

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, January 10, 2021

### RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

AsintendedbyChristandaspracticedbytheone,holy,catholicandapostolicchurchthroughouthetherhistory,  
"ClosedCommunion"isobservedinthiscongregation,inwhichtheLord'sSupperisdistributedonlytothose:

- (a) who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) whohavebeeninstructedinthetruthofHolyScriptureastaughtintheLutheranConfessions, whohavebeenconfirmedinthisLutheranfaith,andwhonowconfessthesamedoctrinesthat aretaughtinthiscongregation,holdingmembershipinacongregationoftheLutheranChurch-Missouri Synod;
- (c) whobelievethatinthissacramenttherealbodyandbloodofChristaretrulydistributedto themandorallyreceivedbythem,bestowingonthemtheforgivenessofsins,lifeandsalva- tion;
- (d) whosincerelyrepentofalltheirsins,anddesiretoreceiveGod'sforgivenessinthisholymeal.

Guestsatourservices,beforereceivingthesacrament,arerequestedtoaffirmthesefactswithoneofour pastors.Thankyouforhonoringourpractice.Ifyouarelookingforachurchhome,wouldliketobeamember ofZion,orwouldliketolearnmoreabouttheChristianFaith,pleasespeaktooneofourpastorsaboutour membership classes.

✠ = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross

When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you!* ..... **And also with you!**

[ Rise ] **Invocation**

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ Kneel ]

*Our help is in the name of the Lord ..... Who made heaven and earth.  
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. .... And You forgave the  
iniquity of my sin.*

*O almighty God, merciful Father, ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

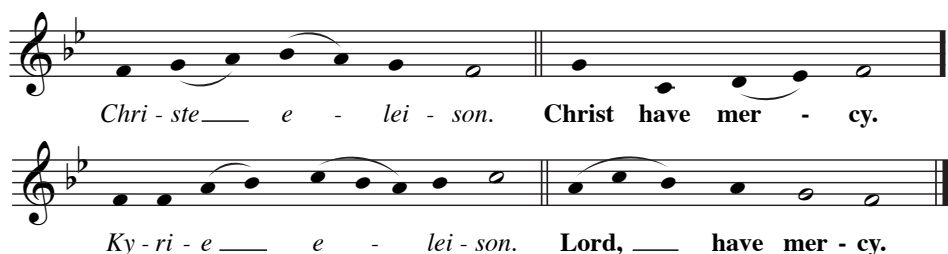
*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.*

**Entrance Hymn ..... God's Own Child ..... Burgundy Hymn 594**

**Kyrie**

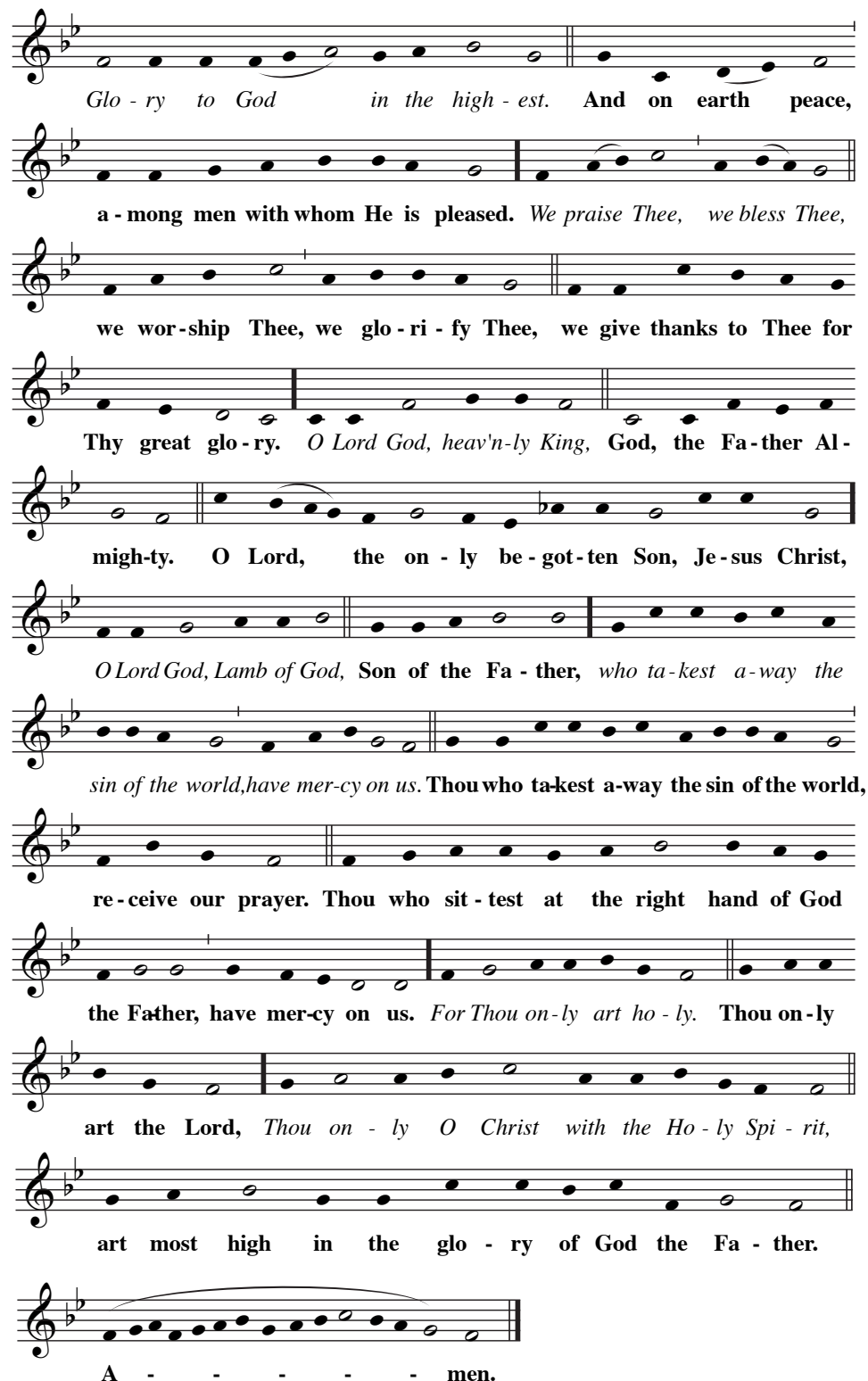




Chri - ste — e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e — e - lei - son. Lord, — have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,

a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for

Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa - ther Al -

migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,

re - ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God

the Father, have mer - cy on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly. Thou on - ly

art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - - - - - men.

## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the First Sunday after Epiphany:** *Father in heaven, as at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You once proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, make all who are baptized in His Name faithful in their calling to be Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever:*



A ——— men!

[ Be Seated ]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

**Old Testament Reading**..... **Genesis 1:1-5**

[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Romans 6:1-11**

[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

[ Rise and face the Processional Cross for the Gospel Procession. ]

**Alleluia Sequence** ..... **We Know That Christ Is Raised ... Burgundy Hymn 603**

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Mark 1:4-11**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

[ Bow ] **And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen!**

[ Be Seated ]

**Hymn of the Day** ..... **To Jordan Came** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 406**

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanza 3; Women alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5, 6, & 7. ]

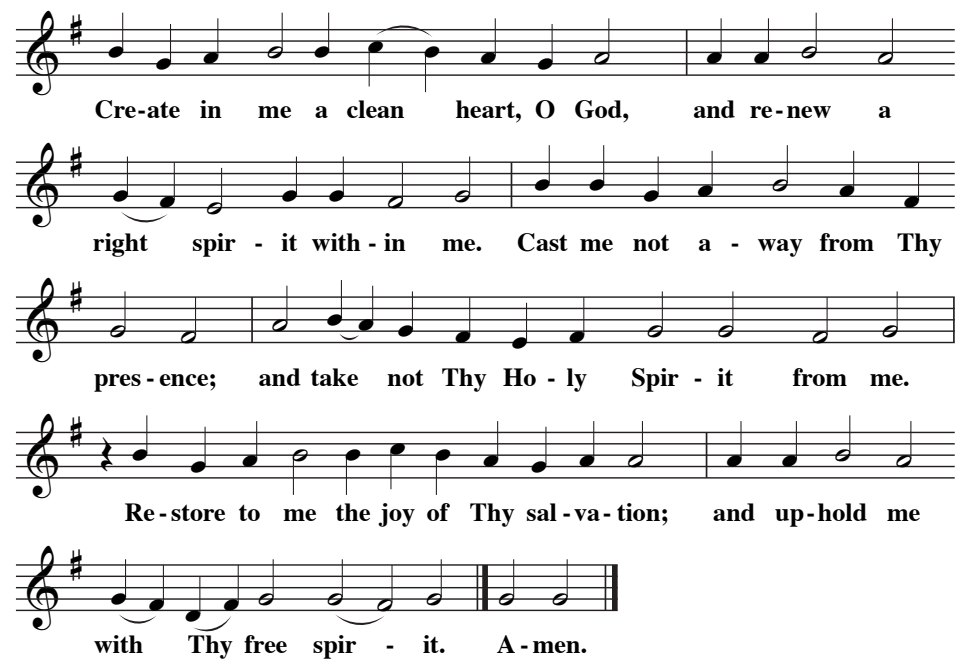
## Sermon

[ Rise ] **Prayer of the Church**

*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... Hear our prayer.  
[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... Amen.*

[ Be Seated ] **Offerings, Voluntary**

[ Rise ] **Offertory Hymn ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy  
pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me  
with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+ **The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar** +

**Preface**

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*



And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

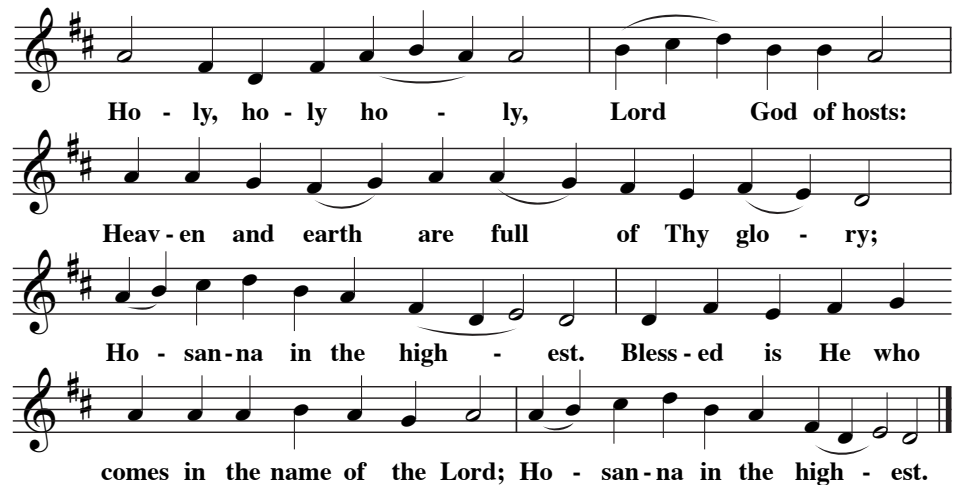
*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface for the Baptism of our Lord, Sanctus**


*It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:*




Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:  
Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

[ Pastor chants: ] *Our Father who art in heaven; . . . . . but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry



for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.


**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*




A - men.

**Agnus Dei**



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,



Stanzas 1 and 2 Stanza 3

have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns ..... Songs of Thankfulness ..... Burgundy Hymn 394**

**All Christians Who ..... Burgundy Hymn 596**


[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanza 3; Women alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6. ]

**To Jordan's River ..... Burgundy Hymn 405**

[ Rise ] **Eucharistic Benediction**


*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

**Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis**




1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.

2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



3. a Light to light—en the Gen—tiles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo—ple Is - - - ra-el.



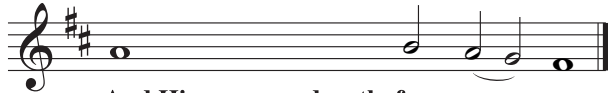
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



5. As it \_\_\_\_ was in the  
beginning, is  
now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Post Communion Rite**

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



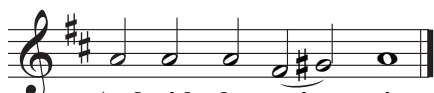
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ...now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A-men, A-men, A - men.

*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

**Recessional Hymn ..... Mark How the Lamb ..... Burgundy Hymn 600**

**Postlude**

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# **Readings for the First Sunday after the Epiphany**

## **The Baptism of our Lord**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### **The Epistle is Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **The Gospel is Mark 1:4-11**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



# **Hymns for the First Sunday after the Epiphany**

## **The Baptism of our Lord**

### **LSB594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

**Erdmann Neumeister**

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1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
5. There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

### **LSB603 We Know That Christ Is Raised**

**John B. Geyer**

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1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;  
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in His saving death.  
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

## LSB406 To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord

Martin Luther

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1. To Jordan came the Christ, Our Lord, To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.
2. O hear and mark the message well, For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows Pure water, freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows Our kinship while bestowing  
The Baptism of His blessing.
- M 3. These truths on Jordan's banks were shown By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heaven came down, Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My beloved Son, In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear and Him alone, And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."
- W 4. There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove Upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us, With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain us.
5. To His disciples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:  
Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission  
And heav'nly bliss inherit."
6. But woe to those who cast aside This grace to freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide And to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail, Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail, And they are lost forever.  
Eternal death their portion.
7. All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing.  
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

## **LSB394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

**Christopher Wordsworth**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

## **LSB596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

**Paul Gerhardt**

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1. All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
2. You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.
- M 3. But all of that was washed away—Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.

- W 4. In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.
5. O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.
6. So use it well! You are made new—In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

### **LSB405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

**James P. Tiefel**

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1. To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
2. The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.
3. As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.
4. Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases 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.

**LSB600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering**     Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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1. Mark how the Lamb of God's self-off'ring  
Our human sinfulness takes on  
In the birth-waters of the Jordan  
As Jesus is baptized by John.  
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders,  
"Lo, this is My beloved Son."  
See how in dove-like form the Spirit  
Descends on God's Anointed One.
2. From this assurance of God's favor  
Jesus goes to the wilderness,  
There to endure a time of testing  
That readied Him to teach and bless.  
So we, by water and the Spirit  
Baptized into Christ's ministry,  
Are often led to paths of service  
Through mazes of adversity.
3. Grant us, O God, the strength and courage  
To live the faith our lips declare;  
Bless us in our baptismal calling;  
Christ's royal priesthood help us share.  
Turn us from ev'ry false allegiance,  
That we may trust in Christ alone:  
Raise up in us a chosen people  
Transformed by love to be Your own.

# First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord



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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)

Teachers:

Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,

Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill

John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

## **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary all back at school,
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, Marq Rogers, Nikki Wideman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Jerry Seifert, Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed, especially Caroline & Albert Manth
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

## **IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl and Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Caroline and Albert Manth by Jennifer Manth. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## **CALENDAR**

### **January 10, 2020 thru January 16, 2020**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>	6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting	Virtual maybe
<b>TUES.</b>	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	New Life Lutheran
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS</b>	5:30 PM	Advisory Council on Diversity	CLHS
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **January 17, 2020**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
		Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** The Doctor is in! Not Lucy Van Pelt, not for psychiatric help, not even for a nickel, but Dr. Voelz is back for the education hour today in Bauer Hall with the right appropriate amount of social distancing. Grab a Bible from the rack (or bring your own) and learn about the Gospel according to St. Mark.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY** will be held after the Divine Service on January 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be reports, but also important business to take care of: voting whether we should delay the Synod Convention a year, preparing for our District Convention this year (in case the Synod Convention is not delayed), selecting our Lay Delegate, making nominations for officers and committees, etc.

**HELP WANTED:** Altar Guild is looking for ladies to help out with the care of the altar and chancel during 2021. If interested, please contact DaVanna Seifert at 260-494-0803.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up (they're on a table in the basement). See Julie Ganaway if you have questions.

**FYI:** Giving statements are available now. Please see Julie Ganaway at her table until January 24<sup>th</sup>. Any remaining statements will be mailed out by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**DON'T FORGET** about the flower chart. Fill it up.

**PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES,** there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

**CTSFW SYMPOSIA** are on for January 19-22, but they're virtual. You can learn more by going to [www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/symposia/](http://www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/symposia/)

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** Allen County remains in orange. Our daily positives have made a small turn upward, perhaps the post-holiday "surge," but they're not bad. Today's positivity rate is 10.4% — that's good — but the seven-day average is 14.3%. That's a bit better than the state as a whole, but we could surge up into red territory easily. We need to take our metric down from 2.5 to 2. Let's do our part. Our area hospital census has gone down significantly from its high, but ICU bed availability is really low, only 12.9% of ICU beds are available. That remains a concern. No additional word on vaccines. You may want to read my Voice article that includes a section on the moral use of the COVID vaccines. Right now the vaccines available (Pfizer and Moderna) are minimally objectionable, and, I argue, is the lesser of two evils. Let's continue to stay safe in church; follow our protocols. The finish line is in sight. Let's run the race to the finish with both ourselves and our neighbors in mind.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week it is salvation by grace through faith ... from Joel — Joel 2:32 "And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls." Last week's verse was Matthew 1:21.

**A HOPE CENTER'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET** When: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 6:30 pm; Where: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum; What: Join us for an evening of ministry updates, fellowship, and an inspirational message from our guest speaker. Registration opens on Friday, Feb. 1, 2021.

**LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PROGRAMMING** You can listen to Issues, Etc. live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or on the LPR mobile app or to KFUO at [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org).

**WATCH WORSHIP ANEW** every Sunday on Fort Wayne, Indiana - WISE 33 (CW) channel - Sunday 6:30 A.M.



## For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

**God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses** who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

### Morning Prayer

Mark 1:4-11

Romans 3:1-18

Romans 3:19-31

Romans 4:1-25

Romans 5:1-21

Romans 6:1-23

Romans 7:1-20

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The First Sunday after Epiphany

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Genesis 1:1-5

Ezekiel 33:1-20

Ezekiel 34:1-24

Ezekiel 36:13-28

Ezekiel 36:33-37:14

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Ezekiel 38:1-23

## THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

**The Our Father**

## TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Jesus' Preaching Begun at His Baptism

*"He came to his own people and his own did not receive him"* [John 1:11].

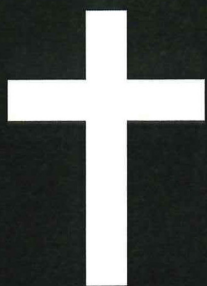
These words ... are spoken concerning the coming of [Christ's] preaching, and not concerning his birth. For his "coming" is his preaching and illumining. As the Baptist says in Matthew 3[:11], Luke 3[:16], Mark 1[:7], and John 1[:27]: "There is one who will come after me whose shoes I am not worthy to untie." It is on account of this "coming" that St. John is called his forerunner. As Gabriel says in Luke 1[:17] to Zechariah, John's father: "He will go before him and prepare his way." For, as said above, the gospels begin with Christ; after his baptism he began to be the light and to do the things for which he had come. Therefore he now says: "He came to his own people right in the midst of the world, and they did not accept him." If this were not said of his coming to give light through his preaching and shining, then he would not castigate them so for not having accepted him. Who could know that it was he, had he not been revealed? Therefore they are guilty for not accepting him because he came and was revealed by John and by himself. Therefore John also says in John 1[:3]: "For this reason I have come and am baptizing with water, so that he might be revealed in Israel." And he, himself, in John 5[:43] says: "I have come in my Father's name and you have not accepted me. Another one will come in his own name, and him you will accept." This, too, is clearly said concerning the arrival of the preaching and revelation.

*Luther's Works, 52:73-4.*

## **Zion Stay-Safe Protocols**

- ✿ Indiana metrics are getting better. Vaccines will soon be available for us all. Don't let your guard down!
- ✿ It's a county by county response to the virus. Allen County is back in the orange!
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
  - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
  - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Be aware; spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ Continue to wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. Fist bumps or forearm bumps, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin and texts home after service or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.

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