

Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church



HE SAW THE HEAVENS
OPEN AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT DESCENDING
ON HIM.

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1st Week after the Epiphany - Baptism Sunday

Sunday, January 8th, 2012

Monday, January 9th, 2012

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Welcome to our family of faith! Large Print Editions of our bulletin and hymnal (Christian Worship), as well as assistive listening devices are available by asking an usher. Please feel free to ask for help or with any questions that you may have. We are glad you are here!

IF YOUR CHILDREN BECOME RESTLESS OR HAVING A BAD DAY: our church basement is equipped with a closed circuit television feed for your viewing and listening pleasure. Please feel free to join us downstairs to make use of that service if you need a place to settle the children down before returning upstairs. We are pleased to provide this service to you to help enrich your time hearing God's Word!

A FAVOR PLEASE: Please take a moment to fill out the blue attendance card found in each pew for our church records (guests and members alike). On Sunday, the cards will be collected right after the offering baskets have been passed through (in the 2nd basket that will come around); on Monday, please drop the card in the offering basket as it comes around. Thanks for your help!

BIBLE TEXT: While our Scripture lessons are printed in the bulletin, you may appreciate reading them in their context from our pew Bibles. Please note the page number that corresponds to the pew Bibles for each lesson is included. Why not take a moment before the service begins to look up and mark the readings with a guest card, which can be returned afterwards to the rack?

THE ALTAR PARAMENTS are *WHITE* (the color of holiness and heaven) on Baptism Sunday reminding us that through God's gracious gift of Baptism, we are robed in Jesus' perfection and blood to pay for our sin, and are made holy! What a gift of God's undeserved love and great comfort our Baptism is!

THEME OF THE DAY

Today's lessons show us the meaning of the name "Christ," the Anointed one! As His Baptism ushered Jesus into His public ministry, so ours ushers us into God's family!

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (*spoken*) **Amen.**

C: (*sung*)
**Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.(1 Corinthians 6:11)

C: (sung) **My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

M: As baptized children of God, we join to confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I *deserve* your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: (sung) **My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

C: (sung) **All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely,
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.**

Prayer of the Day (*Spoken by Pastor*): Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (*spoken*) Amen.

THE WORD OF THE DAY

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-6 (found on page 726 in your pew Bibles)

¹ Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— ⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." (NIV)

Psalm of the Day: We join to sing Psalm 2 at the front of *C.W.* on p.65 [NOTE: *our Psalm Cator will sing the 1st phrase up to the *, & the congregation will join together to sing the 2nd phrase in each couplet, the 'Glory be to the Father' in bold print, & the Refrains.*]

**(Refrain): Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Great are the works of the Lord.**

*Why do the nations 'conspire**
and the peoples 'plot in vain?

*The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together a'gainst the Lord**
and against his A'nointed One.

Refrain (c.f. above)

*The One enthroned in 'heaven laughs;**
the Lord 'scoffs at them.

*Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, 'saying,**
"I have installed my King on Zion, my 'holy hill."

*I will proclaim the decree 'of the Lord:**

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your 'Father."

**Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.**

***(Refrain): Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Great are the works of the Lord.***

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Epistle Lesson: Acts 16:25-34 (found on page 1096 in your pew Bibles)

***** This will also serve as our Sermon Text *****

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family. (NIV)

Verse of the Day – Pastor reads the verse: "*Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.*" Then we join to ***sing: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus IS the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia"*** (the music is found on p. 30 at the front of ***C.W.***)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11 (found on page 990 in your pew Bibles)

⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was

baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (NIV) / We *sing* our response to God's good news: **"Praise be to You, O Christ!"**

Hymn of the Day: 736 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized
(from our Worship Supplement - it can be found on page 10 of your Bulletin)

Sermon by Pastor Steve Neumann on Acts 16:25-34
'What can I do to be right with God?'

The Nicene Creed – found on page 31 in *C.W.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Offerings – The offering is a chance for God's people to respond to God's love by giving to carry on the ministry He has entrusted to us. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to give an offering. We are truly pleased that you have joined us for worship, so we could share the gospel with you! Please come again!

Attendance Card Collection – Please take a moment to fill out the attendance card found in each pew (guests & members alike). On Sunday, the cards will be collected right *after* the offering baskets have been passed through in the 2nd basket that comes around; on Monday, cards can be dropped in the offering basket as it comes around. Thank you!

Prayer of the Church – by pastor, followed by the Lord’s Prayer

Communion Liturgy – as found on p. 33 in *C.W.*

The Distribution – If you are a guest or visitor, you may be interested & relieved to know that we do not seek to impose our practice of Holy Communion upon you. In fact God’s Word makes it clear that He intends this sacrament only for those who have been made familiar in advance with the sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), & who have previously expressed their fellowship with the group they are taking it with, since it *is* a public confession of oneness in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17, 11:24-26); that is what is meant by the Scriptural practice of “*close communion*”. If you are a guest or visitor & have not had the chance to express common faith & a public declaration of fellowship with us, please observe today’s communion service & speak with Pastor after the service or during the week; he’d be delighted to help you appreciate a “close” relationship with our congregation. Communicant member of our sister WELS or ELS congregations are welcome, but please announce your intent to commune with us to pastor or an usher before the service. ***A ‘Personal Preparation for Holy Communion’ can be found on p. 156 at the front of C.W.;*** this is an excellent tool for ‘examining ourselves’ prior to communing, as Christ commands (1 Corinthians 11:28).


Communion Distribution Hymn: 311 . . . Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Thanksgiving & Closing Prayer – found on page 36 in *C.W.*

Closing Hymn: 297 Baptized in Water



*Thank you for worshiping with us.
Go with God’s Word in your hearts and minds!*

<p>Our Mission Here at Mt. Zion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">† Grow in God’s Word† Gather around His Word and Sacrament† Go into our community and the world with the good news of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.	
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<i>Our Response to God’s Word . . .</i>		
<i>Attendance:</i>	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<i>119</i>
	<i>Monday Worship</i>	<i>35</i>
	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>47</i>

This Week at Mt. Zion

Sunday Communion Service – 8:00am & 10:45am (Usher Team 03 & 10)
Adult and Teen Bible Studies and Sunday School – 9:15am
WELS Volleyball BEGINS (@ Friedens) - 3:30pm

Monday Pastor Study Club - 1:00pm
Communion Worship - 6:30pm
Board of Evangelism Meeting - 7:30pm

Tuesday ***NO BIBLE STUDY*** (*Pastor's away at Conference for the day*)
Preschool Committee Meeting - 6:15pm
Board of Education Meeting - 7:15pm

Wednesday Confirmation Class – 3:30pm
CAP Bible Study – 7:00pm

Thursday Preschool Chapel - 8:45am
Preschool Staff Bible Study – 11:45am
Woodstock Worship - 1:30pm
Wynwood Worship - 2:30pm
Young Adult Gathering (at Rev B's) - 7:30pm

Sunday Worship Service – 8:00am & 10:45am (Usher Team 04 & 05)
Adult and Teen Bible Studies and Sunday School – 9:15am
Fellowship Committee Meeting - 12:00pm
WELS Volleyball (@ Friedens) - 3:30pm

Announcements

Our Current Bible Study Topics:

- † **Sunday** – *Congregational OPEN FORUMS begin to Evaluate our Ministry under God*
- † **Tuesday** – NONE THIS WEEK; resumes 1/17 with a study of the NT epistle of Colossians
- † **Wednesday CAP Class** – *'The Disciples Dialogue with Doctrine'*
- † **1st Place for Health** – RESUMES THIS THURSDAY with: Give God Control!

Open Forums - Beginning TODAY, MT Zion will hold ***Open Forums*** during the *Sunday Bible Study Hour* (9:15-10:15am) in the fellowship hall to discuss our ministry under the Lord, and where we are in it. We will be systematically walking through each division or aspect of our work under God (Education, Property and Grounds, Worship, Fellowship, etc.), and discussing what we see in those areas right now, as well as new ideas that might be

considered for the future. The last time this was done was 5 years ago; and at that time, it was very beneficial for both the leaders to be able to hear the member's input to help guide them in their work, as well as for the members to be able to hear from their leaders on specific issues or topics that they would like more information or clarification on. Please plan to join these important ministry meetings which will begin today and will continue until we complete the evaluation (which we expect to take 2-3 Sundays).

The Annual Lutheran Bowling Tournament – The dates are set for Saturday, March 24th (for the singles and doubles events), and Sunday March 25th (for the team event) for this fun, fellowship opportunity away. The location for the bowling tournament this year is FonduLac, WI. The cost is \$18/event you participate in (***checks should be made out to the LBA***) and there are both men's and women's brackets. If you are interested in participating, contact Pete Burditt (burdittp@yahoo.com, or 262-654-5982) by January 15th.

Tuesday Bible Study - If you attend the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, and are able & willing to pick up a Mt. Zion Member to join the class, please contact the church office (office@mtzionwi.org). This member is located at: 6808 - 56th Court, Kenosha, WI 53142. Thank you for your help!!!

Mt. Zion Young Adults - Are you between the ages of 19-26? THIS Thursday, January 12 at 7:30pm, you are invited to come to Pastor B's place (the "community room" at Pastor B's apartment complex)!! There will be a free dinner and a chance to catch your breath and relax from your busy week. There will also be a short faith-based video presentation. Contact Pastor B for directions or more information. We hope to see you there!!

Teen Group - We are going Cosmic bowling at Guttormsen's on Friday, January 13th from 9pm to midnight; cost is \$12. Sign-up on the table in back of church if you are interested!

New BIC Class to Begin - We plan to begin another session of this Bible Information Class (BIC) to go over the basic doctrines of the Christian faith NEXT WEEK, since we have a group that is ready to start. There is no cost or obligation for attending this study, which does serve as a pre-communion and membership class IF people are interested in that (and they don't have to be to attend – they might just want to learn more about the Christian faith). The new class will be held on Tuesdays at 6pm here at church, starting January 17th. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Pastor Bergemann.

Tween Bowling – On Saturday, January 21st (from 11am-1pm), the Mt. Zion Tweens are going bowling!!! The cost for this is \$13 per Tween, and includes 2 games, pizza, soda, and your shoe rental. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of church; so sign-up if you want to join the fun!! This event is being hosted by Larsens; so if you have questions, please speak with Jeff or Nikkie.

736 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our
 5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And
 6 So use it well! You are made new— In



know the God of heav - en, And
 deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con -
 mersed and drowned for - ev - er. The
 shame is ful - ly cov - ered With
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 Christ a new cre - a - tion! As



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 like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
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 here the flood of his own blood Now
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 til that day when you pos - sess His



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tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
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 then in death com - pletes you.
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This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness, and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.

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Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH (87 87 887) *Etlich Christlich lider*, Wittenburg, 1524

Scrip – Shoreland Scrip will be available here at church next Sunday. You can buy the certificates and gift cards with no wait time. The profits can all go directly to SLHS or you may choose to sponsor a student. Please see Kristin Bandi or Char VanSant to purchase your scrip next Sunday between services.

Member Boxes – Twice a year we re-organize the Member Boxes here at Mt. Zion, and it's getting to that time again!! In order to make this go smoothly, and to make sure none of your items accidentally get put in the wrong box, please make sure to empty your Member Box! Take home any papers, crayons, glasses, books, toys, etc. With empty Member Boxes, the re-organization goes smoother! Thank you so much for your help & cooperation!

New Bible Class to Begin – Did you make a *spiritual* resolution this New Years to spend more time with your Lord in His Word for direction, comfort, and strength? If not, why not consider doing so? You'll be glad you did – and so will we to have you in class with us! We have a new Tuesday morning Bible class (10am) beginning on 1/17; it will be a study of the Epistle of Colossians under the theme: *'Where is TRUE Wisdom found? In Jesus, our all-sufficient Savior!* This message of God was written to a world being inundated with worldly philosophies and new age ideology, coupled with a strong stressing of pious looking actions; these things were even making in-roads among believers who were being led to believe that faith in Jesus Christ wasn't enough! Sounds like *our* knowledge hungry society of today which has been led to believe that certain pious actions can replace an active growing

relationship with God by faith! Come and hear again with us what God's answer to this problem was, and still remains! We'll keep your seat warm! (Note: there is NO Tuesday Bible class this week, as pastor is at Conference.)

Choir - Calling all outstanding music and folders to be returned to the choir room for filing. Thank you!

SLHS Pacer Brunch – Parents of 7th and 8th grade students are cordially invited to attend Shoreland's Pacer Brunch on Sunday, January 29th at 11:30am. Besides being treated to a delicious meal, parents will have the opportunity to learn more about Shoreland Lutheran High School, take a tour of the facilities, and to meet our teachers as well other prospective parents. Please contact the Student Service office if you have any questions. RSVP to the office at 262-859-2595. We look forward to seeing you there.

** If you would like to add an announcement to the bulletin for next week, please have it to the church office (office@mtzionwi.org) by Wednesday. Thank you for your help **

Special thank you to . . .

- † **our Organist:** Michelle Treder
- † **our Psalm Cantor:** Ken Jeske
- † **our Ushers:**
 - **1st Service Team 03** - Dick Getnz, Pete Behrens, Leon Keune & Bob Weidner
 - **2nd Service Team 10** - Jim Jones, Elliot Jones, Brian Hettrick & Paul Hinrichs
- † **our Nursery Attendant:** Shawn Walrath
- † **our Bible Study Goodies:** Jeske & Tegen

Next Week's Servants. . .

- † **Next Sundays Organist:** Emma Bailey
- † **Next Sundays Psalm Cantor:** Jeff Larsen
- † **Next Sundays Ushers:** Teams 04 & 06
- † **Next Sundays Nursery Attendant:** Michelle Treder