



The Divine Service

The Baptism of Our Lord
Divine Service, Setting Three

Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

Give ear to my words, O Lord. Consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies – make straight your way before me. Let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

Psalm 5:1-3, 8, 11

So we should learn to understand baptism and cherish it, because it contains the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [...] They are there in the water to purify us from sin and death.

Whoever is in sin, stick them in the baptism[al water], and their sin will be extinguished. Whoever is in death, stick them in the baptism[al water], and death will be swallowed up. For baptism has divine power, the power to break sin and death. That's why we are baptized. If later we fall into error or sin, we have not thereby demolished our baptism; we return to it, and say, "God has baptized me, plunged me into the baptism[al water] of his Son, of the Father and the Holy Spirit. There I return, and I trust that my baptism will take away my sin—not for my sake, but for the sake of the man Christ, who instituted it."

Martin Luther, "This is my Son, the Beloved," Sermon on the Baptism of Jesus," January 6, 1534

January 12, 2020 ✠ 10:30 A.M.

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



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THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

Kyrie! God, Father *LSB 942*

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20

- P** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
- C** **I have found David, my | servant,***
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.
- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
- C** **He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,***
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”
- P** And I will make him the | firstborn,*
the highest of the kings | of the earth.
- C** **My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,***
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.
- C** **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.
- P** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
- C** **I have found David, my | servant,***
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17

The Old Testament reading for The Baptism of Our Lord is from Joshua, the third chapter.

Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'" . . .

"And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 72:18-19

P Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C Blessèd be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:26-31

The Epistle reading is from First Corinthians, the first chapter.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord *LSB 406 v.1-3*

Sermon

Sub, Please! *Matthew 3:13-17*

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Sit

Offering

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

Stand



Because we are healed by the wounds of Jesus, we can find comfort and even joy in our own wounds.

Brian Wolfmueller, *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World*, p.121

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, [...] Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



Distribution

We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the Pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?

Those communing this day are invited to pray the following:

Prayer Before Receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has done for me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the Distribution of the Sacrament

The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessings. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord *LSB 405 v.4-6*
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *LSB 686*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 200</i>
Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 201</i>
Salutation	<i>LSB 201</i>
Benedicamus	<i>LSB 202</i>
Benediction	<i>LSB 202</i>

Sit

Recessional Hymn

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord *LSB 407*

Life Together

Pray as You Go

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Liturgy of the Hours

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Susan Colles

ACOLYTE

Tatum Rion

USHERS

Joe Villalobos

Rusty Dorn

Chuck Campbell (A)

ALTAR GUILD

Wanda Choate

Delores McDaniel

ELDER

Earl Schrock

TRUSTEE

Don Paul Choate

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Angela Waldo

Chyral Sims

Tanya Schroeder

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY
JANUARY 19, 2020

ACOLYTE

Alivia Waldo

ORGANIST

Dennis Steuber



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Persecuted Christians in:

Morocco
Brunei
Tunisia
Qatar
Mexico

Partner Church

The Independent Evangelical
Lutheran Church of Germany

Comfort, Health, and

Recovery

Gary Daniels
Tom Harms
Rick Shott
Rev. Herb Swanson
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)
Glenda Schrock
Carson Brown (*friend of the Villalobos family*)
Dianne McKissack (*boss of Nikki Dorn*)
Lander Duvall (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Lance Spence (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)
Marie Heiser
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Charlotte Hottinger
Cynde Goodman (*mother of Jeff Rion*)
Peggy Carter (*grandmother of Joshua Ralston*)

Mikel Frasier (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Julie Buchy (*friend of Tony Waldo*)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Joyce Boswell
Betty Bocksnick
Gwen Hale
Helen Rick
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Regina Steuber
Lawrence Steuber

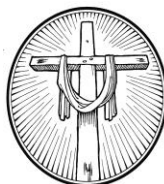
Catechumens

Emory Kuretsch
Emmett Schlittenhart
Isabella Schroeder
Tatum Rion
Gavin Rion
Alison Waldo
Alivia Waldo
Chance Paylor

Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers
Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Christopher Stocking
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution,
contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.*



ZION Life Together



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 12, 2020

THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 01/05/2020

Present in Worship: 44

Children's Sunday School: 5

Adult Sunday School: 7

General Offering: \$2,800

Katie Whorton Memorial: 6,845.78

Weekly Budget Offering Needed: \$2,480

OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

"FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."

Matthew 10:8b

INSTALLMENT OF CHURCH OFFICERS

All church officers, both new and current, will be installed next Sunday, January 19th. Make sure to be here for this important rite.

CATECHUMENATE RESUMES TODAY

Don't forget that Catechumenate class resumes today right after Divine Service.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

Currently in Adult Bible Study, we are studying the Word of God in all its' functions in our Divine Service. We're learning how God comes down to serve us in His Word, how we are to regard God's Word, and much more! Come to Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. to find out more!

COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The UAMS Geriatric Education Collaborative will be hosting "Understanding Opioids & Non-Opioid Pain Management Alternatives" January 14th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Crow Mountain Baptist church. For more information please visit www.agec.uams.edu.

THRIVENT LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 9TH

Mark your calendar now for an informative luncheon about Thrivent Financial Services. Representatives will be here to explain the products they offer and answer any questions you may have

ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday † January 12

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

Monday † January 13

Tuesday † January 14

Wednesday † January 15

Thursday † January 16

Friday † January 17

- 4:00 p.m. Pack Food Pantry boxes

Saturday † January 18

- 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Sunday † January 19

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SKATE PARTY

There will be a skate party for the congregation on January 25th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Skate Station in Russellville. Invite friends and family for a good time! Food and drinks will be served.

ADULT INSTRUCTION

Adult Instruction is a 10-week catechetical class which goes through Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism. If you are an adult, and seek membership at Zion, talk to Pastor about this class. If you are able to make it, classes will be held on Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. beginning January 16th, skipping January 23rd, and ending on March 26th.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

Are you looking for something to enhance your devotional life? The Lutheran Witness is a monthly Lutheran journal which is designed to shape Christian thought and strengthen faith. If you are interested in a subscription, let Pastor know by January 26th. A subscription is \$15 per year (April 1st – March 31st),

BULLETIN INFORMATION?

Please contact Phyllis Campbell by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning to have your "blurb" in the upcoming bulletin.

Call/text: 501-725-1418

Email: officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com

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**If calling for a Pastoral Emergency,
contact Pastor Ralston directly:**

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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN RADIO

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