

# Zion Lutheran Church



January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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. 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 -- [zlc.org](http://zlc.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!

**Opening Hymn -- God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It #594**

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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 lo, 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?

**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?

**C** 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?

**C** 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?

**C** 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.

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**C** I do.

**P** 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.

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**C** I do, by the grace of God.

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**C** I do, by the grace of God.

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a



**P** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

**C** I will tell of | the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with | trembling,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

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** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **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.

**G** **Amen.**

## 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.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading I-- 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.

**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. Mark, the first chapter.

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

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.

**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  $\dagger$  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, To do His Fa - ther's  
 2 O hear 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 by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -  
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est  
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
 mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
 dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain 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** ... 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### **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



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

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord	#405
Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering	#600
If Your Beloved Son, O God	#568

## 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.

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.

**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 — I Bind unto Myself Today #604




1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By  
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The  
△ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The



strong name of the Trin - i - ty By  
pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His  
pow'r of God to hold and lead, His  
vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The  
strong name of the Trin - i - ty By



in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The  
Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His  
eye to watch, His might to stay, His  
nat - ural lusts that war with - in, The  
in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The



Repeat after st. 1 only.

Three in One in Three.  
cross of death for my sal - va - tion,  
ear to hear - ken to my need,  
hos - tile foes that mar my course;  
Three in One in Three,





(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His  
(3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His  
(4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In  
(5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -



rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His  
hand to guide, His shield - to ward, The  
ev - 'ry place, and in all hours, A -  
ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise



com - ing at the day of doom,  
Word of God to give me speech,  
gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,  
to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;



I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.  
I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.  
Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

- For our homebound members:** Florence Boehme.
- Healing & Strength for:** Amy Eastman (sister-in-law of Connie Canale), Celia Evans, Amy (niece of Jodi Fitzgerald), Michelle Hopkins (sister of Mark Killinger), Tabitha Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

- For peace in Ukraine and Israel.
- 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.



## *Service Participants*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mark Killinger
<b>Organist:</b>	Sandy Quinlan
<b>Elders:</b>	Bob Schmidt & Mike Kroeger (8:00) Tom Erbrecht & Jim Neill (10:30)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Emily Trentini (8:00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Larry & Janet Zreliak (8:00) Max Gresh, Aaron & Mike Kozak, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Tevia, Lydia and Rachel Grimenstein

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Lemonovich family in celebration of Luke's 17th birthday, and by Zion Lutheran Church in honor of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Zion Lutheran Church in honor of the Triune God.



### **2024 ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL LIGHT**

**SPONSORSHIPS** are now available. Sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Members may sponsor in memory -- or honor of -- loved ones; or in celebration of special occasions.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES** begin Thursday at 6:00! They are for anyone considering membership, as well as members who want to "refresh" their understanding of basic Christian doctrine. See details on next page ...



### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (12/31) -- 93 (8 am); 25 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship (1/3) -- 9 (2 pm)

Plate Offerings (12/31) -- \$2493 Online Offering -- \$890

*Online giving is available*

*on Zion's website - [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*





## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>1/7</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM -- Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>1/8</b>	6:00 PM -- 1st Yr Confirmation 6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM -- Trustees Mtg. 7:00 PM -- 2nd Yr Confirmation
<b>TUE</b> <b>1/9</b>	6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:15 PM -- Choir
<b>WED</b> <b>1/10</b>	2:00 PM -- Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>1/11</b>	6:00 PM -- Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 PM -- Council Meeting
<b>FRI</b> <b>1/12</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>1/13</b>	
<b>SUN</b> <b>1/14</b> FOOD BANK COLLECTION	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM -- Worship 6:00 PM -- Youth Group Mtg./Movie Night



*Interested in becoming a member?*

Pastor Grimenstein will be starting an Adult Confirmation Class on **Thurs., January 11th at 6:00** for those interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith who are considering church membership. The class is also open to current members interested in a "refresher" on the basics of the faith. The class will meet **every Thursday from 6:00-6:45** for six weeks and will cover topics ranging from Baptism to the Ten Commandments.

Please email Zion secretary Susie Bishop [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) to let her know you're interested in joining the class.

## Youth Group BBQ Fundraiser



Just in time for you Super Bowl celebration, Zion youth group is selling "ready to heat & eat" pulled pork, baby back ribs, and sauces from South Fayette company Rib Raiser BBQ. A

percentage of each sale will help with expenses for our trip to the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The sale runs through January 21st.



Details and order forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

*In Appreciation*

**Dear Members of Zion,**

***Throughout Advent and Christmas, you showered our family with gifts, deliveries, cards, and warm wishes. Thank you!! Your generosity and love for us and for one another is truly amazing! May God continue to bless you all with his mercy and grace this new year and forevermore.***

***Sincerely,***

***Pastor, Tevia, and the Grimenstein Children***



THANK YOU all for the generous staff Christmas gifts. We appreciate your support for the work that we do here at Zion. Happy New Year!

*The Zion Staff — Susie, Jim, John, Mark, Sandra, & Doug*



Happy New Year! Thank you to all of the people who shared their musical talent with Zion during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services! We are truly blessed to have such a wealth of talent in our congregation. If you are interested in becoming involved with the music ministry through singing or ringing, please contact

Mark Killinger

[killingermued@hotmail.com](mailto:killingermued@hotmail.com).

No experience necessary when it comes to ringing bells ...

we will teach you!

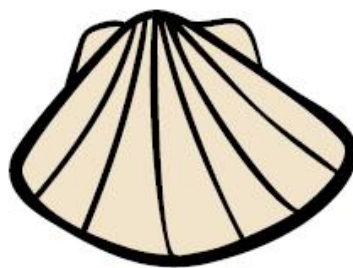
Spots are available in both groups.

Installation of Congregational Officers will be next **Sunday, Jan. 14th** during both services.

If you are a Zion officer, or a member of a board or committee, please plan to attend.



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is “The Baptism of Our Lord”?

Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the day that our Lord Jesus was baptized by John the Baptizer. That’s right, Jesus was baptized just like you!

## 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.

