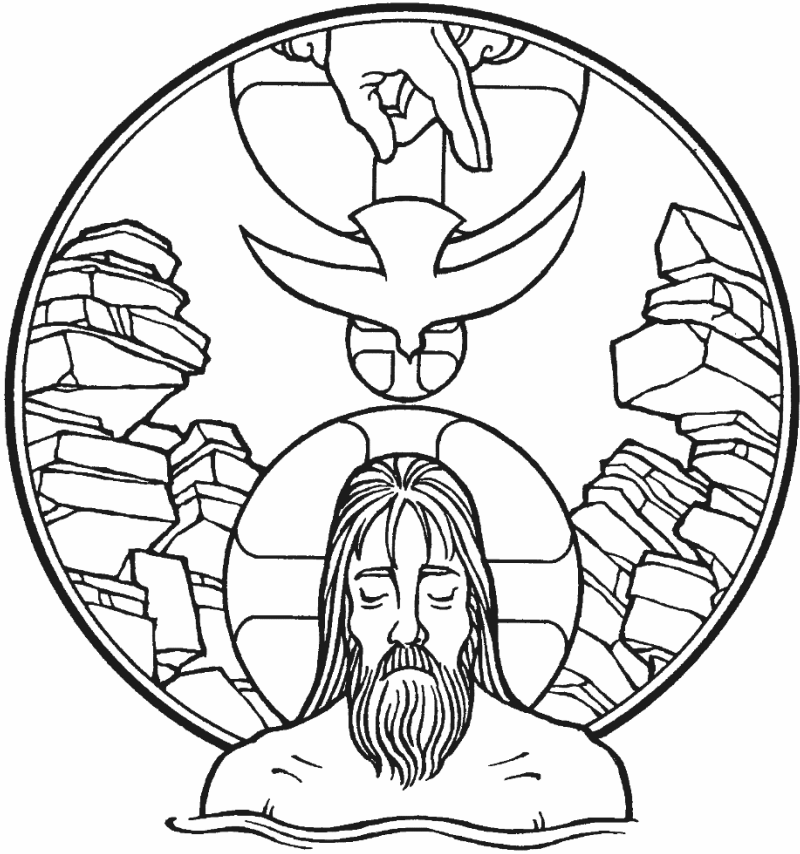


Divine Service



The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11th, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we know how we can best serve you. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

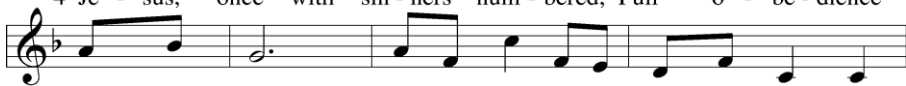
The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “fulfill all righteousness” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “we will also live with him” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

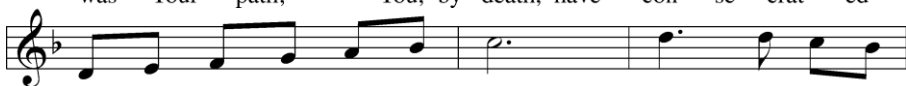
404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered



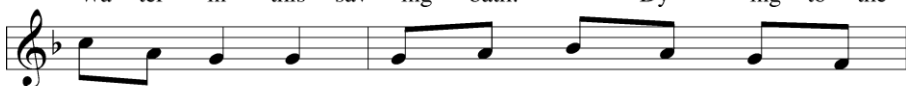
1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less
3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



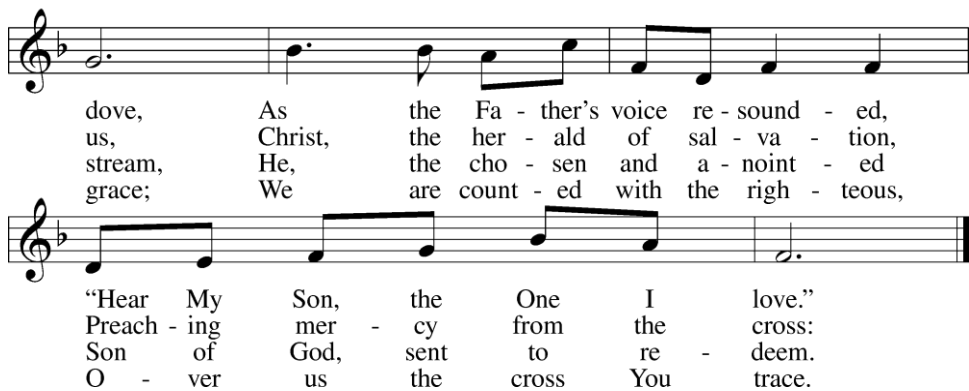
of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the
So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion
Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,

“Hear My Son, the One I love.”
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
Son of God, sent to re - deem.
O - ver us the cross You trace.

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

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 reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.**

Absolution

LSB 151

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

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

Introit

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

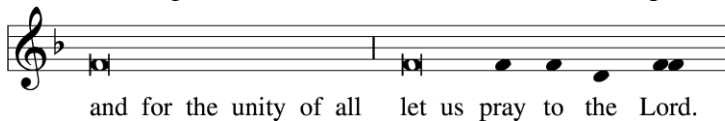
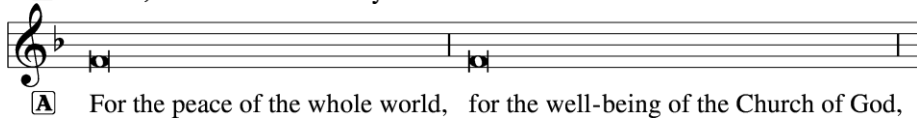
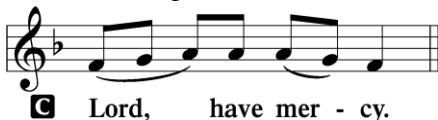
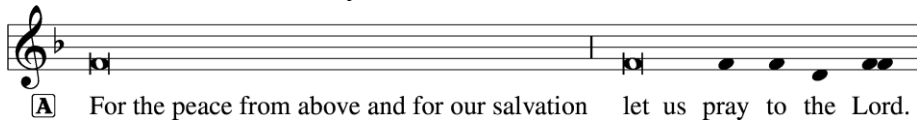
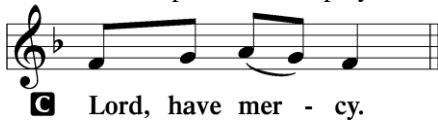
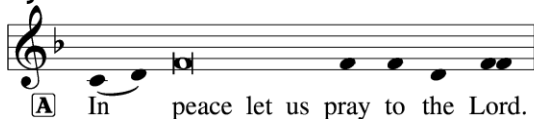
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**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.**

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

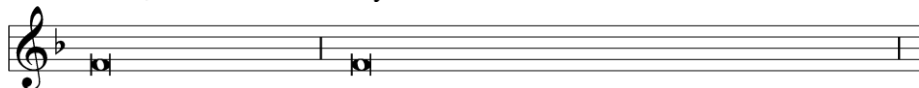
Kyrie

LSB 152





C Lord, have mer - cy.



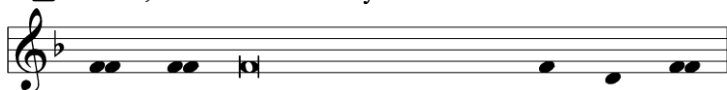
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



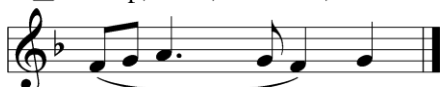
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

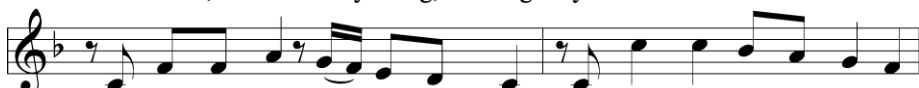
Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

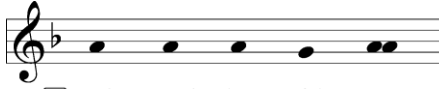


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 A - men.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

- ¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- ⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare; before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; *
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So 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.

Please stand in reverence to Christ

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a sequence of notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a sequence of notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with a common time signature (C) at the beginning of the second staff.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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



G 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.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord All: 1-2, 7; W: 3 & 5, M: 4 & 6



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
us ex - 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
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 a 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

Please stand

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.

Please be seated

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Consecration of the Offering

After the peace please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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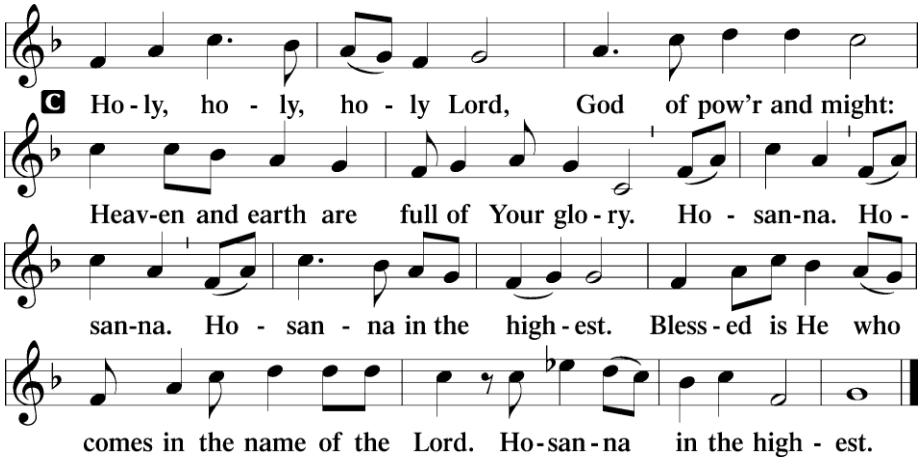


P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

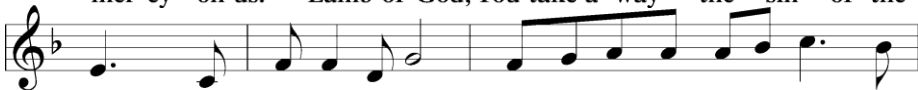
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G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

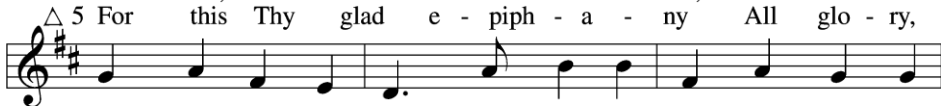
Please be seated

Distribution

399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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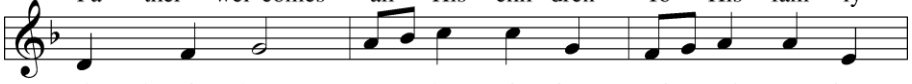


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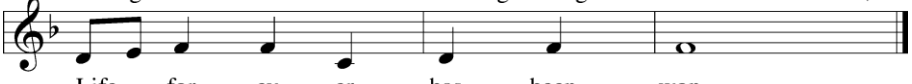
Refrain



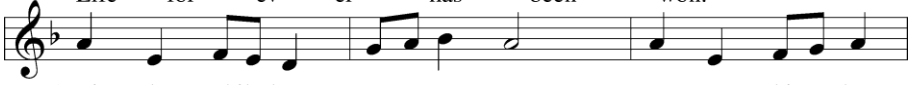
Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom

2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,

3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,

be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve

rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.

Shall be born a gain.

Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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Please stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

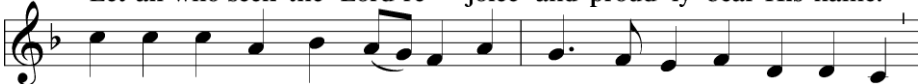
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



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.

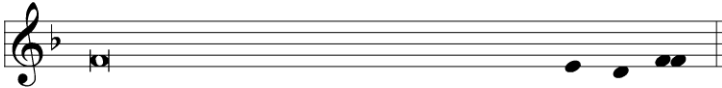
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



G A - men.

Benediction

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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.

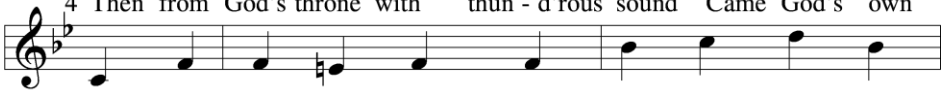


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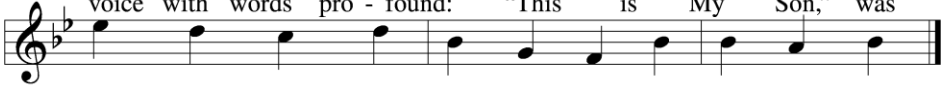
405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness - ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
Anointed Christ in glorious sight This man is Christ, our substitute!
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
To save the world and free us all. Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Prayers for Our Members

Kristen Peterson	Expecting
Tenaya Nuttelman	Expecting
Gary Albers (<i>St. Luke's</i>)	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (<i>Mt. Carmel</i>)	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Amelie Arevalo	Healing
Dave Banner	Healing
Jase Blattner	Healing
Jim Catterson	Healing
Rich Crow	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Homestead</i>)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Bob Glanzer	Healing
Jerry Hansen	Healing
Joyce Hartman	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Gwen Holtz	Healing
Rich Kreutzer	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Betty Schmidt	Healing
Lincoln Baker	Cancer
Jill Bates	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Shaylee Kreutzer (<i>Kreutzer's daughter-in-law</i>)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (<i>Chris' wife</i>)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (<i>Matthias' wife</i>)	Expecting
Joan Bentley (<i>Kreutzer's friend</i>)	Healing
Randy Fritson (<i>Carol Herron's friend</i>)	Healing
Barb Glover (<i>Shirley Helmbrecht's sister</i>)	Healing
Sharon Jones (<i>Rhonda Nielson's mom</i>)	Healing
Cadence Markowski (<i>Steve Junge's grandniece</i>)	Healing
Melissa Sims (<i>Jade Florang's friend</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Joanne Staton (<i>Kristian Arevalo's grandmother</i>)	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon (<i>Joyce Hartman's aunt</i>)	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (<i>Willers' friend</i>)	Cancer
Emily Brachley (<i>Hodgson's friend</i>)	Cancer
Paul Brooks (<i>Bruce & Becky Thornton's brother</i>)	Cancer
Mike & Sherrie Crow (<i>Rich's brother & sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (<i>Ruby Hatfield's niece</i>)	Cancer
Jerry Glover (<i>Shirley Helmbrecht's brother</i>)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (<i>Jeff's dad</i>)	Cancer
Heather Hawke (<i>Ken & Ellen Hockemeier's niece</i>)	Cancer
Steven Junge (<i>Steve & Fran's nephew</i>)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (<i>Rich & Carol's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Kreutzer (<i>Rich's mom</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Jennelle Pietsch (<i>Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Carlie Russell (<i>Sue Bartels' friend</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 1/4/2025

Offering: \$12,376.20

Weekly Need: \$9,400

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by

Worship Assistants

Sunday, January 11th - 9:00a

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Usher: Chuck Zehendner

Acolyte: Landen Eckhoff

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Sue Bartels & Shirley Oertwig

Sunday, January 18th - 9:00a

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Usher: Andy Wollberg

Acolyte: Colton Zehendner

Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Sue Bartels & Shirley Oertwig

This Week at Zion

Sun 1/11	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 5:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Divine Service <i>William Hodgson</i>
Mon 1/12	7:00p	Mary Martha
Tues 1/13	1:30p 7:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Sleeping Mats Board of Ed Board of Elders Board of Trustees <i>Jane Schmid</i>
Wed 1/14	8:30a 4:30p	Chapel Midweek Bible Stories
Thurs 1/15	7:00p	Men's Bible Class
Fri 1/16	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Madison Huryta</i>
Sat 1/17		
Sun 1/18	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 5:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Divine Service <i>Holden Schake</i>

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Announcements for January 11th, 2025

Weekly Devotion Help for January 18th, 2025: The "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday is LSB 402 "The Only Son from Heaven". Go to <https://www.zionkearney.com/worship> to access a Bible study based on the hymn. We are also taking part in our synod's "Memory Verse Challenge" as we all memorize the same Bible verse each week:

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." - **Ephesians 1:7**

Mary Martha: Mary Martha LWML will meet on Monday, Jan 12th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are welcome!

Men's Bible Class: The Men's Bible Class will meet this Thursday, January 15th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

2026 Radio & Flowers Signups: If there is a date you would like to sponsor for either the radio broadcast or altar flowers, sign up by the mailboxes ASAP.

Assisting Shut-ins: If anyone is willing to shop for groceries for one of Zion's shut-ins, please contact Pastor Gaunt.

Bible Reading Cards: A new set of Bible reading cards for the New Year can be picked up in the church entryway. Each card is a tool to keep track of your Bible reading progress as you mark each chapter you have read in 2026. God works through His word.

1st Quarter Missions: The first quarter (January-March) missions will support Lutherans for Life. To donate to this worthy cause, you give online via ACH or use a specially marked envelope located in the narthex. Either way, please clearly designate your gift to this mission. Life Sunday, next week, is a perfect opportunity to make a gift.

SCHOOL NEWS

New Teacher Search: Our 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Peterson, is expecting twins! We are excited for her but will miss her as she will be staying home with the babies next year. The Board of Ed is now beginning the search for a new fourth grade teacher. If you know of any candidates, contact Mr. Splittgerber.

Extra Pies: There are extra pies for sale! Contact Holly in the office for inventory and pricing!

Apple Mart Register Receipts: Save receipts dated September 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. With the register receipts, Zion earns points for dollars spent at Apple Market. The points are redeemed for school items. It is easy to earn money for your school! Turn in the receipts in the blue box by the south door at Zion or at Apple Market. If you have any questions please stop by the office.