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## **The Baptism of Our Lord** **January 12, 2025**

### **The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism**

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “When all the people were baptized,” Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “when you pass through the waters,” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved **and well-pleasing sons and daughters.**

**The Lord’s Supper is offered today at Zion.** Communicant members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations are invited to commune at this altar. Please speak to our pastor if you have any questions about our communion practice. We would love to discuss the doctrine of the Lord’s Supper and joy of Christian fellowship. Please know the gifts of Jesus were given for you—but the proper spiritual preparation for communion is commanded by the Word of God (1 Cor 11:23-29). Those who do not yet commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to receive a Baptismal blessing) or you may remain in the pew during communion to join us in song and praise. There are no “offering” plates passed during the service. Rather, offering plates are set at the front pew. **You are invited to leave an offering of thanks to Christ on your way to communion** or any time during the first part of the service.

### **A PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE LORD’S HOUSE**

Father in heaven, as at this baptism in the Jordan River you once proclaimed Jesus your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, empower with your same Spirit all who are baptized to keep the covenant into which we have been called, boldly confess our Savior, and with him receive life eternal; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LSB #394

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** Page 184

**Introit** Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.*

*I will tell of the decree:*

**The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

*Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.*

*You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*

*Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

*Serve the Lord with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,*

*for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.*

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**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** Page 187

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**Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 43:1-7

**EPISTLE READING:** Romans 6:1-11

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:** Page 190

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15-22

**APOSTLES' CREED:** Page 192

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" *LSB #405*

**SERMON:** "A New Beginning" Luke 3:21-22

**OFFERTORY:** "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Page 192

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** (See Prayer List on Page 6 of Bulletin)

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**DISTRIBUTION:** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" *LSB #623*

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" *LSB #590*

"How Firm a Foundation" *LSB #728*

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** Page 199

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**BENEDICTION:** Page 202

**CLOSING:** "Go My Children, with My Blessing" *LSB #922*

## Our Lord's Current Business

**Welcome to worship.** May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation.

**In baptism you called Jesus** — and you call us — “beloved.” May we grow in your love, God, and share it with others. Amen.

**The Call Committee** met with Pastor Wessel on Monday, January 6th to discuss the next step in the Call process. We will be asking the District President for a new list of candidates.

**Nominations submitted by members** of Zion need to be forwarded to the District office in Wausau before they will start a list. The due date for nominations is Sunday, January 19th. Nomination forms are available in the Resource Room. Please give completed forms to Diane or a Call Committee member.

### Confirmation Corner

**January 12** - This week we begin looking at the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed. This article deals with the Holy Spirit. The confirmands will come to understand how the Holy Spirit has made them new creatures by bringing them to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Our memory for this week is: “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. What does this mean? “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.”

**Sunday School** - classes begin in the downstairs gathering space for singing, devotions and prayer. The students then move to their individual classrooms. This week they will see that God promised to send the Messiah.

**Christian Education Hour** - Today our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class will begin a “Walk through the New Testament.” We'll start with a look into the life of our Lord Jesus as presented by the four Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. As we explore the life of Christ we'll learn more about living our lives as His disciples today, and how God uses us to share the Good News of His love with others. Join us on this journey, each Sunday at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall! This week: Read through the Gospel of St. Matthew on your own.

**Bible Study for Middle & High school students** will meet at 10:30 Our middle schoolers will be looking at the Old Testament promise of God. High schoolers are focusing on the names of God.

**Adult Choir** - Now is a perfect time to join us as we prepare for the upcoming church seasons. It may seem like we just finished Christmas, but in the music preparation world, we are already looking to Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter. We would love to have you! We practice every Thursday from 6:30-7:30.

**Quilters** would appreciate any queen or king size flat sheets in gently used or new condition. These sheets are used in the making the beautiful quilts that are given to individual's in need. Thank you in advance 😊

**Ladies**, please check if there is a dish or pan that may be in the kitchen that belongs to you.

**Annual Reports** for Council and Committees need to be turned into the Office by January 13<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Report to be completed. They can be emailed to [office@zionmondovi.com](mailto:office@zionmondovi.com). Thank you for your prompt response.

**Please grab your poinsettia** that you donated to beautify our altar area. They are near the lobby door. Thank you.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** is in need of pillows and mattress pads to give with each bed. Please remember these children and their needs in your prayers and give if possible. Pillows and mattress pads can be dropped off at the church office.

## Our Lord's On-Going Business

**Beautiful boxes & individual cards** are on display in the Resource Center card display. We are offering cards at the usual 50 cents. Monies can be left with our AA Diane or put in the church "bank" on the card shelf or given to Brenda Mc.

**Puzzles are available** to take home passing time with family and friends. Please bring back after you have finished and swap for another one. This is a great pastime during the winter months.

**Sign up sheets for Sponsorship** of Bulletins or Altar Flowers for 2025 are in a blue folder marked as such in the Resource Center. Please put your name & who IHO or IMO on the sheet by appropriate date.

If you are in need of church envelopes, please call the church office at 715-926-3664 or email at [office@zionmondovi.com](mailto:office@zionmondovi.com). A box will have your number placed on the envelopes and be placed in your mailbox in the narthex.

**Old eyeglasses laying around?** There is a collection basket in the Resource Center for them. They will be collected by the Lions Club and distributed to those in need. Thank you for donating to a good cause.

**Bulletin or newsletter** announcements can be submitted to [office@zionmonodvi.com](mailto:office@zionmonodvi.com), call the office at 715-926-3664 or leave a written note in Diane's mailbox.

## ZION'S PRAYER LIST:

**The call process** here at Zion for guidance on decisions being God's Will.

**For those seeking healing:** Croix Johnson, Ruth Kent, Marvin Meier, Mike Radle, Vicky Howell, Scott Anderson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, Stella, Luther Larson, Emily Woodworth, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, Peggy Waldbillig, Elsie Steinbach, Jackie, Shadie, Savannah Au, Donna Seltrecht, Marvin Stay, Lois Stay, David Bloss, Jean Fleming, Jean Sandberg.

**Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays:** Kathy Laehn, Lura Nowaskey, Chris Heike, Donna Gifford, Julie Kacures, Katina Schwartz, Ricardo Aguilar, Renee Weber, Jim Hanestad, Joel Lewiston.

*\*LaRae Grotzinger has volunteered to help coordinate our prayer chain. If you have any updates to this list, please contact her (.), the office, or Pastor. You may also utilize the prayer box found in the narthex.*

## **New Years Prayer**

### **Billy Graham**

*Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.*

*We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.*

*In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.*

*In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.*

*And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.*



**OUR WEEK'S WORK**  
**January 13-19, 2025**

MON.	WA. Street Apts	1:00 p.m.
	Board of Elders	7:00 p.m.
	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	Evangelism Committee	6:00 p.m.
WED.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THURS.	Ruby's Pantry	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



**A Stewardship Thought**

**Luke 3:21** – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.



**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK**

	Attendance	
	New Year's Eve 18	Sunday 88
	Sunday School 14	
General Offering:	\$	4266.00
TIM	\$	55.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$	5,279.94
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	4266.00



**SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**January 8 & 12, 2025**

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	David Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Louie Moyer	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Butch Waldbillig	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Nancy Jardine	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Brenda McKissick	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Mason McDonough	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	McKinley McDonough	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Calvin Olson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Reid Williamson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Osenga Family	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Jana Olson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson		
Altar Guild:	Lisa Heike, Sara Heike, Ava & Julia.		



**SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**January 15 & 19, 2025**

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Galen Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Larry Anderson	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	Matt Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Jeanne Anderson	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Karn Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Sullivan Rud	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Tanner Osenga	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Keegan Hill	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Matt Triggs	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Katie Harris	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Julie Kacures	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Margaret Ronnei & Brenda McKissick		
Altar Guild:	Lisa Heike, Sara Heike, Ava & Julia.		

**PRAISE GOD**  
**THANK GOD**