

## COMMUNION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER [TRADITIONAL]

### COMMUNION VOLUNTARY — Jill Sousek

### BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise, ☩ bless you now and forever.  
Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the  
sacrament of his body and blood, you have drawn us to your heart. Send us  
from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your  
love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN #310 — *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek



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## Baptism of our Lord

JANUARY 11, 2026

## WELCOME TO ZION

### PRELUDE — Jill Sousek

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.  
Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at  
the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was  
needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us  
to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we  
may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness  
of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you  
strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. Amen.

### HYMN #423 — *Shall We Gather at the River*

### 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

Let us pray. **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## JOYFUL RINGERS — *Where Waters Flow* [10:30 AM]

### WORD

#### FIRST READING — *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen in whom my soul delights, upon whom I have put my spirit, to bring forth justice to the nations. Not crying out, not lifting up his voice, not making it heard in the street, a bruised reed my servant will not break, nor quench a dimly burning wick, but will faithfully bring forth justice. My chosen one will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 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: 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, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare: before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

#### SECOND READING — *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, anyone who is God-fearing and does what is right is acceptable to God. “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. Jesus 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### GOSPEL — *Matthew 3:13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDRENS’ SERMON

### THE SERMON — Pastor Scott Ludford

#### HYMN #459 — *Wade In the Water*

## APOSTLES’ CREED

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Petitions conclude...* name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERING VOLUNTARY — Jill Sousek [5 PM & 8 AM]

## JOYFUL RINGERS — *With Praises Ring* [10:30 AM]