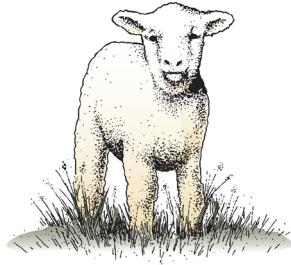


# Zion Lutheran Church



*Behold,*  
THE LAMB OF GOD,  
*who takes away*  
THE SIN  
OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29, ESV

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Second 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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. 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 (1 Cor. 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 or call the church office.

### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His  
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -  
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



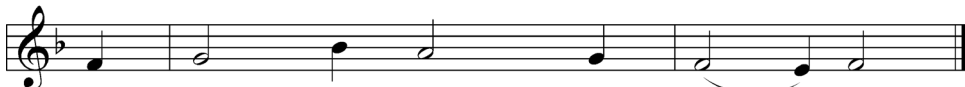
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A  
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And  
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With  
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and  
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your  
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to  
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—  
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.  
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,  
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.  
Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!  
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!  
To this we hold for - ev - er.

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we



## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **First Reading – Isaiah 49:1–7**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God.”  
And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

**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 – The Only Son from Heaven #402



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing                      As    He,   our Morn - ing        Star.  
fore        us                      And bring us life        a - gain.  
prov - ing,                      May reap its full - ness        there.  
ho - ly,                              O    bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## Sermon

### 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.

**C** 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.

**P** 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:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

### Agnus Dei

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution

*If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.*

### Distribution Hymns

Lamb of God	#550
I Lay My Sins on Jesus	#606
Christ, the Word of God Incarnate	#540

### Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**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**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn – Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning #400**

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

### Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

#### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-**Healing & Strength for:** Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jack Ewing, Barbara Libengood, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Tom Carthy, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

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

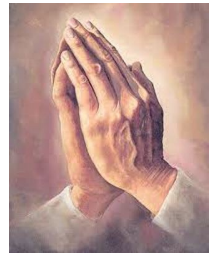
#### *The World:*

-For peace in Ukraine.

-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.



† *Service Participants* †

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein  
Music Director: Mark Killinger  
Organist: Sandy Quinlan  
The Elders: Bob Schmidt, Mike Kroeger (8:00); Jim Neill, Bill Bishop (10:30)  
The Acolyte: Claire Schrag (8:00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)  
The Ushers: Janet & Larry Zreliak, Tim Sheldon, Joshua Grimenstein (8:00)  
Chuck LaJeunesse, Mike & Aaron Kozak, Andy Weldon (10:30)  
Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

***Our Nation:***

- For our leaders and government officials.
- For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- For the disabled, unborn and aged.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul & Terry Hayes in memory of Dottie Heslop; and by Zion Lutheran Church in honor of the Triune God.



**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Zion Lutheran Church in memory of Zion's founding member, Karl Ludwig Ernst Herman Erbrecht (great-grandfather of Tom Erbrecht and Judy Bridges) on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.



**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES & SPONSORSHIPS FOR ALTAR**

**FLOWERS/ETERNAL LIGHT** are available in the back of the sanctuary. Sponsorships may be made in memory, or honor, of loved ones, or in celebration of milestone events.

**ALL-CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING SUNDAY 1/29 AFTER SECOND SERVICE.**

Stay up-to-date with the happenings at Zion, and enjoy a light lunch in the fellowship hall!



**THANK YOU** so very much for all the prayers, cards and well wishes given throughout my mom's illness and recent passing. It meant so much to us.

**SUN  
1/15**

8:00 AM – Worship

9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS

10:30 AM – Worship

-- Deborah Sterba

**Last Week in Worship**

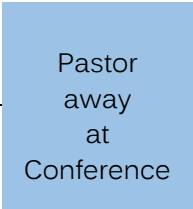
Sunday Worship Attendance (1/8) – 63 (8 am); 82 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship Attendance (1/11) 10

Plate Offerings (1/8) - \$4285 Online Offering – \$1054.22

***This Week at Zion***



<b>MON</b> <b>1/16</b>	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 6:15 PM – Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
<b>TUE</b> <b>1/17</b>	 <p>Pastor away at Conference</p>
<b>WED</b> <b>1/18</b>	
<b>THU</b> <b>1/19</b>	
<b>FRI</b> <b>1/20</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>1/21</b>	
<b>SUN</b> <b>1/22</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship



**Attention Youth Grades 9-12!!**  
**Youth Retreat**

*An email was sent to families of teens this week with details about the Youth Retreat. Deadline to let us know you're interested in attending is this **Friday, 1/20**. We've included the details again, below ...*

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said 'Repent,' he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance. This was the very first of Dr. Martin Luther's 95 Theses hammered to the church door in Wittenberg to begin the Reformation. So what? What does this mean for YOUR reformation, your rehabilitation, your repentance, your death, your life, now, today?

**Come and find out at the Higher Things Winter Retreat - *Life By Drowning*. This is an overnight retreat and on February 17-18 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Lititz, PA. Due to a generous grant, this retreat is completely cost-free for Zion teens!!**



Activities include bible studies, games, a "Luther Lounge", and more. It will require at least a half day absence from school on Friday. The guest speaker will be Pastor Eric Andrae, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry at First Trinity Lutheran in Pgh.

If you have questions, please contact Tevia Grimenstein ([grmnstns@live.com](mailto:grmnstns@live.com)) or Susie Bishop ([secretary@zxcb.org](mailto:secretary@zxcb.org)).

**Want to learn more about the Higher Things organization and Retreat Details?**

**Visit** [Higherthings.org/events/retreats/](http://Higherthings.org/events/retreats/)

**To RSVP to attend with other Zion youth, use the Sign-Up Genius (link in the email sent out this week) or email Susie at [secretary@zxcb.org](mailto:secretary@zxcb.org) by FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th.**

Making  
Disciples  
for Life



NATIONAL  
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SCHOOLS WEEK



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## RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

- › Experiencing and celebrating God's lavish gifts of love, grace and mercy
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- › Clinging to the cross of Jesus

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**180,000**

STUDENTS, THEIR  
FAMILIES AND THE  
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 THE  
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## This Week in Zion Sunday School

A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

### BIBLE VERSE

The Word became flesh and  
dwelt among us.

John 1:14

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Moses begins the process of building a portable house for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the other fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—If you were an archaeologist on a dig, what artifacts do you think you might find from today's Bible account?
- ▶ *At Mealttime*—The tent where God dwelt among the people was called a tabernacle. What is a place you plan to go this week? How can you ask God to be there with you?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—What items in your church show God's presence there? Draw a picture or make a word cloud that expresses "the glory of the Lord" and "[God] will walk among you."
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Name some places you traveled to today. Pray as a family together, thanking God for being with you always.



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man?

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

## Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



**Parents:** Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

