Zion Lutheran Church



January 10th, 2021 **The Baptism of our Lord**



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

Opening Hymn – All Christians Who Have Been Baptized #596

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.

- 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!

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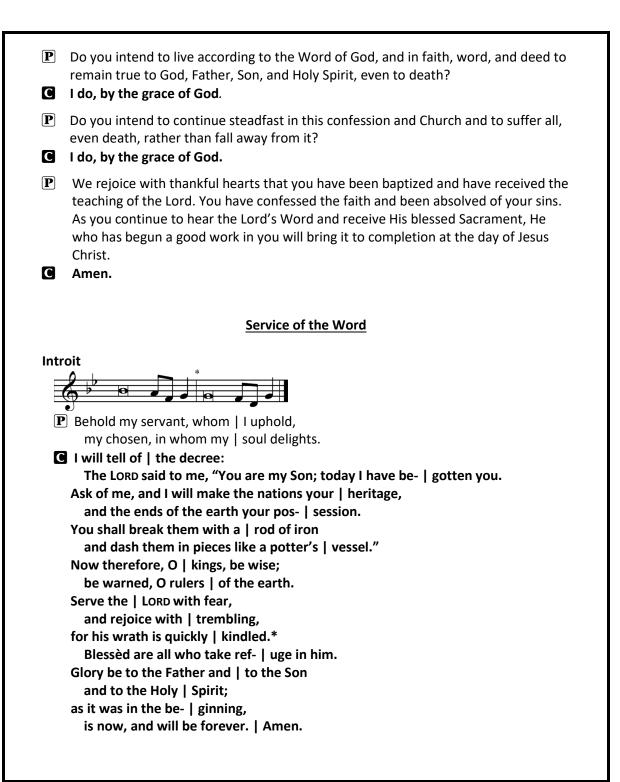
Remembrance of Baptism

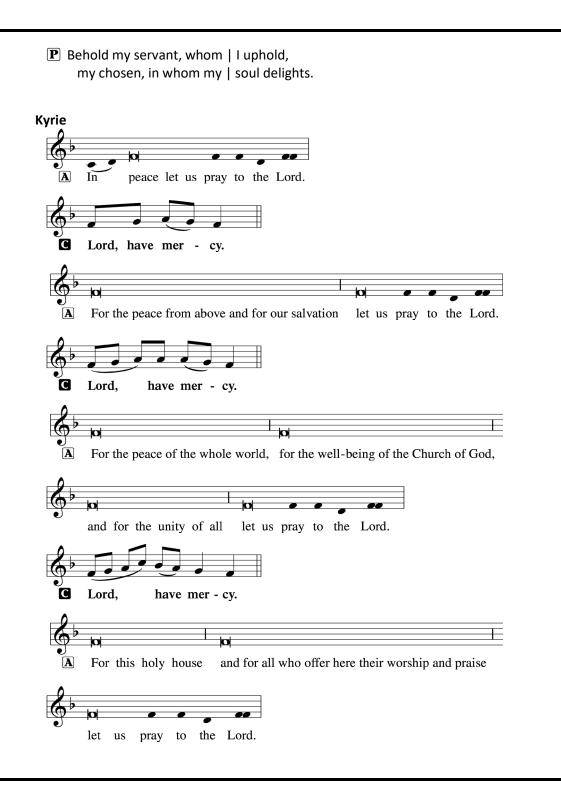
Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who

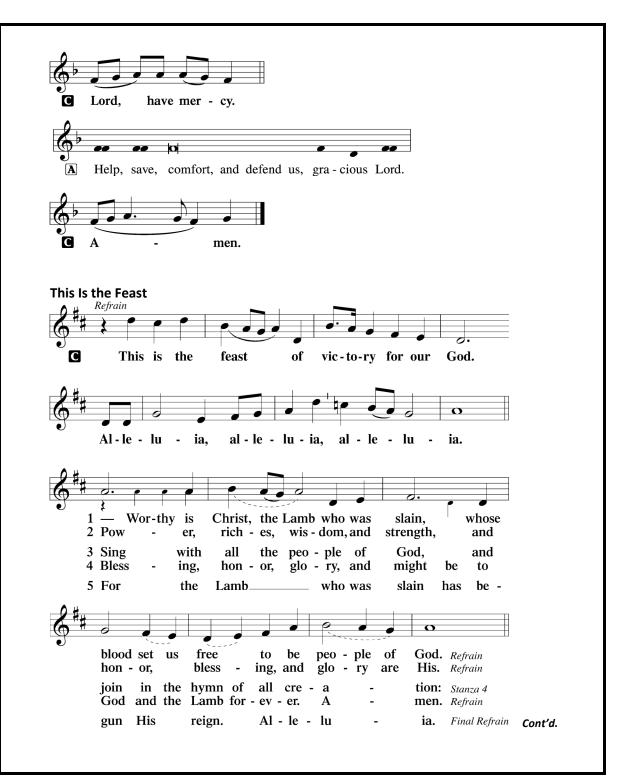
is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord. Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism? C Yes, I do. **P** Do you renounce the devil? **C** Yes, I renounce him. **P** Do you renounce all his works? **C** Yes, I renounce them. **P** Do you renounce all his ways? C Yes, I renounce them. **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty? Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord? Yes, I believe 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,

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.

- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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 everlasting.
- Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- C I do.
- Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- C I do.
- **P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **C** I do, by the grace of God.









Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



Old Testament Reading – 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

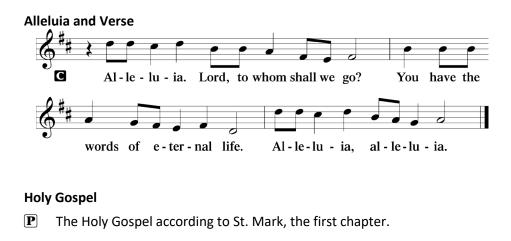
Epistle Reading -- Romans 6:1–11

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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





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 opening 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Hymn of the Day – To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord #407

- 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.

- 3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown By mighty word and wonder.
 The Father's voice from heav'n came down, Which we do well to ponder:
 "This man is My belovèd 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."
- 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 so 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.

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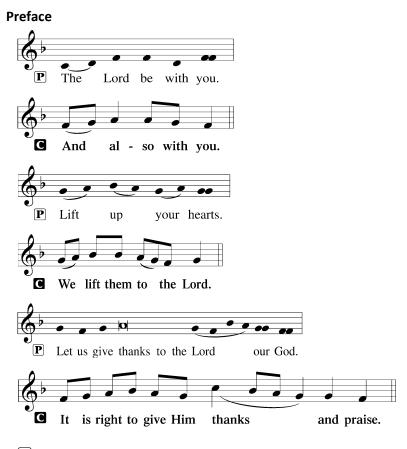
Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

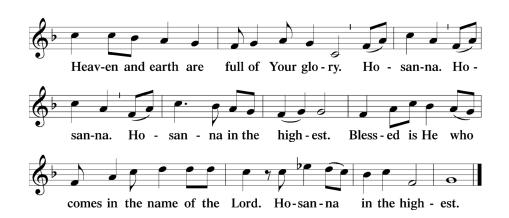
C ... Lord have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament



It is truly good, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

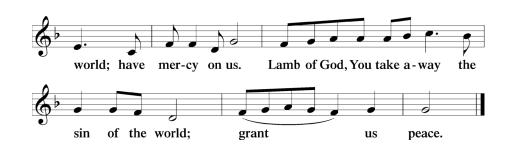
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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. Pax Domini The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. P men. **Agnus Dei C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have Lamb of God, You take a - way of the mer-cy on us. the sin



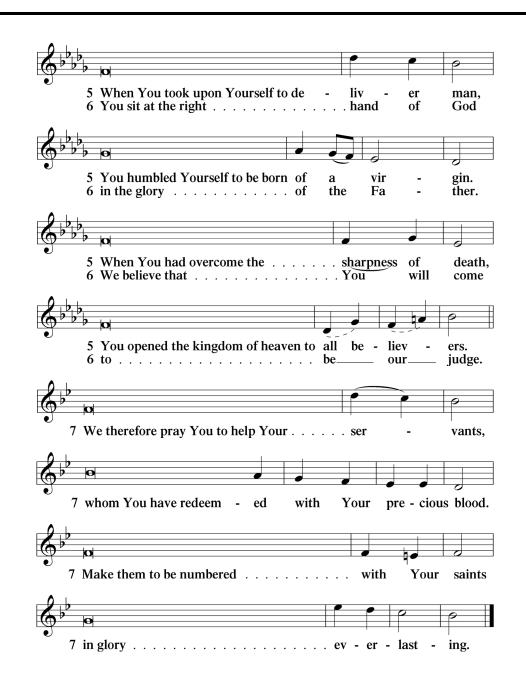
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Distribution Hymns

Father Welcomes	#605
To Jordan's River Came Our Lord	#405
Your Table I Approach	#628

Te Deum





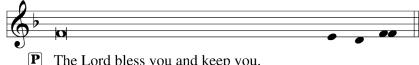
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.









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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, Lois Sauro, and Dottie Heslop.

-Healing for: Dwayne Kaufman, Millie Thielet, Jim Neill, Gladys Cimarolli, Peter Fisher, Pastor Wayne Hoffman, Jean Walker, Debra Green, Mamie Papeaka, Carol Wuerthele, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.
-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
-For the disabled, unborn and aged.
-For those whose work it is to protect us.
-For godly care of the earth.

+	Service Participants 🕇
Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski, Roger Diederich
The Acolyte:	Noah Wallace (8:00)
	Christian Bonacci (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Michael Grimenstein
	Janet & Larry Zreliak (8:00)
	Ross Chilcott, Bob Bonacci
	Bill Koester, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in memory of loved ones; and by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the triune God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by the Lemonovich family in honor of Luke's 14th birthday.



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Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/3) – 30 (8 am); 55 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (1/6) – 13 Saturday Worship Attendance (1/2) --Sunday Offering (1/3) – \$3596 Online Offering – \$1815

The Week Ahead at Zion

SUNDAY 1/10	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch 10:30 AM – Worship
MONDAY 1/11	6:00 PM – 1 st year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2 nd year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUESDAY 1/12	
WEDNESDAY 1/13	7:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship Service
THURSDAY 1/14	7:00 PM – Council Meeting
FRIDAY 1/15	
SATURDAY 1/16	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at <u>www.signupgenius.com</u> or call Susie at 412-977-9066.
SUNDAY 1/17	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch 10:30 AM – Worship

HIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is "The Epiphany of Our Lord"?

The word "epiphany" (pronounced ee-PIF-uh-nee) comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation." Jesus was made known to all people simply by being born. If we had been alive back then, we could have actually reached out and touched Jesus! He was real, and the evidence was in His birth!

Why do we celebrate Epiphany?

Epiphany is the third part of the Christmas season. During this special season in the Church Year, we remember the visit of the Wise Men. Traditionally, this visit is celebrated on Jan. 6.



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Epiphany also brings to mind many other important events in Jesus' life. For example, we remember Jesus' Baptism, the star that guided the Wise Men, and most importantly, His birth! Wow! There sure is a lot happening after Christmas!

Parents: "God in flesh made manifest" is a hard statement for children to understand. Be sure to remind them that Jesus is real, alive and once walked on the earth for all to see. When Holy Communion is offered, be sure to let your children attend with you. Instruct them that this is where Christ manifests and gives His true body and blood for us.

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