

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2021

9:00 am

Communion



*277 Years Of
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 1/10	9:00 am	Worship – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD Confirmation
Monday	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7.30 pm	Council meeting
Sunday 1/17	9:00 am	Worship

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This week	
Bruce Wilson	Assistant Minister
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Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Michelle Favara	Hymns

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (1/17)

Next week	
<i>Tony Mandik</i>	<i>Assistant Minister</i>
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<i>Shawn Rogers</i>	<i>Greeter</i>
<i>Maggie Munz</i>	<i>Greeter</i>
<i>Patti Mandik</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>
<i>Lou & Carol Mandik</i>	<i>Hymns</i>

We thank you for your service to the church.

Sunday, January 10th 2021

INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Mark's gospel makes clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

PRELUDES



On Tannenberg- "Let All Together Praise Our God", Tune: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561, Setting, Jacob B. Weber
"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" by H. Livingston, Jr. Tune: Lower Lights by Philip P. Bliss
"In Pasture's Green"- by John M. Rasley

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Hymn

"Crashing Waters at Creation"- #455- ELW- #1. 3. 4



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993, Music: attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

A: Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

P & A: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin, our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.

Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's

forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

A: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; Yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone!

Please be seated

FIRST READING: **Genesis 1:1-5**

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

R: A reading from the book of Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

R: The Word of the Lord.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

R: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

A: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

R: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

A: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

R: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

A: 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!" The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

R: O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Those able, please stand

ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

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Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers.

A: On this Sunday of the baptism of our Lord, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Give us your blessings of peace."

A: For the worldwide church; for those who minister in the church; for all who will be baptized this year; and for their godparents and sponsors: that the Holy Spirit will empower all the faithful for lives of service, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people.

P: Give us your blessings of peace.

A: For the waters of the earth; for the seas, the lakes, the rivers; for the wells that provide drinking water; and for the water that is piped into our homes: that God provide clean and nourishing water for all living things, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people.

P: Give us your blessings of peace.

A: For the nations of the world and their leaders; for international efforts to prevent war and reduce violence; for the armed forces; for police officers; and for peacemakers: that God inspire all people to work for the harmonious well-being of others, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people.

P: Give us your blessings of peace.

A: For students; for teachers and school administrators; for parents assisting their children in home schooling; and for young people who are finding a way toward graduation: that as the academic year resumes, God give resilience to everyone in the search for education, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people.

P: Give us your blessings of peace.

A: For all who are in trouble, want, or sickness; for the countless who are suffering with COVID-19; for medical workers; for people who are hungry or homeless, imprisoned or lonely; and for those we name here. Receive our prayers for **Fawn Keenan, Ralph Finkbiner, Mezekiah Bazzley**, that God grant health and wholeness to a world so filled with pain, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people.

P: Give us your blessings of peace.

P: For ourselves: that we rejoice in our adoption as members of God's family, and that now in this silence we bring to God our heart's requests, let us pray.

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):

Moriah Finkbiner, Beth Yoder, Mason Yoder, Roxanne Robinson and Christine Roleski.

O God, give strength to your people.

A: Give us your blessings of peace.

P: In gratitude for our beloved dead, we offer our praise for all the baptized who have accompanied us and supported us and taught us throughout our days; that at our end we join with them in everlasting joy, let us pray.

O God, give strength to your people.

A: Give us your blessings of peace.

P: Almighty and most merciful God, you are the mighty Voice from heaven, you are our beloved Savior, you are the descending Dove. We give you thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies, and we ask you to accept our prayers for the sake of your mercy, today and forever.

A: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING with Special music

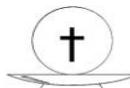
Anna Moore on Trumpet "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" by Gustav Holst, 1874-1934



OFFERING PRAYER

A: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

P: Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored

young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before you breathed the Word which tamed the deep waters of chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us. Yet, we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving your goodness behind. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, there you gather us up to carry us into your kingdom.

We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us through the waters of baptism and who feeds us at the Table of hope.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

P: Holy Spirit, fill us with the Bread of forgiveness and the Cup of hope. Flow through us with baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation; grant us your peace, so we might carry it to others; set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighborhoods and communities.

And then, when the river of time stops flowing, and we gather around your Table, we will join our voices as one people, singing "Glory!" to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One.

Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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, 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

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

A: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

P: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

A: Amen

THE SENDING HYMN *"Baptized in Water"- #456- ELW Vs. 1 & 3*

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932 Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" by Joachim Neander, 1650- 1680*

Setting: by Jacob B. Weber



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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Genesis 17:1-14, 23-27	Circumcision a covenant sign
Tuesday	Exodus 30:22-38	Anointing a sign of holiness
Wednesday	John 1:29-34	John's account of Jesus' baptism
Thursday	Isaiah 41:14-20	God gives water in the desert
Friday	Acts 22:2-16	Paul describes his own baptism
Saturday	Psalms 69:1-5, 30-36	God will save through water