



# Thanksgiving for Baptism

## Sunday, October 31, 2021

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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### Welcome and Announcements

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

#### READING Romans 6:3-5

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word  
you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy  
Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we  
praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your  
Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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

**Amen.**

**HYMN #504** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,**

**who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives  
us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the  
Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## W O R D

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**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**SECOND READING** Romans 3:19-28

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews ....”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**      Pastor Scott Ludford

**HYMN #654**    *The Church's One Foundation*

**HOLY BAPTISM WITH AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**PRESENTATION FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

*Each child is presented for making their affirmation.*

I present *him/her*, who desires to make public affirmation of his/her baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

**PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM**

*Sponsors for candidate for baptism, present the candidate.*

*Sponsors:* **I present Brianna Mae Oreskovic-Childs for baptism.**

*Pastor addresses candidate, then sponsors:*

Brianna, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Brianna:* **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Brianna in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* **I do.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BAPTISM

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Congregation:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Congregation:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Congregation:* **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

*Congregation:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*Congregation:* **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 into hell. 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*Congregation:* **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.**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*Pastor addresses Jady, Rosella, Kendra, Madisyn, Bryce, Lily, Elias, Bailey, Jack, and Brianna.*

Sisters and brothers who are affirming baptism today: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Pastor addresses the congregation.*

People of God,

do you promise to support those making public affirmation of their baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

*Congregation:* **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Laying on of hands for each person making affirmation of baptism.*

Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF STOLES

*Each Mother will present their child with a stole of affirmation.*

## WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized and rejoice with those making public affirmation of baptism.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## C O M M U N I O N and S E N D I N G

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### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Traditional)*

**DISTRIBUTION and MUSIC VOLUNTARY** Zion Choir

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER and BENEDECTION**

**HYMN #729** *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God!**