



# Baptism of Our Lord

JANUARY 12, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION

**PRELUDE** — Jill Sousek [5 PM & 8 AM]

— *Come Into God's Courts With Praise*  
by the Joyful Ringers [10:30 AM]

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our  
hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us  
for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We  
ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose  
injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst  
about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from  
their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts  
and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have  
redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ,  
you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the  
waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

# HYMN #445 — *Wash, O God. Our Sons and Daughters*

## 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.**

## 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.**

## W O R D

### 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. 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. 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. 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. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 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 — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

### 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. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **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, 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. 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.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**THE SERMON — Lay Minister Nancy Schultz**

**HYMN #304 — *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized***

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC — *My Friend, Jesus*  
by the Joyful Ringers [10:30 AM]**

# COMMUNION

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER [TRADITIONAL]

### COMMUNION VOLUNTARY — Jill Sousek

### BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

# SENDING

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN #453 — *Baptized & Set Free*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek

"HE WILL BE  
**GREAT**  
AND WILL  
BE CALLED  
THE SON OF THE  
**MOST HIGH.**"

LUKE 1:32



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