ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE SUNDAY JANUARY 12 2025 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SETTING 12 ALL CREATION SINGS

PRELUDE

ANNOUCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 29)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

+ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

P: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG Songs 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 thy Godhead 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.

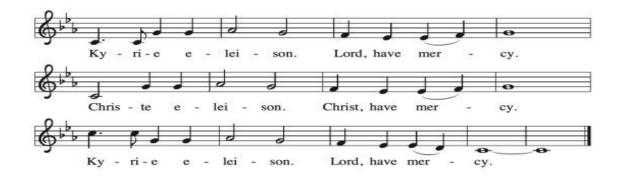
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word; grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou; that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany, and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

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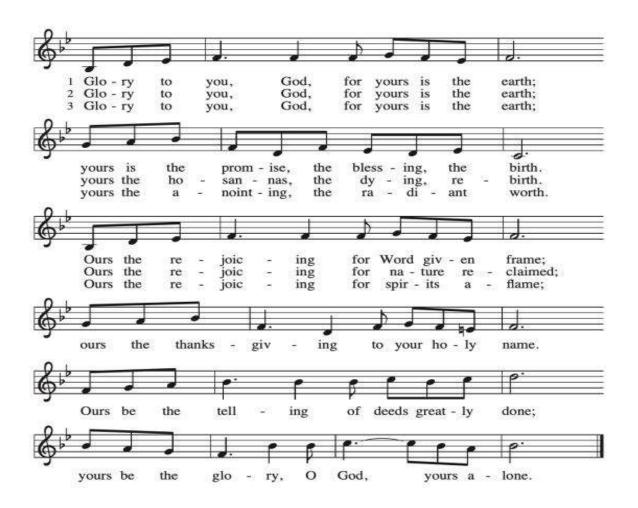
GREETING (ACS p. 30)

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 (ACS p. 31)



SONG OF PRAISE (ACS p. 31)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ACS p. 33)

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.

Amen.

MEN'S CHOIR- 'There's a Star in the East'

African American Spiritual

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ 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.

- ² When 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.
- ³ For 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.
- ⁴ Because 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."
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- ¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John 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. ¹⁷ His 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."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and 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." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ACS p. 34)

HYMN OF THE DAY Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (ACS 916)

1 Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John. He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

2 Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form. The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."

3 We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place. We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace. But now beside this water again a voice is heard. "You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

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NICENE CREED (ACS p. 16)

Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state officials, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery (especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inga, Marcella, Patricia, Amy, Edie, Freda, Otilia, Kirk, Joan, David, Don, Jeanette). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE (ACS p. 35)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING Love Has Come (ELW 292 verses 1 and 3)

1 Love has come--a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

3 Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!
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OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)

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 (ACS p. 36)

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 (ACS p. 36)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ACS p. 39)

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

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 (ACS p. 40)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ACS p. 40)

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

COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (ELW 451)

1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death; that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life. And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be reunited, for he lives.

2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)

1 "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."

3 "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."

2 "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."

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION SONG O Lord. Now Let Your Servant (ELW 313)

1 O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,

for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:

a light to lead the nations

unto your holy hill,

the glory of your people,

your chosen Israel.

2 Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light, till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight; till raptured saints shall gather

upon that shining shore,

where Christ, the blessed daystar,

shall light them evermore.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in **Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

BLESSING (ACS p. 41)

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus.

Amen.

BLESSING RESPONSE *Amen, We Praise Your Name: Amen, siakudumisa* (ELW 846) [A leader sings the words in parentheses]

ENGLISH

(Sing praises!) Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!) Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!) Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)

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SENDING SONG Jesus, the Light of the World (ACS 914)

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

- **2** Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world; join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. **Refrain**
- **3** Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. **Refrain**
- **4** Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world; Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. **Refrain** Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain. Text: Public Domain.

DISMISSAL (ACS p. 41)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: January 13 – January 19

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball

10:00 am Pastoral Care1:00 pm Exercise Class

7:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg.

7:00 pm Pickle Ball

7:00 pm Music Healing Veterans

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

6:30 pm Tai Chi

7:00 pm Mixed Choir 7:00 pm Council Mtg.

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social

12:00 Staff Mtg.

1:00 pm Exercise Class

6:15 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

7:00 pm Music Healing Veterans

Friday: 1:00 pm Exercise Class

Saturday: 11:00 am Aileen Roesler Funeral

Sunday: 10:00 am Living Stones Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Music Director: Blaine Sack Worship Assistant: Wayne Kirk

Sexton: David Lehman

Projector Operator: Ellen Vandersleen

Video Recorder: Ryan Schmidt Sound Operator: Noah Schmidt

Counters: Susan Dupuis, Michael Laabs, Tiffany Freeman

Altar Care: Kathy Godin

Ushers: Doug & Pauline Malliff
Coffee Hour: Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, January 5, 2025: 80

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inga Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Patricia Zohr, Amy Markus-Burgess, Edie Brum, Freda Kathen, Otilia Saldana G, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Don and Jeanette Nevile.

Please continue to pray for the family and friends of Aileen Roesler who passed December 23. The funeral will be held at Zion Lutheran Church **Saturday January 18 at 11:00 am.**

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

EXERCISE CLASS Exercise Classes will meet **Monday**, **Wednesday**, and **Friday** at 1:00 pm.

<u>PASTORAL CARE</u> Pastoral Care will be meeting on Monday January 13th at 10:00 am.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on Monday January 13th at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL MTG. Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 14th at 7:00 pm.

MIXED CHOIR Mixed Choir will be gathering on Tuesday January 14th at 7:00 pm.

MORNING SOCIAL The next Morning Social is on Wednesday January 15th at 10:00 am.

CONFIRMATION The next Confirmation class will be **Wednesday January 15th at 6:15 pm.**

MEN'S CHOIR Men's Choir will be gathering on Wednesday January 15th at 7:00 pm.

<u>SUPPLES LANDING WORSHIP SERVICE</u> There will be a worship service at Supples Landing on Thursday January 16th at 2:00 pm.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP SKATING PARTY

On Wednesday January 22nd at 6:15 pm, all are invited to a skating party at Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue's, 524 Mary Street, across the road at the Rotary Park. Hot chocolate will be provided afterwards.

NOTES FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC

Altar Care: We are once again looking for volunteers for Altar Care. If you are interested or would like to know what it entails, please call Sandra Graham at (613) 732-3260.

NEWS UPDATE: Upon inspection, the office building's heating system had failed, and the boiler needed to be replaced. A new system was installed at a cost of \$12,640.00 plus HST.

FEBRUARY GUIDING LIGHT Please email submissions for the February Guiding Light no later than January 19th 2025 to June in the office.

ANNUAL REPORT A Reminder To All Committees That Your Reports For The Annual Report Are Due By **January 26th 2025**, No Exceptions.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY BOOKLETS

The publishers for the Eternity For Today booklets have encountered delays in sending out the booklets and extend their apologies. Shipping should be within the next 2 weeks and you will be notified as soon as they arrive.



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