

**January 7, 2024 - Baptism of Our Lord
Blended Worship Service**



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Welcome from Assisting Minister

*Please stand as you are able
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

My Life Is in You, Lord

Words and Music by
DANIEL GARDNER

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You; My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength; With all of my life, with all of my strength. (take 3rd ending)
All of my hope is in You. My

CHORUS
life is in You, Lord, my

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12 strength is in You, 13 Lord, my hope is in 14

15 You, Lord, in You, 16 it's in You; 17 My

18 life is in You, 19 Lord, my strength is in 20

You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in

24 You, it's in You. I will 2.3. 26

27 praise You with all of my life, 28 29 I will 30

31 praise You with all of my strength; 32 33 With 34

35 all of my life, 36 with all of my strength. 37 38

39 All of my hope is in You. My (take 3rd ending) 41

CHORUS 10

11 life is in You, Lord, my

12 strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in 14

15 You, Lord, in You, 16 it's in You; 17 My

18 life is in You, 19 Lord, my strength is in 20

You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in

24 You, it's in You. 2.3. 26

44 **CODA** 44 45 46

You, in You, it's in You, in

You, it's in You.

Congregation responses are in bold print

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

Amen. Come Holy God.

The Assisting Minister may speak the opening line.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

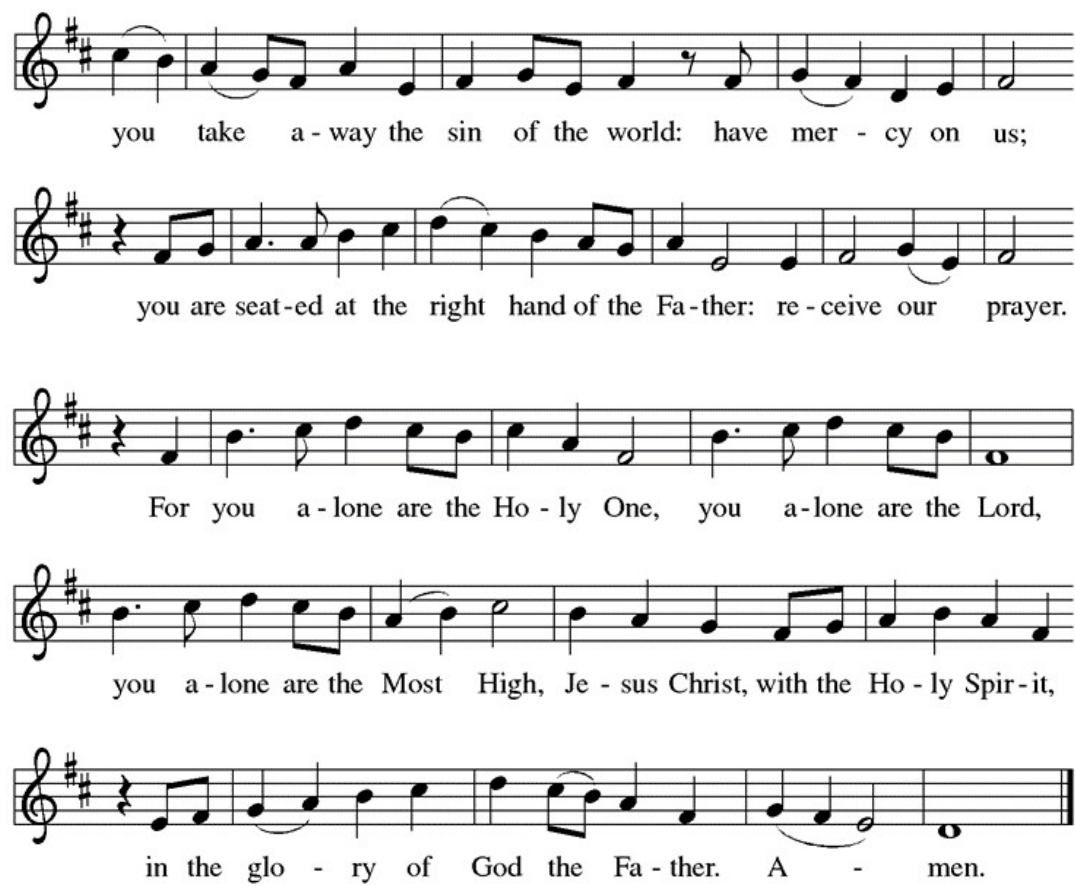


wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

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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.

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.

Let us pray.

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. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Genesis:

(Genesis 1:1-5, Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 1)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

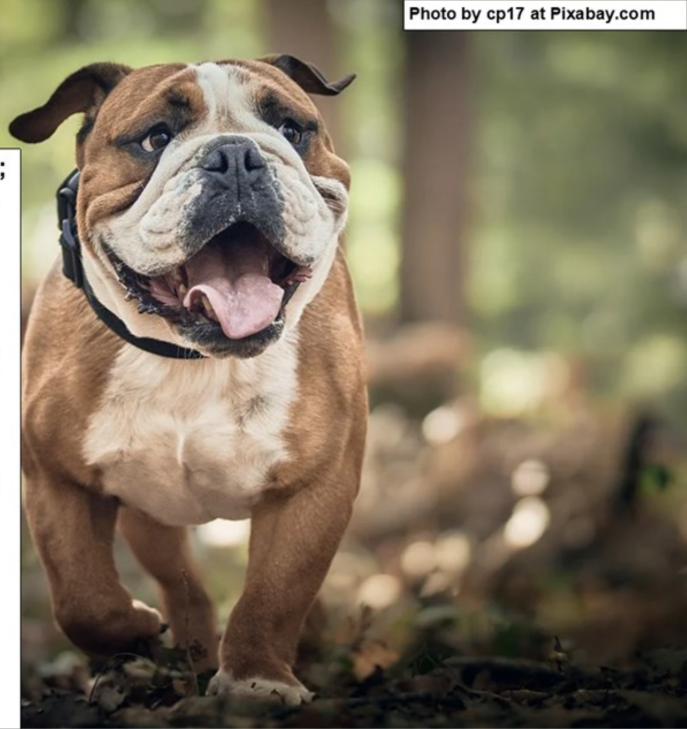
Thanks be to God

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

Psalm 29
Paraphrased by Pastor William

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Let's give credit where credit is due;
we can't live without you Lord.
You speak and the world reacts;
the seas are calm,
the winds slow down,
the earth is still.
Your voice booms across the earth;
the mountains rumble,
the trees shudder,
the sands ripple.
The sound of your voice brings joy;
the animals hear it,
they sing out,
they frolic and play.
Your power flows through us;
you give us life,
you give us strength,
you claim us as your own.



Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Words and Music by
DON MOE!

With worship ♩ = 67

1 *mf* 2
Bless - ed be the name _____ of the

3
Lord, He is wor - thy to be praised and a -

5 6
dored; So we lift up ho - ly hands in one ac -

7 8
cord, sing - ing, "Bless - ed be the name, —

9 10
bless - ed be the name, — bless - ed be the name _____ of the

11
Lord."

A reading from Acts:

(Acts 19:1-7 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 106)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God



f 13 14
Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, He is
15 15 16
wor - thy to be praised and a - dored; So we
17 17 18
lift up ho - ly hands in one ac - cord, sing - ing.
19 19 20
"Bless - ed be the name,— bless - ed be the name,—
21 21 22
bless - ed be the name of the Lord."

Please note, we do not stand for the Gospel when there is no communion

The holy gospel according to St. Mark
Glory to you, O Lord

(Mark 1:4-11, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 27)

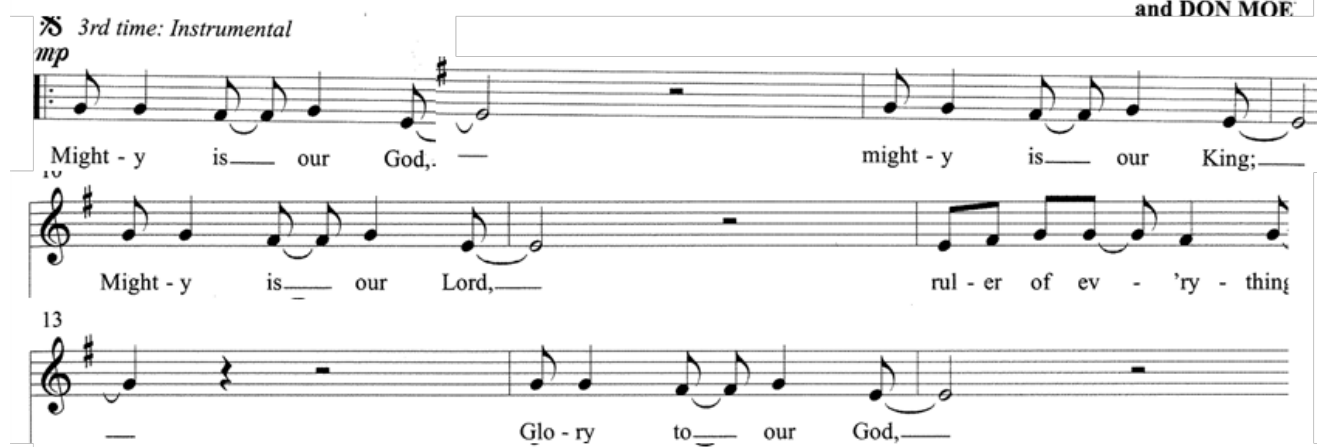
The reading concludes with:
The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Video Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Mighty Is Our God

Words and Music by
EUGENE GRECO, GERRIT GUSTAFSO
and DON MOE



3rd time: Instrumental
mp
Might - y is our God, — might - y is our King; —
Might - y is our Lord, — rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing
13
— Glo - ry to our God, —

6 16 17 18

glo - ry to our King; — Glo - ry to our Lord,

Sing all 3 times

— rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing. — His name is

high - er, — high - er than an - y oth - er name;

His pow'r is great - er, — for He has cre - at - ed ev -

- 'ry - thing. — Might - y is our God, —

3rd time to Coda

might - y is our King; — Might - y is our Lord, —

36 *mp* *3rd time, instrumental*

rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing. — Might - y is our God, —

— might - y is our King; —

10

Might - y is our Lord, — rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing

13

— Glo - ry to our God, —

6 16 17 18

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36

rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing. —

8

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

More Love, More Power

Words and Music by
JUDE DEL HIERRO

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "More love, more pow-er, more of You in my life. More love, more pow-er, more of You in my life. I will wor-ship You with all of my heart, I will wor-ship You with all of my mind, I will wor-ship You with all of my strength, for You are my Lord." The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and *1^o*, and performance instructions like "3rd time to Coda" and "1.". Handwritten numbers 6 through 20 are written above the notes to indicate measure numbers. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence for personal prayer

Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We thank you for giving Kay Davis to us to know and to love. Give her family and loved ones comforting peace,
and confidence in your promise of eternal life.

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together.
Johanna and Robert Henderson

Thank you for the life of our birthday sibling,
Bobbi Wilson

Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

22 D.S. al CODA 70
Yes, I will wor-ship You with all of my heart,—

4 14 15
I will wor-ship You with all of my mind,—

16 16 11
I will wor-ship You with all of my strength.

for You are my Lord.

23 CODA 24
You are my Lord.—

26 21
You are my Lord.

Mark 1:4-11
Stewardship Moment from Pastor William

Dwelling in a world created with love and entrusted to our care

Stewardship in the Gospel
Jesus is baptized and a voice from heaven claims his as Son, and not just any old son, but Beloved Son. God claims Jesus as God's own, God expresses pride and joy in God's kin.

Stewardship in our Community
God created all humanity in God's image, so we are all kin to God. Whether they believe it or not, our whole community is kin to God. It will make a difference in how people behave once they are treated and showed they are kin.

Stewardship in practice
Let's be deliberate in seeing everyone as kin – God's kin, and our kin. Let's look past that which divides us. Let's look closely to see the image of God in everyone we encounter. After-all, we are all related; we are all siblings in, and with, Christ.

The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

Let us pray.
Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

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.

Announcements

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace bless us now and forever.
Amen.

Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.

Shout to the Lord

Words and Mu:
DARLENE ZSCH

4 *mp* 5 6
My Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
7 8
Lord, there is none like You; All of my days
9 10
I want to praise the won - ders of Your
11 12
might - y love.
13 14
My Com - fort, my Shel - ter,
15 16
Tow - er of ref - uge and strength; Let ev - 'ry breath,
17 18
all that I am, nev - er cease to
19 20
wor - ship You.
21 22
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
24
pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King;

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25 Moun - tains bow down — and the seas — will roar — at the
 26
 27 sound — of Your name. — *2nd time to Coda* Coda symbol
 28
 29 I sing for joy — at the work of Your hands, — for
 30
 31 ev - er I'll love — You, for - ev - er I'll stand, —
 32
 33 noth - ing com - pares — to the prom - ise I have in You. — *mp*
 34
 35 *mp* *D.S. al CODA* Coda symbol
 36

mp
 My Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
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sound of Your
name.

I sing for joy at the work
of Your hands, for - ev - er I'll love You, for - ev -
er I'll stand, noth - ing com - pares to the prom -
ise I have in You,
noth - ing com - pares to the prom -
ise I have in You.

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We will, with God's help. Amen!

Please join in fellowship with a Coffee & Donut Social immediately following!

Postlude: *He is Exalted*

By: Twila Paris

Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

Mark 1:4-11
Gospel Message from Pr. William

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Why was Jesus baptized? He was without sin, so it can't be to wash away his sins. Some say it was so that he could relate to us, but wasn't it enough that he was born in human form? Maybe, just maybe, it was for the very reason we hear from that voice from heaven; "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus was claimed as God's Son. In our baptism, we too are claimed as God's children. Therefore, we can relate to God just as does Jesus; as God's child in whom God is well pleased.

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BIBLE STUDY

With Pastor William
Thursdays @ 9am

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible Adventure
Sundays
10:15am

Adult Christian Education
Sundays
10:15am

PRAYER REQUEST
Our team would love to pray for you.

We pray this week for The Family of Kay Davis, Mindy, Fran Gabe, Joe, Buddy Dick, Mollie, Betty, and those affected by wars.
Requests: Jayne Schrader at prayer@zion-nc.com

Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Not needed today
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Lisa Frock
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Reader: Laura Thompson
Trustees: Darlene Milavickas & Randy Elsass
Worship Leader: Jim Fidler
Flowers by: Moe Alters in loving memory of Joseph Alters

January 14, 2024 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Darlene Milavickas
Acolyte: Ava Medina
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach and Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Nikki Milek
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Randy Cizek
Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross
Flowers by: Carol Rossbach in loving memory of Barbara Kribbs

GAME TIME

Saturday, January 13
4pm
Bring family and friends for fun and fellowship!!

GAME TIME