

*Baptism of Our Lord, January 10, 2020*  
*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Gathering Hymn: Spirit of Gentleness** - With One Voice # 684 v. 1,2,3

**Refrain:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind wind on the sea.

**V2:** You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand  
And you goaded your people with law and a land;  
And when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through your prophets  
to open their eyes

**V1:** You moved on the waters, you called to the deep  
Then you coaxed up the mountains  
From the valleys of sleep  
And over the eons you called to each thing  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings”

**V3:** You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
Then you whispered in silence  
When the whole world was still;  
And down in the city you called once again,  
When you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind

**Welcome and Announcements**

January Mission: **Care Partners of Cook County**

**Opening Hymn: Arise, Your Light Has Come** - With One Voice # 652 v. 1-4

**V1:** Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today

**V3:** Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn

**V2:** Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.

**V4:** Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

**Confession & Forgiveness** - From With One Voice

*P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another  
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

*P: Gracious God,*

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*

**C: Amen.**

## **Psalm 29: (NKJV)**

*Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones,  
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.  
Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name;  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
The God of glory thunders;  
The Lord is over many waters.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,  
Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.*

*He makes them also skip like a calf,  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth,  
And strips the forests bare;  
And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"  
The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood,  
And the Lord sits as King forever.  
The Lord will give strength to His people;  
The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

## **Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11 (NIV)**

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

*For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.*

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

## **Gospel: Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)**

*And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

*At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."*

**Message: "This Week"** - Pastor Daren Blanck

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

*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*

### Apostle's Creed

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

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

### Words of Institution & Communion

*You are encouraged to bring your own bread and grape juice or another natural fruit juice if you do not have grape juice. If you bring wine, please be aware of open bottle laws in Minnesota. If you are joining us at home, please use your own bread or crackers and wine or juice.*

### Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body - Worship & Praise # 111

**Refrain:** *One bread, one body,  
One Lord of all;*

*One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

**V1:** *Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more.*

**V2:** *Many the gifts, many the works,  
One in the Lord of all.*

**V3:** *Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one for all.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Closing Hymn & Benediction: Spirit Song - Worship & Praise # 130

*Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love,  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,*

*and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your  
life and make you whole.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

**Sending Hymn: By Grace We Have Been Saved** - Worship & Praise # 25 v. 1,2,5

**V1:** *By grace we have been saved through faith  
and not by keeping law.  
God's saints believed by what they heard  
and not by what they saw.*

**V2:** *For all have sinned and fallen short.  
God's plan not one obeyed.  
Ghrist has for all fulfilled the law.  
Believe, confess, be saved.*

**V5:** *Set free, we now have peace with God.  
Salvation is secured.  
How beautiful the feet of those  
Who share this gospel word.*

**Refrain:** *Oh, how I love Jesus!  
Oh, how I love Jesus!  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Because he first loved me.*

**Sending**

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

***Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia.***

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