;
the LORD makes Lebanon
skip ¹ like a calf,
and Mount Hermon
like a ¹ young wild ox.
⁷The voice ¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.
The voice of the LORD
¹ shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- ¹ ness
of Kadesh.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the

⁹The voice of the LORD
makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹ forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD
all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned
a- ¹ bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned
as king for- ¹ evermore.
¹¹O LORD, give strength
¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD,
the bless- ¹ ings of peace.

Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear

his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Today's Readings

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

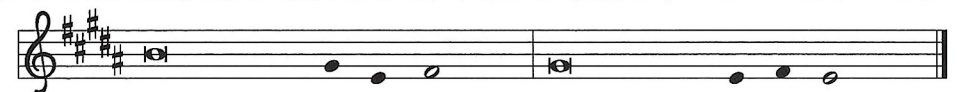
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from
the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them
up,"

and to the south, "Do not
withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of
the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Psalm

Psalm 29; tone 7



Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD
glo- ¹ ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD
the glory ¹ due God's name;
worship the LORD
in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD
is upon the waters;
the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon
the ¹ mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD
is a pow- ¹ erful voice;
the voice of the LORD
is a ¹ voice of splendor.

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