



Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

The Baptism of Our Lord

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*Almighty God,
be merciful to
me, a sinner.
Burn my chaff,
but quench my
sinful passions
in the daily
washing of
Holy Baptism.
Amen.*

*The Lutheran Study
Bible, p. 1582*

The Atonement is specifically located in the death of Jesus, but the work of atonement permeates all His life. Within and through His sufferings the Atonement or the propitiatory sacrifice is offered. The removing of demons and the healing of illnesses is seen by Matthew (Mt) as a fulfillment of the substitutionary work of Isaiah's Suffering Servant (53:4): "He has taken our sicknesses and carried our diseases." Though in other places, especially John's gospel, the miracles are the manifestation of God's glory in Jesus, here Jesus heals because as the sin bearer He has removed sin from mankind and with sin He has taken away illnesses which are the result of sin. This parallels the greeting of the Baptist, "Behold, the Lamb of God," who carries the weight of this world's sins (Jn). Jesus not only carries sin, but also destroys its effects among men throughout His life; yet the sacrificial offering is limited to the hour of the Atonement. He leads a sacrificial life, but the sacrifice is accomplished in His death.

David P. Scaer, Christology, p. 70

January 9, 2022 † 10:00 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 *bold 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!

Divine Service, Setting Three

The Preparation

Processional Hymn

O Savior of Our Fallen Race

LSB 403

Stand

Invocation

LSB 184

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.
I have found David, my | servant;*
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.
- C** 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.
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.
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.
I have found David, my | servant;*
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

Old Testament Reading

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

The Old Testament Reading for The Baptism of Our Lord is from the 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 72:8-19

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 I 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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

Sermon

Credible Sources

Matthew 3:13-17

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.



Conceal yourself in Jesus crucified, and hope for nothing except that all men be thoroughly converted to his will.

Paul of the Cross, in *Quotable Saints*, p. 62

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface

LSB 194

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The 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 invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis before communing. 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.

Communion Hymn	<i>Salvation Unto Us Has Come</i>	<i>LSB 555</i>
Communion Hymn	<i>Jesus Remember Me</i>	<i>LSB 767</i>
<i>Rise</i>		
Nunc Dimittis		<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving		<i>LSB 200</i>
Post-Communion Collect		<i>LSB 201</i>
Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction		
<i>Sit</i>		
Recessional Hymn	<i>Baptized into Your Name Most Holy</i>	<i>LSB 590</i>

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Turkey
China
Ethiopia
Tajikistan
Indonesia

Partner Church

China Evangelical Lutheran
Church

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Landell Aday (*friend of Greg Kremers*)
Jeff White (*friend of Tanya Schroeder*)
Cristi Evans (*friend of Tanya Schroeder*)
Tami Robinson (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)
Molly Wiley (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)
Mildred Greathouse (*grandmother of Tony
Waldo*)
Ruby Sheely (*mother of Linda Shott*)
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Toby Baldwin
Kabria Dorn
Patti Ward
Rick Shott
Earl Schrock
Keith Olson (*nephew of Linda Shott*)
Beverly Lynch (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Lilly Snody (*friend of Alivia Waldo*)

Diane Caple (*sister-in-law of Eunice Lamar*)
Mike Shumake (*son-in-law of the Choates*)

Homebound

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

Catechumens

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

Serving in the armed forces

Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Dale Ozment
Hunter Greenfield
Abigail Manuel

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

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Serving in the Divine Service

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

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USHERS

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Delores McDaniel, Wanda Choate

ELDER

Jeff Schlittenhart

TRUSTEE

Tony Waldo

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Randy LaMar, Tanya Schroeder,
Phyllis Campbell, Chuck Campbell

ZION Life Together



The Baptism of Our Lord January 9, 2022

The Fruits of Our Faith 01/02/2022

Worship Attendance: 44

Adult Sunday School: 11

Children's Sunday School: 9

High School: 0

General Fund: \$ 2,267.00

Food Pantry: \$ 50.00

Weekly Need: \$ 2,870.00

LWML Meeting

The monthly LWML meeting will be this Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend.

Adult Sunday School Class

Now that we've finished our study on the Augsburg Confession, we're moving back to our study on the book of Matthew! Continue to review chapters 1-7, so that at the start of the new year, you can jump right in with the rest of the class!

Altar Guild Meeting!

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Saturday, January 15th at 9:00 AM. We'll review some items, as well as train some new folks! If you'd like to help with Altar Guild and help out this next year, let Pastor or Delores McDaniel know!

Church Mailbox Update

New names have been placed on the church mailboxes. Please check yours and make sure your name is spelled correctly. If corrections need to be made or if someone was accidentally not given a mailbox, please let Phyllis Campbell know ASAP.

Church Information Update

Please get your green form with your updated information back to either Pastor or Phyllis as soon as possible! If you have misplaced your form, there are more in the Narthex.

Confirmation Resumes!

Next week on Wednesday, January 12th, we are going to resume classes. Bring all your work to class (Discussion Quiz 6 on Baptism and Discussion Quiz 3 on Lord's Prayer).

Catechumenate

Adult Catechumenate classes resume after church downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. New faces are always invited to join in!

Children's Sunday School Take Home Paper

Parents, don't forget to pick up a Sunday School paper in the Narthex. It is a great way to reinforce what your child learned in Sunday School!



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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 9:00 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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