

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
SETTING 4

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *The First Noel* (ELW 300)

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

Text: English traditional

Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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 (ELW p. 147)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into his name may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC – Piano Solo by Blaine Sack

CHILDREN'S CHAT

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. 2 He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5 Thus 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: 6 I 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, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.** 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. **4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.** 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. **6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.** 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. **8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" **10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.** 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how 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.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON (ELW p. 151)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ When For Us You Were Baptized* (ELW 304)

1 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.

2 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.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,

to give your life for all.

4 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.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.
Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1840-1561
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Apostles' Creed

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people,
let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people
according to their needs, saying, *Lord, in your mercy*, and responding, *Hear
our prayer*.

God of light and darkness, through water and Word you shine your light into
the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift. Lord, in your
mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

God of love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring
reconciliation to those who are divided. We pray for better relations between
Canada and its native peoples. Strengthen us to be peacemakers. Lord, in
your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being. Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place. Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, and to those who are grieving especially *Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Marilyn, Margaret, Martha, Lani, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Brenda, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Danita* and the family and friends of Erica Loevenmark and those we name before you now in our hearts and minds. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise, and serve this hurting world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *In the Bleak Midwinter* (ELW 294)

1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,

long ago.

3 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can give him--
give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)

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.

PREFACE (ELW p. 153)

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we

cannot see. 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 (ELW p. 153)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Jesus Come For We Invite You* (ELW 312)

1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,
guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.

2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.

3 Jesus, come! in new creation,
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
give your unexpected glory,
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples --
come, our first and greatest Sign!

4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:

let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b.1956

Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 155)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - *Song of Thankfulness and Praise* (ELW 310)

1 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.

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

3 Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 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.
Music: Jacob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)
Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special Prayers: Ann Beech, Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Richard Hubert, Marilyn Kathen, Margaret King, Martha Kodzynski, Lani Lange, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Brenda Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Danita Wolfgram

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erica Loevenmark

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear friend, Erica Loevenmark. She was a light in this world, and now we need to

continue shining her light by carrying it within us in our own lives. Please join us for a celebration of life at 10:00 am on Monday January 9, 2023.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are ready for pickup on the stage in the Parish Hall. Please take yours plus any family members home today.

CONGREGATIONAL TABLE TALKS

Just as Martin Luther sat around the table in a pub discussing theology with his students, we want you to join us. We will be gathering around tables with coffee and tea to talk about how you think your church Zion is called to do ministry. This is your chance to be heard. Come out after worship on January 8, 2023.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new "Gifts from the Heart" catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world! Copies are available at the entrances to the sanctuary, by emailing clwr@clwr.org or you can shop online at clwr.org/GFTH.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

A reminder to everyone that we continue to check the suggestion boxes at the entrances to the church. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like included in a service, please let us know. Also, if you have concerns, questions or suggestions regarding our worship services, place them in one of the boxes. Everything will be included in our meetings.

ANNUAL REPORT

A reminder to all committees that your reports for the Annual Report are due by January 18th. This will be the first year that Shelley is creating this report so please submit your reports on time.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes will be held on Wednesdays January 11th, 18th and 25th at 6:15pm. Also in February Classes will be Feb 1st, 15th and 22nd at 6:15

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. The next event is Monday January 9 at 5:30pm.

YOUTH GROUP

- Wed January 18th at 6:15pm – Skating Party at Rotary Park. Hot Chocolate and gooding afterwards at Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue’s house. All young people and parents are invited.
- Fri January 27th, 6:30-8:30pm – Mystery Night at the Church. Bring a friend for a night of the unknown!

LIVING STONES WORSHIP

The “Living Stones” worship will be on Sun January 15th at 12pm. You are invited to bring a non-perishable item to share with the food bank as part of your offering.

Today’s Scheduled Worship Volunteers

Worship Assistant:	Pastor Sue
Sexton:	Karen Gauthier
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Susan Dupuis, Joel & Kathy Nieman
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Doug and Pauline Malliff
Coffee Hour:	Patti & Peter Wegner

This Week at Zion – January 9 – January 15

Mon:	10:00 am Funeral Erica L. 5:30 pm Messy Church 7:30 pm Worship & Music
Tues:	9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
Wed:	10:30 am Midweek Worship 2:00 pm Social Ministry Meeting 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Men’s Choir Practice

Thurs:

9:30 am Tai Chi

7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice

7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Fri:

Sun:

10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

12:00 pm Living Stones Worship Service