

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, JANUARY 12, 2025

Prelude

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Welcome & Announcements

The Box

Juniors Explore leave following
(children ages 4-5 through middle school)

Special Music

“O Come, Little Children”

Bell Choir

Affirmation of Baptism

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Processional Hymn

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Hymnal 423

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Greeting

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

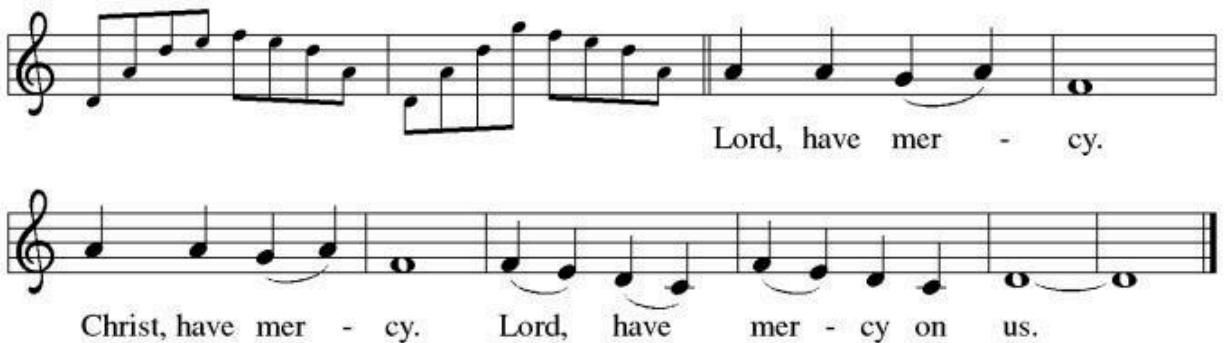
Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Assistant: Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Kyrie

(Hymn 158)



Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of God be with you all. **And also with you!**

At Zion we share the ASL/universal sign for peace, or other non-physical contact to greet one another.

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 29

¹ Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to God glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to God the glory of God's name;
worship God in holy splendor.**

³ The voice of God is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
God, over mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of God is powerful;
the voice of God is full of majesty.**

⁵ The voice of God breaks the cedars;
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ **God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ **The voice of God shakes the wilderness;
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all say, 'Glory!'

¹⁰ **God sits enthroned over the flood;
God sits enthroned as king for ever.**

¹¹ May God give strength to the people!
May God bless the people with peace!

Acts 8:14-17

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.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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 Living One. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation (with cantor)

Special Music

"Spirit Song"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Bode



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad:
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Ubi Caritas

Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, with lyrics underneath. The bottom two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in a minor key (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.' There are some musical markings like a '3' over a triplet in the piano part.

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, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace, **receive 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. Heal and strengthen all those fleeing wildfires in California. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Ubi Caritas

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

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery.... Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Ubi Caritas

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, **receive 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, **receive our prayer.**

Ubi Caritas

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

Offertory

“What Feast of Love” (to the tune of “What Child is This”, verse 1)

Hymn 487

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray, **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Ways to give -

- Venmo @ZionFerndale (confirmation code 7498)
- Vanco mobile app (code VHLXGH)
- www.zionlutheranmi.org
- Offering plate located in the middle of the center aisle
- Mail to church mailing address

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We come before you in all humility and joy, praising your name and joining in the unending hymn of your blessed creation....

(Hymn 193)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Savior Christ 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.

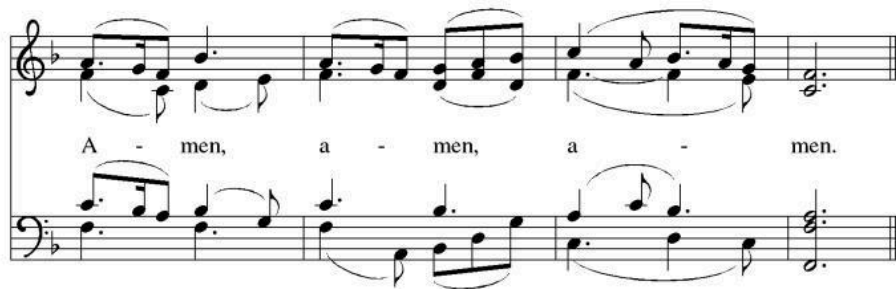
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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, O 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.



Pastor: Holy One, remember us in your reign and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Distribution

Zion welcomes and encourages those of all faith backgrounds to communion. We believe that the death and resurrection of Christ makes us all worthy and needing of the sacrament regardless of background, age or any other factor.

“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

Bell Choir

“Take Me to the Water”

(ACS 957)



1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,
 2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,
 3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,
 4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.
 he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.
 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Pastor: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

(ACS 492)



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Benediction

Pastor: The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ☩ grant you peace. **Amen.**

Assistant: Go in peace, share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Scott Schroeder

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assistant Minister: Elon Jamison

Lector: Abby Jacobs

Cantor: Kristin Kreiss

Cross Bearer: Ethan Schroeder

Juniors Teacher: Cecelia Mac-Smith

Staff:

The Rev. Matthew Bode, Pastor

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Custodian: Anthony Bailey

Chancel Choir Director: Roger Smith

Organist: Scott Schroeder

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