

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

**235 Pond Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492**

Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Hass

Organist: Sandy Mehinovic

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**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 9 & 10, 2021**

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**Welcome**

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1): sky, waters, ground, sun, moon, stars; plants, animals, people. Then God rested. So welcome to this time for rest and worship.

**Prayer Before Worship**

Lord, thank You for the gifts of baptism when You claim us, as You claimed Jesus, as Your beloved. Amen.

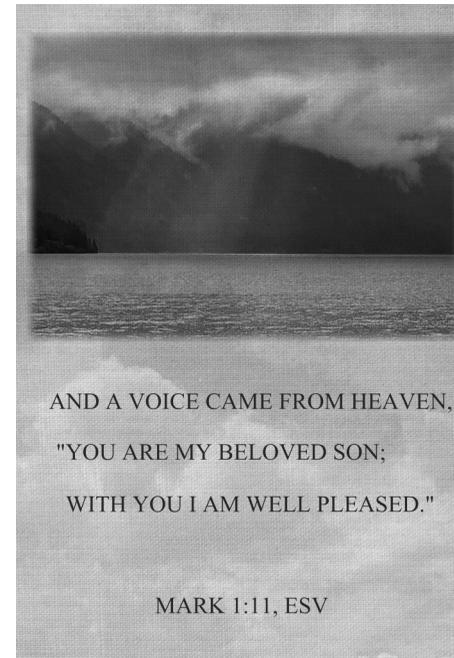
**The Altar Flowers**

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rick and Tracy Becker in honor of Ricky's 17th birthday.

**The Eternal Light**

The Eternal Light is lit this week by Debbie Moro in memory of Mary LaBree.

**Theme: "Blessings in the Water"**



In the beginning, at creation "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:2). In the same way, "the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ" (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism. Jesus came and was baptized by John. Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well

pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are "united with him in a death like his" (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

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**OUR WORSHIP TO THE LORD**

We are now encouraging people to worship with us in our Sanctuary which is large enough to accommodate us while maintaining a social distance.

**Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Holy Communion**

Liturgy & Hymns: Insert

**Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Indoors**

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