Zion Lutheran Church



January 9th, 2022 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 to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

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 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It #594

- 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?
- 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!
- 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!

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.
P	Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism? Yes, I do.
P C	Do you renounce the devil? Yes, I renounce him.

- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **G** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- C Yes, I renounce them.

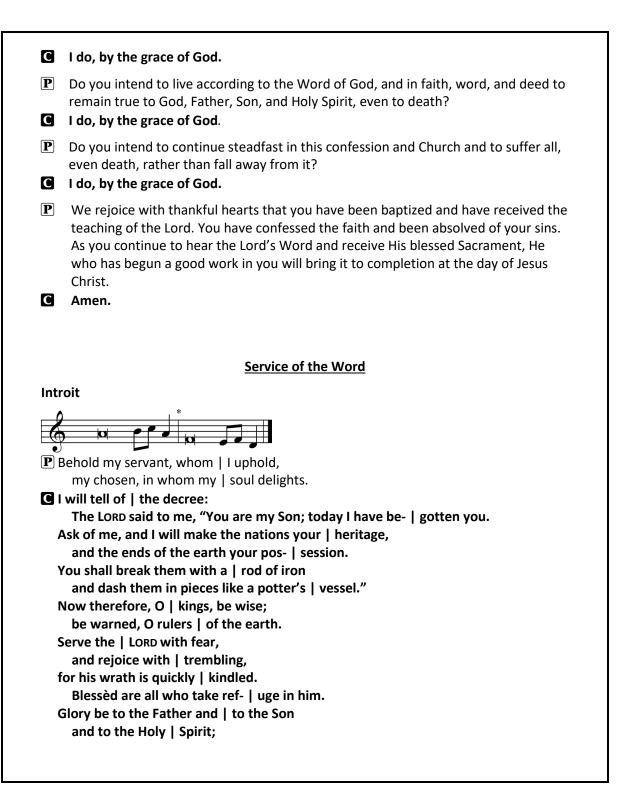
P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

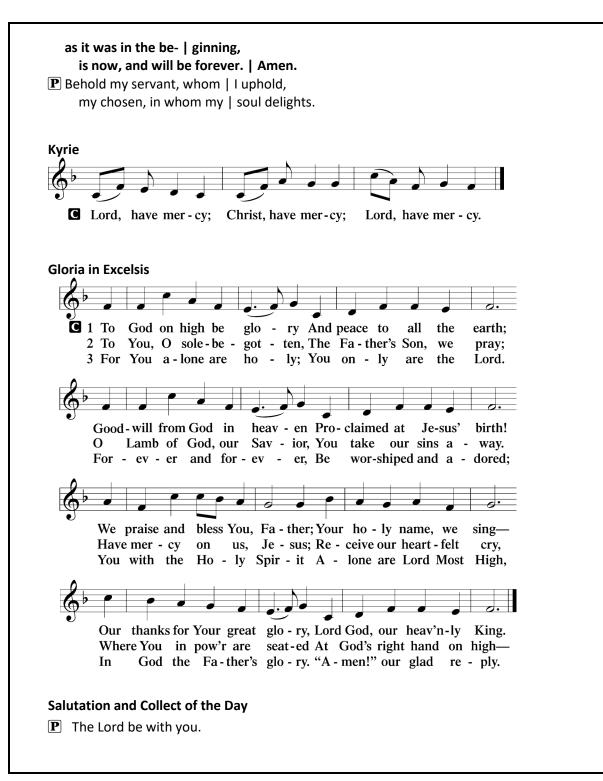
G Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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, 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.
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?





C And also with you.

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.

C Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

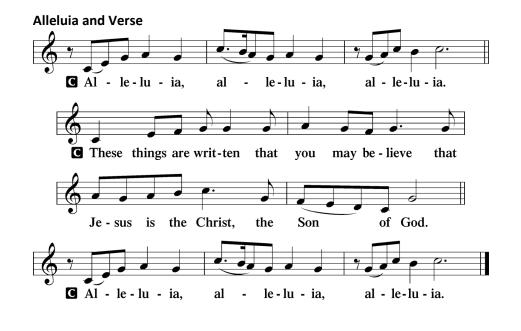
Epistle Reading – Romans 6:1–11

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. 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.

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C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

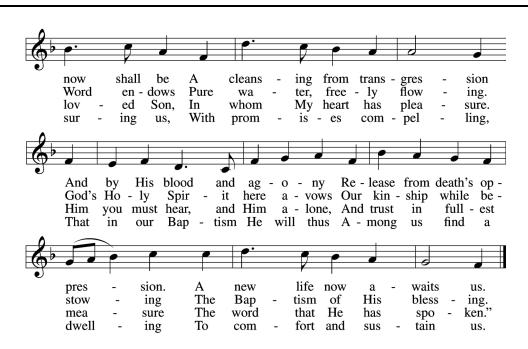
and was made man;

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 worshiped 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.

Hymn of the Day – To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord #407 1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, То do His Fa-ther's 20hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him-self has 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might-y word and 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex plea sure; Bap - tized John. the by Fa - ther's Word dwell ken. Let faith. not doubt, a - mong spo us der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down, won ing; The Ho - ly Spir like dove tend it а Was giv to trea sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing en us And re - ceive this ken. Our Lord here with His SO to -Which we do well to pon der: "This man is My be the scene de - scend - ing; Up on The tri - une God as -



- 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

Installation of Officers

Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord in your mercy.

C ... Hear our prayer.

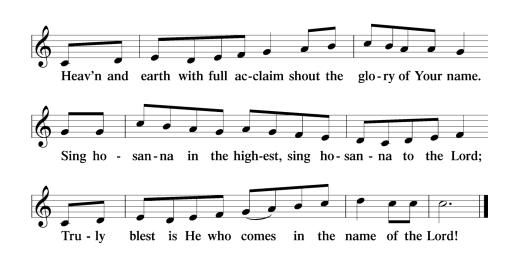
Gathering of Offerings

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

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 ⅓ 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."

Pax Domini

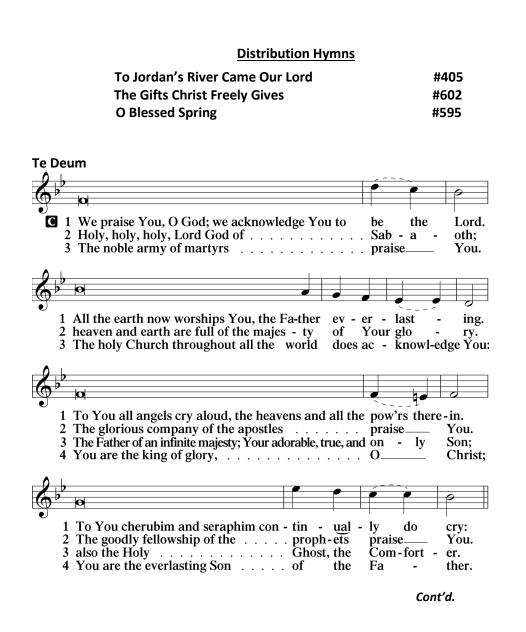
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

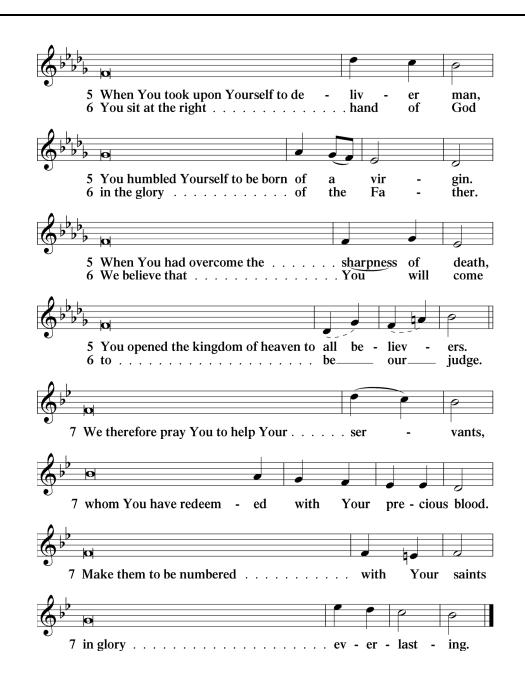




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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

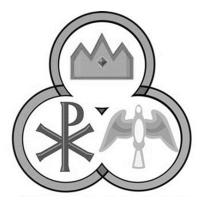
Benedicamus

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

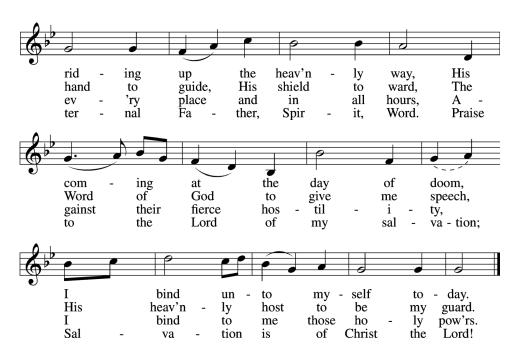
Benediction

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C Amen.







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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.

-Healing for: Mike Wallace, Richard Hultman, Rose, Rita Sheldon, Joyce Wood, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Albert Hatala, Dennis Finney, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Eva Bukovitz, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, and Mabel Granke.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph 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
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Roger Diederich, Bob Schmidt
The Acolyte:	Decklan Pasquini (8:00) Johnny Lemonovich (10:30)
The Ushers:	Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Larry & Janet Zreliak (8:00) Bob Bonacci, Aaron & Mike Kozak, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Pasquini family in celebration of Decklan's 13th birthday; and by Zion Lutheran Church to the Glory of God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Zion Lutheran Church to the Glory of God.



2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES & SPONSORSHIPS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS/ETERNAL LIGHT are available in the back of the sanctuary. All members <u>(including those</u> <u>newly confirmed</u>) have envelopes, except those who regularly contribute online.

PARENTS ... A Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available on Sundays in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101). Parent supervision is



required. In addition, the Family Care Room in the back of the sanctuary is equipped with a nursing chair and changing station items.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/2) – 24 (8 am); 29 (10:30 am) Plate Offerings (1/2) – \$7,811 Online Offering (12/27-12/31) – \$2500 Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>

This Week At Zion		
SUN 1/9	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship Installation of Officers at both worship services	
MON 1/10	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation 6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation 7:15 PM – Faith Bells	
TUE 1/11		
WED 1/12	2:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship 7:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship	
THU 1/13	7:00 PM – Council Mtg.	
FRI 1/14		
SAT 1/15		
SUN 1/16	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship	



Zion Officers and Board Members

Chairman -- Paul Klemash (re-elected) Vice-Chairman – Mike Sterba Treasurer -- Tom Carthy (re-elected) Financial Secretary -- Mary Lou Rilee (re-elected) Sunday School Director – Open (Pastor interim) Recording Secretary – Kari Gresh Events & Planning Committee Chair-- Megan Glasser (re-elected) Altar Guild Director – Janet Oelschlager Usher Director – Mike & Aaron Kozak

Board of Elders

Bob Schmidt, Chair (re-elected) Roger Diederich James Neill (re-elected) Bill Bishop Mike Wallace

Board of Trustees

Paul Hayes, Chair Dennis Finney Lee Glasser Linda Kroeger (re-elected) Jim Oelschlager Deborah Sterba (elected) Dan Harris John Gresh Ben Meyer

Board of Education

(Members appointed) Andy Weldon, Chair (elected) Carrie Bonacci Lynn Carthy Susie Bishop Carrie Lemonovich Diana Schmidt

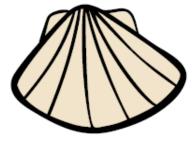
Youth Group

(Members appointed) Mike Wallace Michele Wallace



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

of Our Lord"?



 Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the day that our Lord Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus' Baptism is very important. When Jesus was baptized, it marked the beginning of His mission to save the world from sin through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. As Scripture says, Jesus' Baptism was one of the many things He did to "fulfill all righteousness." Because of Jesus and all He has done for us, our Baptism is now a source of forgiveness, life and salvation

Parents: Before or after the service, allow your children to approach the baptismal font in the sanctuary. Remind them that this is where our life in Jesus begins. Because of God's gifts in Baptism, we have been washed clean, and now we are His children.

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