

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025

PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 453 *Baptized and Set Free*

You are invited to face the back of the church for the opening hymn. As the cross is processed into the congregation you may continue to sing toward it.



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

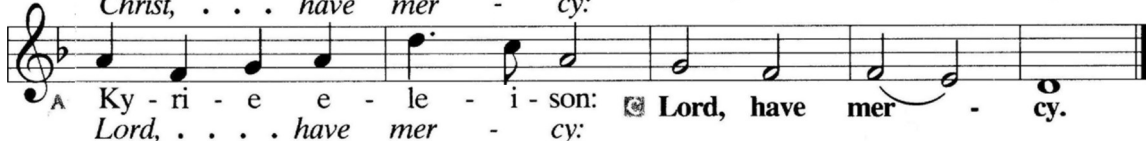
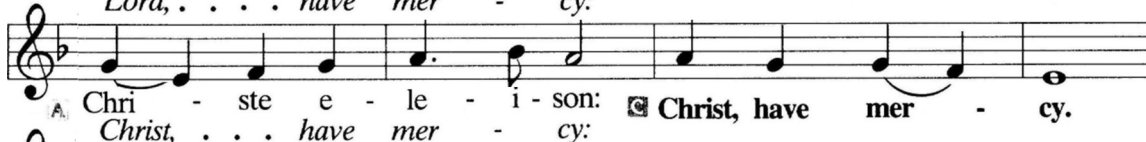
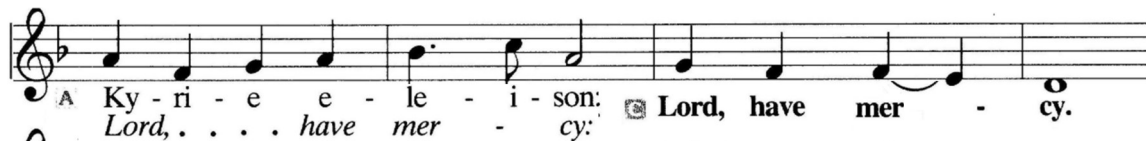
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING


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

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



*HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al- mighty-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 585 in pew Bible)

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 Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, 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.'

After the reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 29 (pg. 438 in pew Bible, also below)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

C: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

L: May the Lord give strength to his people!

C: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17 (pg. 892 in pew Bible)

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.

After the reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON as the children come forward, please join in singing:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia. You
have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15-17,21-22 (pg. 834 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 448 *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*

1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

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BAPTISM OF ELVENA MAE MURPHY

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present Elvena Mae Murphy for baptism.

P: Elvena, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?
Elvena: I do.

P: Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Elvena baptized into Christ?
Parents: I do.

P: As you bring Elvena to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people,

- bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
- teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer,
- so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Elvena grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Elvena 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.

The assembly is addressed:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Elvena and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you, together with the whole gathered assembly, 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, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

BAPTISM

P: Elvena, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Elvena with 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. **C: Amen.**

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

P: Elvena, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

A lighted candle is given to each of the newly baptized.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

P: Let us welcome Elvena to the family of God, and to this community of faith.

C: 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.

OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(after hearing, “God, in your mercy,” respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, “We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.” respond: **Amen.**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

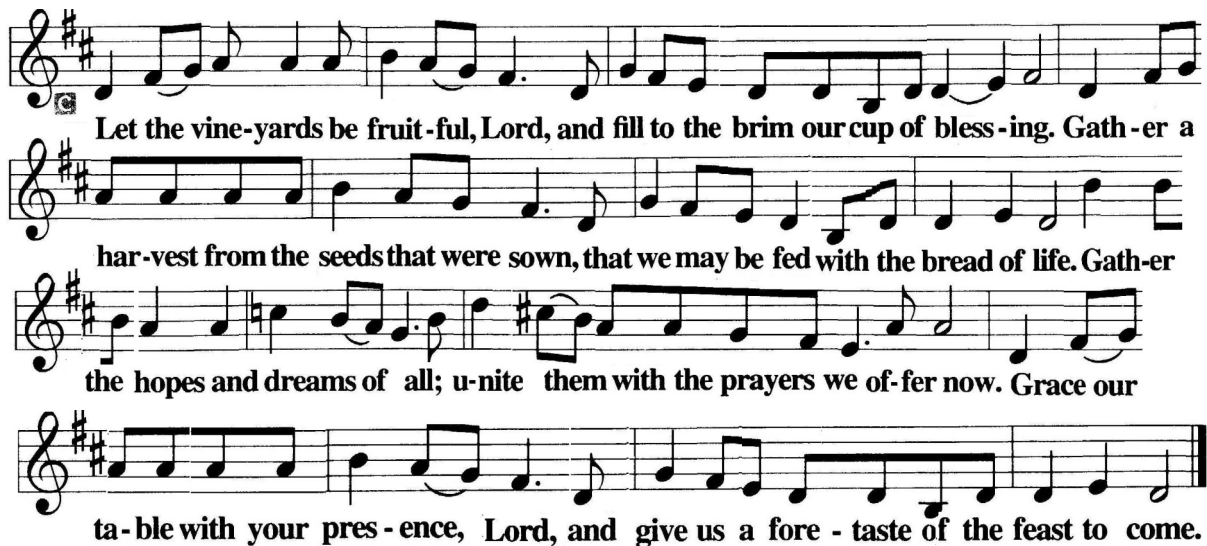
OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website:

<http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



*POST OFFERING VERSE



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a
har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er
the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our
ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service; our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

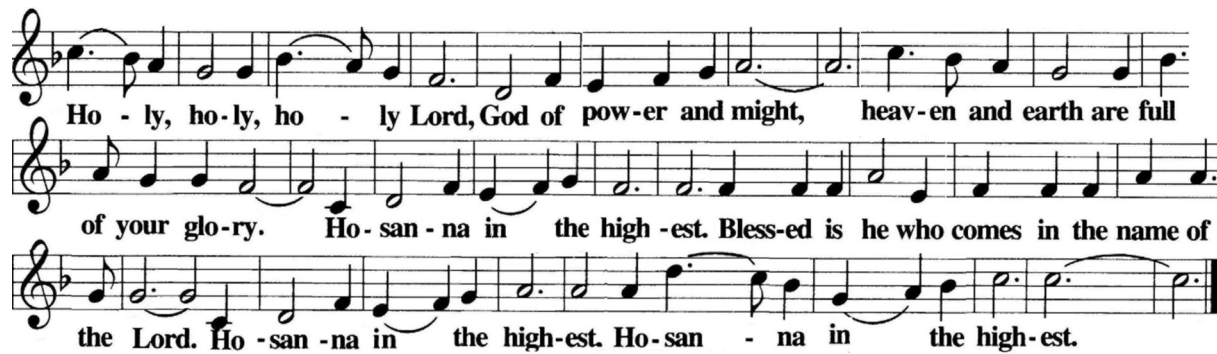
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth and created us in your likeness. You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care. All through our weary years and our silent tears, you did not abandon us to ourselves, but sought us out in love. When we were captives in Egypt, you did not abandon us.

When we wandered in the wilderness, you did not abandon us.

When we turned to false gods, you did not abandon us. Through your holy prophets you called us to return to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love.

In the crowing act of love you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but to save the world from sin. Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners, his healing of the sick, his care for the poor.

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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: This joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that accommodation, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

"Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen."

COMMUNION HYMNS: # 90 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*
(green book) #343 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*
#346 *When Peace, like a River*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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 then name of Christ we pray. **C: Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

P: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW 543 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

As the cross is processed to the rear of the sanctuary as we sing, you are invited to turn towards it, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God!

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Tom Mohn, Andy Bomberger, Nancy Bowman, Pastor Ted Hummel, hurricane victims and all victims of violence.

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

Zion's Annual Congregational Meal and Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 26 after worship in the Social Hall and YOU are invited and encouraged to attend. We will look back, with gratitude for what God has done through our congregation this year, and look forward to how God is calling us to serve, and grow, and live in the year to come. *Sign ups on the Bulletin Board outside the Church Office are greatly appreciated.*

Babies and Bibles: Saturday, January 18 at 9 AM Jesus says "Let the little children come unto me". Children ages birth through age four (and older siblings) are welcome to attend, with their adults.

This Week at Zions:

Jan. 13, Monday @ 6:30 pm Church Council meeting
Jan. 14, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
Jan. 15, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal
Jan. 18, Saturday @ 9:00 am Babies & Bibles meet

Next Week at Zions:

Jan. 20, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting
Jan. 21, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
Jan. 22, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

New Communication Plan for Emergencies As Council worked on congregational communication this last year, we discovered that we needed a good way to contact people in case of a church emergency/closure (namely inclement weather, or a problem with the building). We've decided upon a low-cost text/phone system that will text or call people with a message from our leadership *as necessary* -- this will ONLY be used in case of emergencies. To get set up, **we need you to review your text/call preferences, and phone number, on the sheets in the Gathering Area.** You are welcome to opt out, but please know we will only be using this system, Facebook, and ABC27 to communicate emergency closures.

"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed..." NEW study on Jesus' parables begins Wednesday January 15 at 6:50 PM. Jesus uses parables to illustrate the kingdom of God-- highlighting how God works in surprising places and through surprising people. We will study a parable each week, hand in hand with a chapter from the new book "Small and Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement" by Sharon McMahon. This book will give us a glimpse into our country's history, and a real life example of how God has worked through ordinary people to shine light and love in the world--especially appropriate themes for the season of Epiphany (which begins today and lasts until Lent) and the dark winter months. Together we will find hope in the promises of scripture and stories of those who have gone before us. *Free copies of the book will be available in the Gathering Area. It's also available on Kindle. For the first gathering, please read "The Angel of the Rockies"*

Zion's Preschool registration opens for Zion's families (and current and former Zion's Preschool families) on Tuesday, January 21. There are two class options: Tu/Th (for children who are at least 3 by September 1) and M/W/F (for children who are at least 4 by September 1). Both classes meet from 9 - 11:45 AM. For a registration packet, email zionspreschool@verizon.net Registration opens to the public at our Open House on Tuesday, February 4 from 5:30-7 PM.

Thank you for your generosity in diapers and wipes! We collected over 1400 diapers and 3700 wipes for the smallest clients of JOY Pantry. Throughout the month of January, we are collecting personal care items--shampoo, condition, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

To my church family, A heartfelt **thank you** for the pretty poinsettia, brought with a visit by John Mohn, and the many Christmas cards. I also enjoyed the visits from Pat and Tom, Christine and John with gifts. With many thanks and love, Ingrid Erb

Thank you very much for the poinsettia you gave me for Christmas. Also, I appreciated the members of the church who came Christmas caroling to me. You really brightened my day. Sincerely, Elvena Mohn

Highlights from December's Council meeting are sent out via email after the meeting. Copies are then available at the small bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

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Serving at Zion's		Today	Next Sunday
Lector		Michelle Bucks	Christine Techky
Prayer		Gracie Bucks	Michelle Bucks
Children's sermon		Pastor Caitlin	Ed Ludwig
Comm. Assts.		Linda Toth, Judy Merkel	Deb Long, Kelly Rittle
Greeter			Elaine Ludwig
Acolyte		Izaac McQuaide, Michael Wolfe	Derek Wolfe
Crucifer		Madison Hess	Daryl Hess
Altar Guild		Merkel family	Strattan/Wenrich
Elevette		Steve Bucks	Tom Frey
Ushers	Jim Fowler		

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (1 Cor. 12:27)

Zion's invites people to join in God's work for the sake of the world, sharing in whatever way they can. Many hands make possible all that happens at Zion's. Today we highlight the work, and opportunities, of these committees. *We ask you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to deepened engagement and participation at Zion's in 2025. ***Opportunities marked with a * indicate a current need****

Mission Ministry coordinates out-ward facing ministries—pointing us towards opportunities to serve our local and global communities, to share God's love, and to welcome others to be part of God's work at Zion's. Mission Ministry welcomes your participation in these ways:

Help make quilts and preschool blankets (no skills necessary!)

*Serve on welcome committee (helping with visitor bags, updating signage)

*Respond to requests for items for various projects

*Assist with Rejoicing Spirits meal or outreach

Help with special events like: Blessing of the Animals (October), Trick or Treat (October), DDS Dance (May) or helping coordinate the Angel Tree (Nov/Dec)

The Worship and Music Committee plans and prepares all our worship services, including coordinating the many worship assistants who help lead worship each week. They welcome your participation in these ways:

Being part of the planning process by serving on the Worship and Music Committee

Offering special music from time to time or singing in the youth or adult choir

Serving as communion assistant (serving bread or wine) or helping with the altar guild (setting and/or cleaning up the communion table)

*Lighting the candles and serving as an acolyte (3rd grade and up) or carrying the cross and serving as a crucifer (post-Confirmation)

*Handing out bulletins and dismissing people for communion as an usher

*Welcoming people as a greeter or by running the elevette

*Learning to run our sound or livestream

Leading the children's sermon, reading the lessons or leading the prayers

If you are interested in learning more, please drop this form in the Offering Plate. You will also have an opportunity to respond at the Congregational Meeting on January 26.

Name: _____ Area of Interest: _____