



Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

Baptism of Our Lord

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*Merciful God,
Who sent Thy
messengers the
prophets to preach
repentance and
prepare the way for
our salvation; Give
us grace to heed
their warnings and
forsake our sins,
that we may greet
with joy the coming
of Jesus Christ our
Redeemer; Who
lives and reigns with
You and the Holy
Spirit, one God now
and for ever. Amen.*

Book of Common
Prayer (1977)

Baptism is an indispensable instrument in the soul's healing and an essential tool for every physician of souls. Pastors baptize a person only once, but the significance of this watery grave for sin continues every day. For the rest of that person's earthly life he or she daily returns to that washing by contrition and repentance so the old Adam continually dies each day and a new person regularly emerges and arises to live before God in Christ's own righteousness and true holiness. So by faithful, patient teaching, by his own example, and through his prayer and blessing a pastor teaches the baptized faithful to "remember their baptism" by daily repentance and baptismal living.

Baptism thus forms the hinge of the new life in Christ. In many ways, the cure of souls is always an ongoing baptismal therapy; the pastor applies one aspect or another of Christ's magnificent baptismal gifts to souls burdened with guilt or broken by hurt and shame. At the heart and center of baptism lies the remission of all sins in the shed blood of Jesus: remission for sins we've committed against God and sins others have committed against us.

Though baptism is a one-time event, such remission meets our collective ongoing need for spiritual health and healing. The forgiveness of sins is the daily bread and butter of every baptized soul.

Harold L. Senkbeil,
The Care of Souls, p. 101-102

January 10, 2021

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!



Responsive Prayer II

Opening Hymn

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
 △ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Opening Versicles

LSB 285

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
 - C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
 - L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 - C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7

- L** Lord, you were favorable to your land;
 you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C** You forgave the iniquity of your people;
 you covered all their sin.
- L** You withdrew all your wrath;
 you turned from your hot anger.

C Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

L Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

C Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

L Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

C Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

L Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

C Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

L Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

C Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

L Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Prayer of the Church

Kyrie

LSB 285

- L** O Lord,
C have mercy.
L O Christ,
C have mercy.
L O Lord,
C have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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 T everlasting. Amen.

Versicles

LSB 286

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
L Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
L Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
L For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.
L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever.
L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Benedicamus

LSB 287

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Blessing

LSB 287

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from
Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Central African Republic
Algeria
Turkmenistan
Mali
Mauritania

Partner Church

The Lutheran Church of
Venezuela

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)
Glenda Schrock
Bob Allen
Susan Allen
David Knoerschild
Peggy Flatt (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Angela Jones (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)
Janice Conley (*friend of Delores McDaniel*)
Bo Rowe
Barbara Smith
Astasha Lamar
John Kuretsch

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Betty Bocksnick
Nettie Grant
Gwen Hale
Tom Harms
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Helen Rick
Glenda Schrock
Lawrence Steuber

Catechumens

Emmett Schlittenhart
Gavin Rion
Tatum Rion
Alison Waldo
Alivia Waldo
Chance Paylor

Serving in the armed forces

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

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

ZION Life Together



The Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2021

The Fruits of Our Faith 1/03/2021

Present in Worship: 22

Adult Sunday School: NA

Children's Sunday School: NA

Offering (12/27):

General: \$1,830

Food Pantry: \$250

Weekly Budget Offering Needed: \$2,620

Prayer Requests

In efforts to keep current with those in need of prayer, we will keep names on the Prayers of the Church list on a 4-week rotation. If someone needs to be put back onto the prayer list, email Pastor Ralston at rev.jralston@gmail.com or Phyllis Campbell at officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com.

Praise the Lord with Flowers

The 2021 Altar Flower Chart is now ready for you to select a Sunday or special service to place flowers on the altar. Thank and praise the Lord by remembering a loved one, celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or another special day, or just for all that God has done for you. If you need assistance with getting the flowers, talk with Susan Colles.

The flowers today are given by the Ralston's in honor of their god-daughter's baptismal birthday.

Special Voters Meeting Today

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, a voters meeting will be held today in between services to vote on the following motion concerning district conventions for 2021:

Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019-2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023? [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc.).]

Offering

If you are not able to attend church, we still encourage you to send in your tithes. Send your offerings to the following church PO Box address:

Zion Lutheran Church
PO Box 327
Dover, AR 72837

Pick-up pre-stamped envelopes in the back.

Council Meeting Change

The scheduled Council Meeting for Monday, January 11th will be moved to Monday, January 25th at 6:00 PM.



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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 11:45 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).

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