Zion Lutheran Church

Be merciful _JUST AS YOUR_ Father is merciful Luke 6.36

February 20th, 2022 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



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.

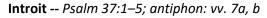
In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.



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- ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.

The Service of the Word





 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him; do not fret when people carry out their | wicked schemes.
 Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers; be not envious of wrong- | doers!

For they will soon fade | like the grass

and wither like the | green herb.

Trust in the LORD, | and do good;

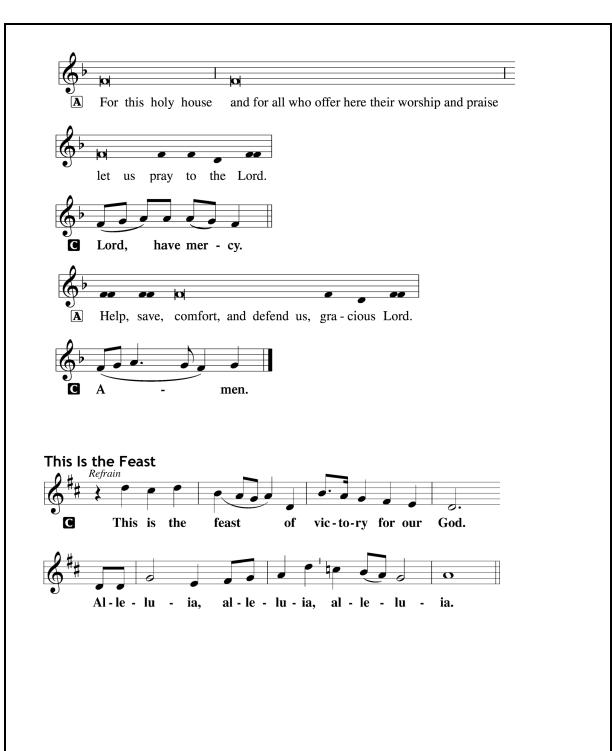
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.

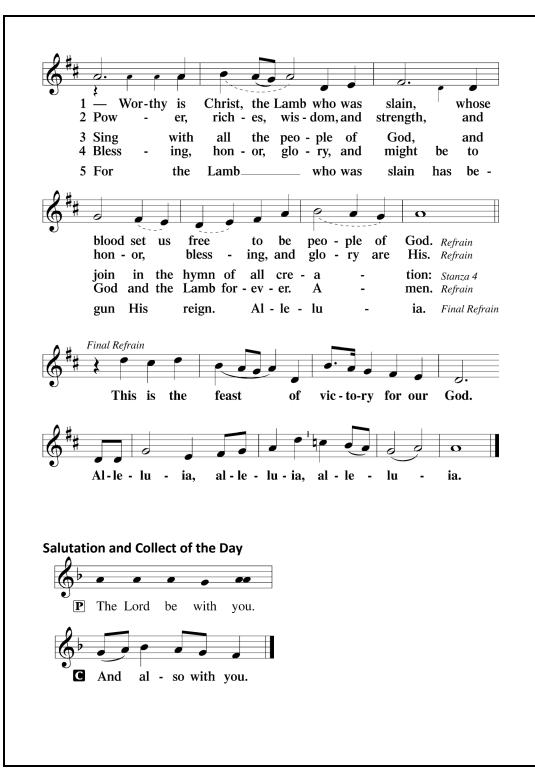
Delight yourself | in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;

trust in him, and | he will act. 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 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him; do not fret when people carry out their | wicked schemes. Kyrie . . O peace let us pray to the Lord. In Lord, have mer - cy. С O For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. o **b** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. Lord, С have mer - cy.





P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading – Genesis 45:3–15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

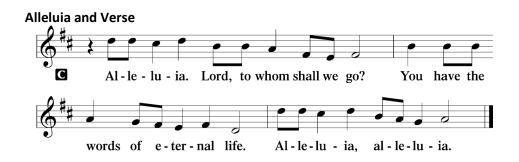
For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death....

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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Holy Gospel

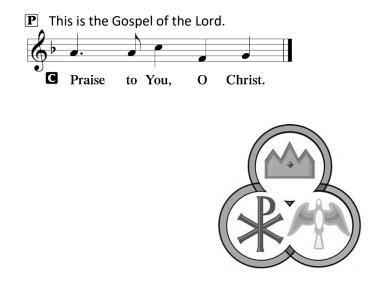
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."





Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.



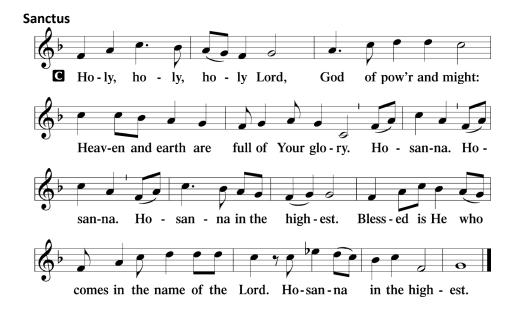


Service of the Sacrament





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.

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

С

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.

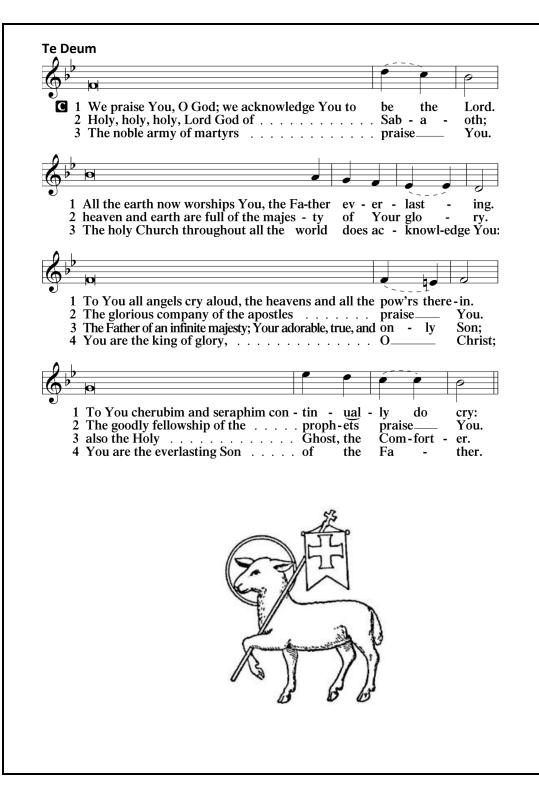
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

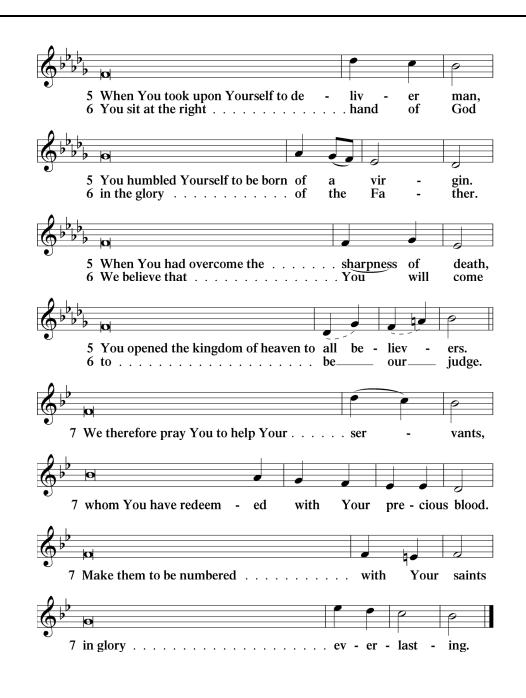


Distribution

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Distribution Hymns	
Where Charity and Love Prevail	#845
Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service	#848
"Forgive Ours Sins as We Forgive"	#843



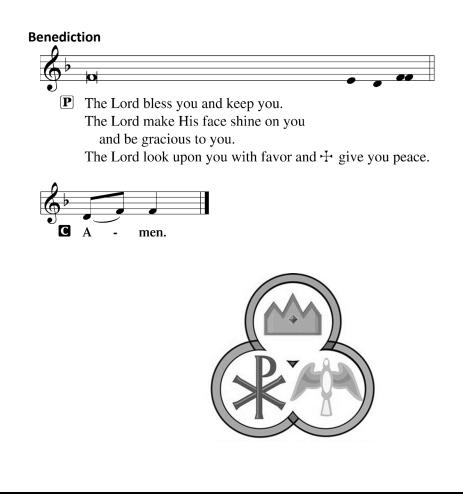


Post-Communion Collect

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.







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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: Jim Neill, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Mike Wallace, Richard Hultman, Rose, Rita Sheldon, Joyce Wood, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Albert Hatala, 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:	Mike Sterba, Mike Kroeger, Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Elder (8:00) Claire Lemonovich (10:30)
The Ushers:	Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Larry Zreliak (8:00) Sam Bishop, Dan & Tracey Harris, Luke Lemonovich (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager, Sarah Ali

ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL LIGHT are given by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the Triune God.

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.

SPARE CHANGE SUNDAYS were a huge success! Thanks to all those who participated, we raised more than \$1000 toward the cost of attending the Nat'l Youth Gathering this summer in Houston! Your support is greatly appreciated!





Attendance and Offering totals from the week of 2/13 will be reported Sunday 2/27

Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>

This Week at Zion		
SUN 2/20	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship	
MON 2/21	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation 6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells	
TUE 2/22		
WED 2/23	2:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study 7:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study	
THU 2/24		
FRI 2/25		
SAT 2/26		
SUN 2/27	8:00 AM – Worship 9:00 AM – Youth Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship	

Youth Group Happenings



Waffle Breakfast

The youth will hold a waffle breakfast fundraiser Sunday 2/27 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Funds raised will go toward the Youth Trip to the LCMS Nat'l Gathering in Houston this July.

The season of Lent begins Wednesday March 2nd

Beginning on 3/2, we will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon spoken service at 2 pm and our regular 7pm service.



Wed. 3/2 - 2 & 7 pm Ash Wed services Wed. 3/9 - 2 & 7 pm Lent services Wed. 3/16 - 2 & 7 pm Lent services Wed. 3/23 - 2 & 7 pm Lent services Wed. 3/30 - 2 & 7 pm Lent services Wed. 4/6 - 2 & 7 pm Lent services

<u>This Week in Sunday School</u> A recap of today's SS teaching for Zion parents & students

BIBLE VERSE

Great is Your mercy, O LORD. Psalm 119:156

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

"Ephphatha . . . be opened," Jesus says to a deaf man as He places His fingers in the man's ears and touches his tongue. The man's ears open and his tongue releases, but Jesus warns the crowd not to tell anyone. But the good news cannot be contained, and those who witness this miracle share the story.

TAKING IT HOME

- On the Go-What happens to those who choose to be deaf to God's Word? Where do you go to hear and learn about God's Word?
- At Mealtime—What exercises help make you physically healthy? What foods help you stay healthy? How does Jesus care for your physical health?
- Something to Do—Look up pictures or videos online and try to learn a few words in sign language. Learn how to say hello and how to sign your name so you can greet your brothers and sisters in Christ who might be deaf. Look up videos of a sign language interpreter translating a church service to learn more about ministry to people who are deaf and hard of hearing.
- Before Bed—Pray together for anyone you know who needs healing.



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "Agnus Dei"?

The "Agnus Dei" (pronounced AHN-yus DAY-ee) has been sung by the Church for almost 1,200 years. "Agnus Dei" is Latin for "Lamb of God." We usually sing these words in the Divine Service after the Words of Institution have been spoken by the pastor.

Why do we use the Agnus Dei?

In John 1:29, John the Baptizer proclaims, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus is the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He said this as Jesus was walking up to him. When we sing the Agnus Dei, like John the Baptizer, we are once again hearing, proclaiming and learning the great Gospel message which confesses that Christ is here with us in Holy Communion, giving us His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. What a great way to recognize the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament!

Parents:

After the Divine Service, read John 1:29–34 with your children. Compare John the Baptizer's words to the Passover story in Ex. 12:1–11, 21–23. Be sure to discuss why John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." Jesus was the ultimate sacrificial Lamb of God by whose death we have been rescued from sin, death and the power of the devil.

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