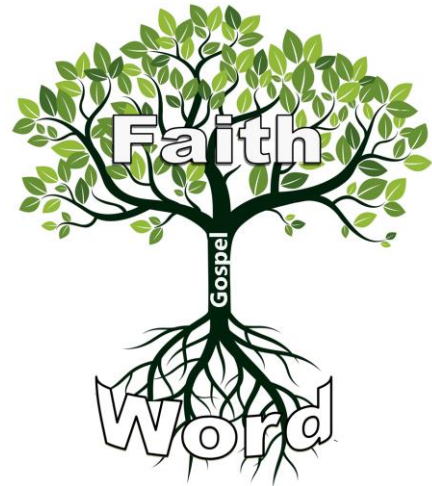


The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2018



**In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place
with Sinners**

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "*to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "*Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption*" (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the "*chosen*" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.



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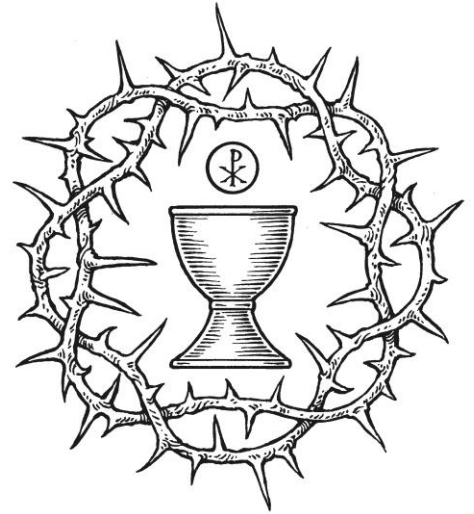
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✠ A WORD ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

-Matthew 26:26-28 (ESV)



The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church along with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, believes and confesses the True Word of God as it teaches that in taking the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ *in, with, and under* the bread and wine. Indeed, the Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMMUNION:

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, it is with great love, care, and concern that you are asked to consider the following before partaking of this wonderful meal:

If you consider God's Word (i.e., the Bible) to be God's Word; know what is necessary for salvation; recognize yourself to be a miserable sinner and find comfort only in Christ's merit, and have no cherished sins (Ps. 66:18); believe in the mystery of the Holy Supper and seek in it forgiveness as well as strengthening in faith and godliness; and confess the Lutheran faith, as it is correctly laid down in Luther's Small Catechism, then approach the altar with joy and thanksgiving.¹

If you have any questions about the material above, questions about the Lord's Supper, and/or would like to learn about instruction in the Lutheran faith, Pastor Richard sincerely invites you to visit with him about the joys of Holy Communion and about instruction in the comforting truths of God's Word.

¹ C.F.W. Walther, *American Lutheran Pastoral Theology*, tr. From 5th German ed. By John Drickamer (New Haven, MO: 1995), 116.

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn of Invocation: 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

tune of LSB 893

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for self-reflection upon God's Ten Commandments,
that we may know our sin and be prepared for the Absolution.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Ps. 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20

P Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

C **I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.**

P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

C **He shall cry to me, "You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation."**



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.

⁷The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"

¹³"And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 72:18–19

P Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,

C who alone does wondrous things.

P Blessèd be his glorious name forever;

C may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the

world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

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

LSB 407

Sermon

P In the name ✠ of Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Nicene Creed

P With one heart and one voice we confess the one Holy Faith as expressed in the 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.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the baptized, that united with Christ in His death we may daily die to sin and rise with Him, set free from the dominion of sin and death, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who serve in the Office of the Ministry, that all their preaching and teaching may faithfully point to the Mightier One with zeal, as did St. John the Baptist, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land, that they be given wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to God's good will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the lonely and homebound; the grieving and dying; and all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit, *and especially for Sandi and Agnes*, that Christ would be their companion in solitude, their comfort in sorrow, their health in sickness and their life in death, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who will partake today of the Holy Eucharist, that they be given grace to approach the altar with humility and faith, and so be strengthened by the Savior's body and blood to live as children of the day, let us pray to the Lord:

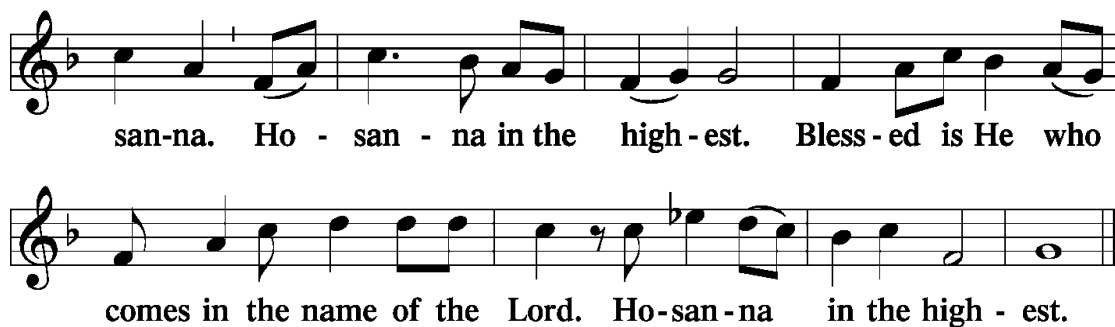
C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, our God, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory, through our support of the Mission of the Month –First Choice Clinic, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer our "CHIP" family (Christians held in prayer), Leona Adermann.

C Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

LSB 162

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."

P 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

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle.

When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar.

The Common Cup and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify to the servers which cup you would like to receive from. After receiving communion please exit down the center aisle.

If you have questions regarding Zion's Communion Practices, please refer to page 2 of this bulletin

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

Sit

Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

Announcements

We encourage you to bring the bulletin home so that you might be able to reflect on the scriptures of today's Divine Service, as well as use the "Prayers of the Church" for your family devotions.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – First Choice Clinic

First Choice Clinic offers comprehensive pregnancy help services. Services are free and include pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound, sexual integrity classes, parenting education, adoption promotion, prenatal and fertility care education.

In addition to your monetary donations, new items needed: diapers (size NB, 3's, 4's & 5's), baby wipes, baby care items, NB to 24 month clothing, sleepers, infant socks, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, bibs, baby bath towels and baby washcloths, crib sheets, receiving blankets, nursing covers, nursing pads (washable), boppy (nursing pillow), burp cloths, teething toys, diaper bags, infant carriers (ex. Moby Wrap / Ergo). These can be placed in the playpen in the Narthex. Thank you.

CHIP Family

Leona Adermann Four Seasons Manor - Forman

Cleaners in God's House of Zion

Please remember to sign your name on the chart on the bulletin board by the kitchen noting which area of the church you have cleaned

Jan 7-13: Duane & Shelli Bergemann, Rick & Dawn Gaden, Sy & Jen Hansana, Andrew & Katelyn Greenmyer

Ushers for the Month of January

7th Rodney & Sandy Asche

14th Kelly & Liz Neustel

21st Grover & Jan Riebe

28th Andy & Stephanie Stroh

Pastor's Office & Study Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday Off

Copies of the sermon are available on the table in the narthex and on the website www.zionwinner.org

Parish Assistant Office Hours

Monday- Friday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Email: secretary@zionwinner.org

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today **9:00 am** Sunday School for Children & Adults
 10:00 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
 2:00-4:00 pm Parsonage Open House

Tue 9th **10:00 am** Staff Meeting

Wed 10th **9:00 am** Pastor's Bible Study
 2:00 pm LWML
 3:30 pm Kids Club
 4:00 pm Confirmation

Sun 14th **9:00 am** Sunday School for Children & Adults
 10:00 am Divine Service

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, December 31

Worship Attendance: 67

Sunday School Attendance: na Adult Bible Class: na

Category	Received Last Week	Received for December	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 1,606.00	\$ 17,706.25	\$ 11,058.42	\$ 128,774.35	\$ 132,701.04	\$ (3,926.69)
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ 742.85				
Building Fund	\$ -	\$ 775.00		\$ 5,952.00		
Cemetery Fund	\$ -	\$ 100.00		\$ 800.00		
Memorial Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,645.63		
Vehicle Fund	\$ -	\$ -				
ND Missions	\$ 220.00	\$ 4,077.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 26,585.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 585.00
Mission of Month	\$ 170.00	\$ 905.00				
Helping Hands	\$ -	\$ 225.00				
Higher Things	\$ -	\$ -				

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 132,701.04

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

Account Balances as of December 31, 2017

SCB Checking	\$ 30,442.71
Building Savings	\$ 13,325.91
Cemetery Savings	\$ 7,788.10
Memorial Savings	\$ 5,379.71
Vehicle Savings	\$ 4,210.96
Helping Hands Balance	\$ 778.07
Higher Things	

Prayer and Petitions



January 7, 2018

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

Health Concerns

- Sandi Bergemann, recovering from surgery
- Agnes Dudas, dealing with several prolapsed discs

Remembering Our Homebound

Alice Decker at Vets Home

Lois Enderson at Park Side Lisbon

Bob Bergeson at Park Side Lisbon

Leona Adermann at Forman Manor

Lorrie Eiter at Forman Manor

Pearl Rehborg at Forman Manor

Marjorie Fuss at home in Gwinner

Grieving With The Family

Remembering Those Who Serve

Nate Utecht in the Navy in Washington, D.C.

Rick Gaden and Sy Hansana, National Guard

Chris Mathias, Jason Asche, AJ Enderson, Bob Orn, First Responders, EMTs and Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Noteworthy News...

New Year Open House – Today from 2-4pm

Pastor and Serenity would love to open their home to the church family this New Year's Season. Please bring your family to the Parsonage for an afternoon of fellowship and goodies!

Mailboxes: PLEASE check your mailboxes in the entryway today for your Annual Giving Statement, as well as the January newsletter.

Annual Reports: PLEASE have your reports in to Tana no later than Wednesday, January 24. The Report will be published and available to the congregation on Sunday, January 28.

The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held on Wed January 31 at 7pm

Topics include reports from Pastor, boards, and officers, plus review of the annual report and Lenten worship times. Please plan to attend and participate in the congregation's business. ***All members, 18 years and older, are eligible to vote.*** Thank you.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text: _____

- 1) In your own words, what is the main theme or big idea of the sermon? What is being said?

- 2) What sin is being identified, addressed, and confronted in the sermon? Which commandment is your sin breaking?

- 3) What is the good news that is being proclaimed in the sermon?
What did the Lord do about your sin?
What is He currently doing about your sin?

- 4) What title would you give to the sermon?
Why did you give the sermon this title?