

A Brief Form of the Service

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Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting 3

Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, MI

January 9, 2022

Epiphany Observed & The Baptism of Our Lord

PRESERVICE MUSIC & THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN

“The People That in Darkness Sat” LSB #412

INVOCATION *(Please rise)*

Leader: We begin in God’s Name:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Lord:
O almighty God, merciful Father,

ALL: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PSALM *Psalms 29*

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

C: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

C: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

P: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

C: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

C: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

P: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

C: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

P: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

C: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

C: and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

P: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

C: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

P: May the LORD give strength to his people!

C: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

RESPONSIVE KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

COLLECT PRAYER

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 60: 1-6*

Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON 1 *Matthew 2: 1-12*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose^[b] and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

HYMN

"As With Gladness Men of Old" LSB #397

GOSPEL LESSON 2 *Luke 3: 15-22*

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. 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 barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved

by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *Ephesians 3: 1-12*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is^[a] that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in^[b] God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE HYMN

"Father Welcomes" LSB #605

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

THE OFFERING

We will continue to receive your Offerings in the wooden box at the entrance. However, the Offerings will be brought forward by an Elder and as they are brought forward the congregation arises and sings:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB #781

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYERS

[After each petition, we will respond:]

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

[At the conclusion of our prayers, we join together...]

ALL: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: We now turn our attention to these elements of God’s grace, as we hear Christ’s words, instituting His Holy Supper:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

And may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Members of Zion and members of other LCMS congregations are encouraged to join us at the communion rail to receive the Lord’s Supper. For those who are new among us, or members of a different faith background, please speak with pastor before partaking. We love to have conversations about the Lord’s blessings, so please feel free to ask if you have questions about our beliefs and practices surrounding this Sacrament. Thank you!) [The Communion Meal is distributed.]

(Note: We have returned to the option of kneeling at the Communion rail and Pastor will individually dismiss each table with a blessing.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” LSB #398
“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” LSB #590

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

BENEDICTION

L: And now, receive the blessing of our God:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor, and grant to you His peace.

ALL: Amen

THE CLOSING HYMN “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” LSB #400

POSTSERVICE MUSIC



Winter Whiteout Wednesdays

Zion Lutheran Church Youth & Family Gatherings at Boyne Highlands and Nubs Nob
Wednesday Nights in Jan.–Feb. 2022 | 6–9 PM

Zion's Board of Evangelism & Education invites you and your friends to join us this winter for weekly outdoor gatherings at Boyne Highlands and Nub's Nob. We will gather in the parking lot for a brief "tailgate" before heading to the slopes and trails for snow skiing, snowshoeing, or tubing. If you are interested in being a snack "host of the week" please contact Brian Horning or indicate in the online registration form. Adult supervision of minors is overseen by parents or arranged between families. Zion is not liable for minors during these events.

Schedule

January 5th & February 2nd Meet at Boyne Highlands

January 19th & February 16th Meet at Nub's Nob

6:00 PM Tailgate Gathering

- Meet in the Parking Lot
- Hot Cocoa, Water, Snacks, & Devotions Provided

6:30 PM Winter Whiteout Activities

- Night Skiing (Open until 9:00 PM)
- Snow Shoeing
- Snow Tubing (Boyne Highlands only)

** Scholarship funds are available for youth members needing financial assistance in order to participate in these events. Please contact Brian Horning to make a scholarship request. Cell: 231-622-1430. Email: bhorning@zionlutheranpetoskey.org*

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NEW MEMBER / 'LEARN ABOUT BEING LUTHERAN' CLASS

Pastor Peters would like to encourage anyone who is new to Zion over the last two years (COVID time, etc.) to please check their schedules, and hopefully join him for a New Member Class in the New Year!

Whether you're coming from a LCMS Lutheran background, or completely new to faith, it is our custom to ask you to attend such classes. Long-time members of Zion, and even folks who might just be curious about what we believe are VERY welcome as well!

We look forward to getting to know you better, and growing in faith together.

The plan is as follows:

5 Class Meetings with Pastor Peters

**Wednesday Nights, January 26 –
February 23, 2022**

7:00-8:30 pm*

**If the evening time is difficult or impossible, please talk to Pastor. If we have a group who needs to, we could have a duplicate class in the early afternoon as well.*



PLEASE RSVP your interest with the Church Office:

(231) 622-9210 office@zionlutheranpetoskey.org

*New Members from this class will be officially welcomed on
Sunday, Feb. 27th, Transfiguration Sunday*