

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. At Jesus' Baptism, God the Father speaks from heaven, revealing Jesus to be His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. All three persons of the Trinity make their presence known at Jesus' Baptism. All three persons of the Trinity made their presence known at our Baptism as well as we are revealed to be God's beloved children.



David Garcia, *Organ*

Pastor Stephen Heimer

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"Thy Strong Word" v.1,5-6 LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

INVOCATION

The sign of the Holy Cross + may be made by all in remembrance and celebration of their baptism

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

ADORATION

Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4

- P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- C** **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

- P** And God said, "Let there be light."
- C** **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

- P** The voice of the Lord is powerful.
- C** **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

- P** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.
- C** **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

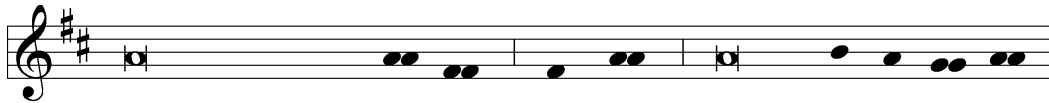
Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

+ PSALMODY +

ANTIPHON



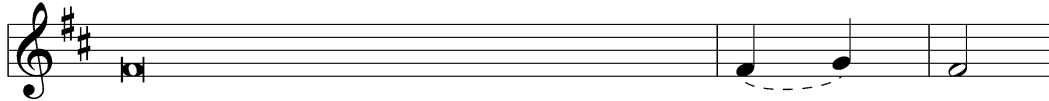
- L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



- C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

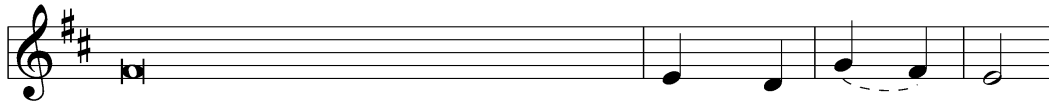
VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7, with antiphon



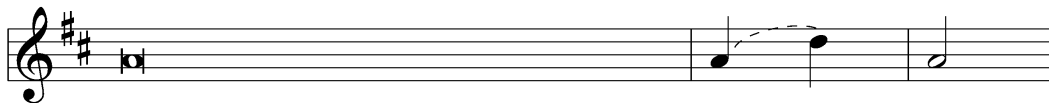
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

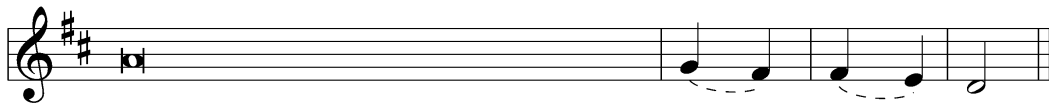


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

ANTIPHON



- L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT

(God creates the heavens and the earth.)

Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

Romans 6:1–11

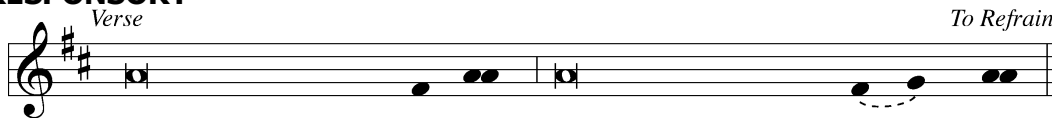
¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

Psalms 119:89 26:8 Luke 11:28



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

GOSPEL

(Jesus is baptized by John.)

Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy" v.1-3 LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.

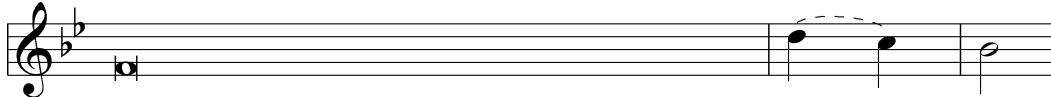
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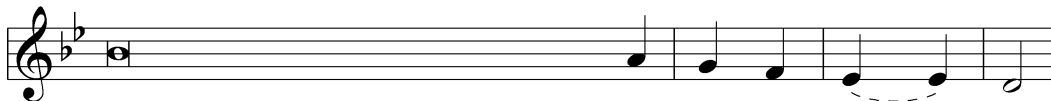
"United in God's Favor"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

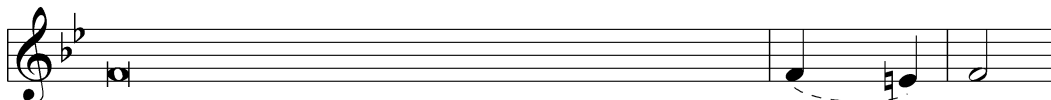
"Te Deum" LSB 223



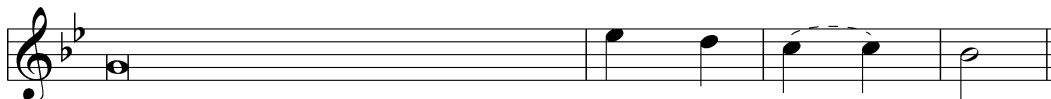
1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.



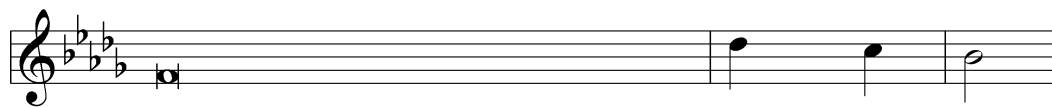
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



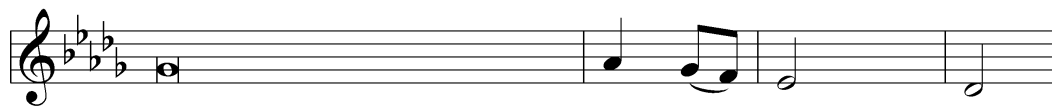
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;



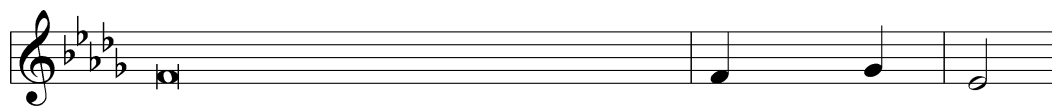
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



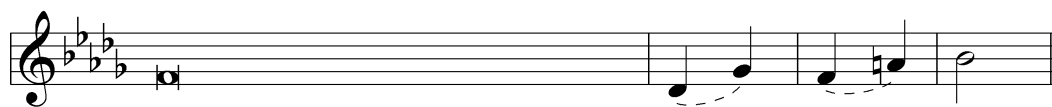
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er - man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



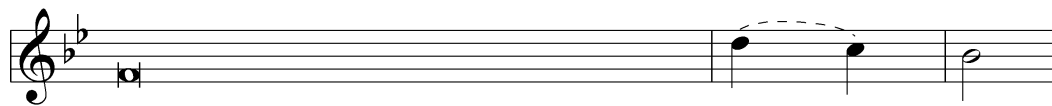
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



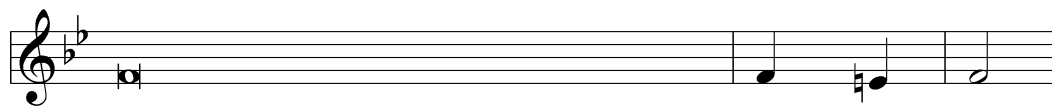
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



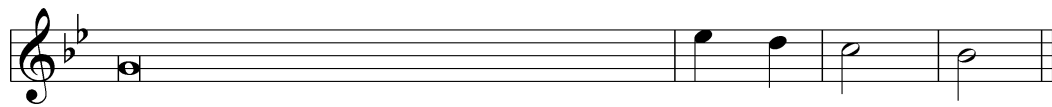
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be" v.1,6 LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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INSTALLATION OF 2021 COUNCIL & ELDERS

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Board of Youth	Kelly Guess, Andrew Batts
Board of Outreach	<i>Vacant</i>

+ PRAYER +

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- ☞ 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.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

- ☞ reveal Your grace to us.**

- P** Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

- ☞ reveal Your grace to us.**

- P** Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially* . . .]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

- ☞ reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

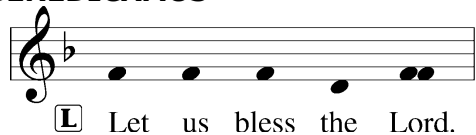
C **reveal Your grace to us.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

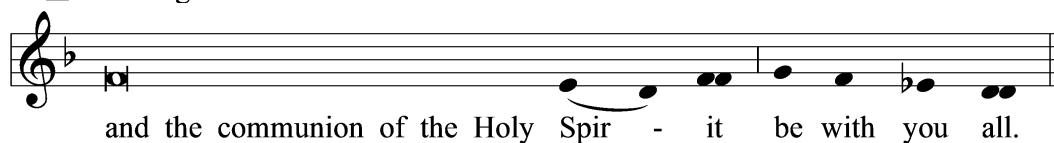
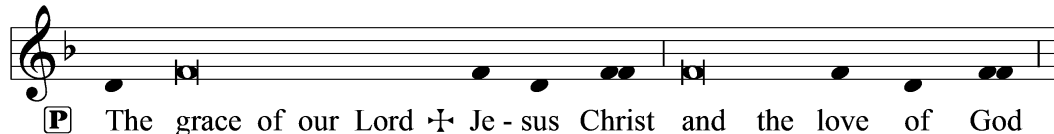
L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS



BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" v.1-3 LSB 816



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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POSTLUDE

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Mail donations: Mail your check to the Zion church office at 2808 Pershing Drive, El Paso, TX 79903. The mail is checked every day.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Give Plus app. You can easily set up an account and donation through the app.

Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!

Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Wayne and Mariann Porter in celebration of Wayne's father, Clem Hulick's birthday.

We are updating information for the 2021 Directory to keep our Zion community connected to each other, even when we are far apart! Be sure to send us your favorite picture of the people in your household! Also, if you have changed your address or contact information in the past year, please call the church office or email us at info@zionelpaso.org.

Eastside Bible Study group will be taking a break during the Season of Advent and will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. We will be studying the CPH series: "Faith on the Edge: Science and the Savior". New members are always welcome and encouraged to join us! For more information, contact the church office or Lydia Williams at 915-630-2131.

Please Save the Date: Zion's LWML is hosting a Virtual Baby Shower for 2 of Zion's Expectant Moms, both expecting baby boys: Erin Shimkus, due in February, and Martha Sellers, due in May! [The Shower will be held on Zoom, on Sunday, January 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., and you are invited!](#) We will be presenting a special Baby Shower Devotion focusing on various baby items, with the help of a Thrivent Action Grant. **Please RSVP to Lydia Williams at (915) 630-2131 or the Church Office, if you will be attending the Shower, so we may send you the Zoom link closer to the date of the Baby Shower. **

In addition, we will be collecting Diapers (from sizes Newborn to Size 2) and Baby Wipes for the 2 Moms and their babies.** You are also invited to join this "**Diapers and Baby Wipes Collection**", which will be divided and shared with the 2 families. For the next several weeks, Diapers and Baby Wipes will be collected in the Auditorium, in the designated spot, or may be dropped off at the Church Office. ***Members of LWML will also be happy to pick up these items from your home and/or shop for you. Please contact Lydia or the Church Office if you need help with either of those details. Further information will be forthcoming. **Thanks, in advance for contributing to the collection for the babies and their Moms! We hope to see you at the Virtual Baby Shower!**

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

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Join Any Zion Bible Study from Home!

We are working to continue being a channel for the Holy Spirit through God's word, and to help keep our Zion family connected.

All are invited, please contact the Zion office for login information or questions. Never attended an online meeting? No problem! Call 915.566.4667 for assistance.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

1/11	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
1/12	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
		7:00 PM	Eastside Bible Study
1/14	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
		7:00 PM	"Acts" Bible Study
1/15	Friday	10:00 AM	Friday Bible Study
1/17	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service