

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, December 6, 2020

### RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*  
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is *appropriate to sit if needed*

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you!* ..... **And also with you!**

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### Invocation

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* ..... **Amen!**

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ *Kneel* ]

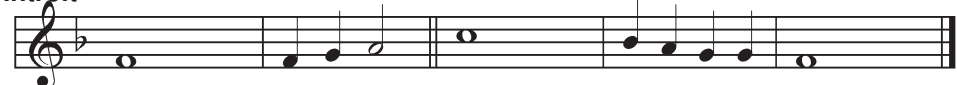
*Our help is in the name of the Lord* ..... **Who made heaven and earth.**  
*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.* ..... **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*O almighty God, merciful Father, ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* ..... **Amen!**

*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.*

Introit



[ Antiphon ] Restore | us, O God; || let your face shine, | that we may be | saved!

Verse 1 : Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock. || You who are enthroned upon the | che- ru- bim, shine | forth.

Verse 2 : You brought a vine | out of •Egypt•; || it took deep | root and filled the | land.

Verse 3 : Restore us, O | God of hosts; || let your face shine, | that we may be | saved!

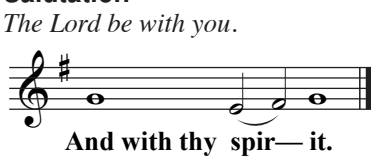
Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!

[ Antiphon ] Restore | us, O God; || let your face shine, | that we may be | saved!

Kyrie



Salutation



**Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that at His coming we may worship Him in purity; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Collect for Advent:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[ Be Seated ] + The Office of the Word of God +

**Old Testament Reading** ..... Isaiah 40:1-11  
[ After the reading ] This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.

**Epistle of the Day** ..... 2 Peter 3:8-14  
[ After the reading ] This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.

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[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*



Al - le - lu - ia!      Al - le - lu - ia!      Al - le - lu - ia!

**Holy Gospel ..... St. Mark 1:1-8**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

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

[ Bow ] 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 worshipped 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!

[ Be Seated ]  
**Hymn of the Day ..... On Jordan's Bank ..... Burgundy Hymn 344**  
[ Rise for Stanza 5. ]

**Sermon**

[ Rise ] **Prayer of the Church**  
*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:* [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... **Hear our prayer.**  
[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... **Amen.**

[ Be Seated ] **Offerings, Voluntary**

[ Rise ] **Offertory Hymn ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of



Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

### Preface

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*



And with thy spir - it.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface for Advent, Sanctus

*It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:*



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



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -



san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that



com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[ *Kneel* ] **Lord's Prayer** [ *Pastor chants:* ] *Our Father who art ... but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for-



ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

Musical notation for Agnus Dei. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: 1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **Comfort, Comfort These** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 347**  
**Arise, O Christian People** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 354**  
**When All the World Was Cursed** .. **Burgundy Hymn 346**

[ Rise ]

**Eucharistic Benediction**

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

**Post-Communion Canticle** ..... **The Nunc Dimittis**

Musical notation for Post-Communion Canticle. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: 1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word. 2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people. 3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el. 4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost. 5. As it\_\_ was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Post Communion Rite**

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*

Musical notation for Post Communion Rite. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ... now and forever.

Musical notation for Prayer of Thanksgiving. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



*Bless we the Lord.*



## Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

**Recessional Hymn ..... Prepare the Royal Highway .... Burgundy Hymn 343**

**Postlude**

# Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly!

**Come join us at Zion Lutheran Church  
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.**

- Advent Services, Wednesdays at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols  
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ  
Prelude begins at 6:30pm • Service begins at 7pm
- Christmas Day Festival Service  
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ  
Prelude begins at 8:45am • Service begins at 9am



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## Readings for the Second Sunday in Advent

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

### The Epistle is 2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord

is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

### **The Gospel is Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,  
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.”

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.”



## Hymns for the Second Sunday in Advent

### LSB344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Charles Coffin

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- Δ 5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free.  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

### LSB347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Johann Olearius

1. "Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;  
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over."
2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day, Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.
3. Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
4. Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

## LSB354 Arise, O Christian People

Valentin Thilo

1. Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;  
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes you sins away.  
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;  
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.
2. Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.  
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav'nly guest.  
Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing, His path, all even lay.
3. The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high;  
Beneath His feet in terror The haughty soul shall lie.  
The heart sincere and right, That heeds God's invitation  
And makes true preparation—It is the Lord's delight.
4. Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,  
And help me to receive You This blessed Advent-tide.  
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;  
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.

## LSB346 When All the World Was Cursed

Johann Gottfried Olearius

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1. When all the world was cursed, By Moses' condemnation,  
Saint John the Baptist came, With words of consolation.  
With true forerunner's zeal, The greater One he named,  
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
2. Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,  
Confessing Him as Lord, Whose mother he was greeting.  
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,  
He testified of Him, Of whom the prophets told.
3. Behold the Lamb of God, That bears the world's transgression,  
Whose sacrifice removes, The devil's dread oppression.  
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,  
Who for our peace and joy, Will full atonement win.
4. O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing.  
That gladly we may walk, Upon our Savior's way,  
Until we live with Him, In His eternal day.

## **LSB343 Prepare the Royal Highway**

**Frans Mikael Franzén**

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1. Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
2. God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!  
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
3. Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him!  
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
4. His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:  
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

## For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

### Morning Prayer

Mark 1:1-8

1 John 1:1-2:14

1 John 2:15-29

1 John 3:1-24

1 John 4:1-21

1 John 5:1-21

Jude 1-25

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Second Sunday in Advent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Isaiah 40:1-11

Isaiah 24:1-13

Isaiah 24:14-25:12

Isaiah 26:1-19

Isaiah 26:20-27:13

Isaiah 28:14-29

Isaiah 29:1-14

### THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily] **The Our Father**

### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

## The Second Sunday in Advent



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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

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Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

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Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,

Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill

John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvina Culpher

## PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders both returning and newly elected, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary all back at school,
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Jill Stokes, Ralph Beck, Frank Jackson, Nikki Wideman, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Jerry Seifert, Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Carolyn & Bill Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

## IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Second Sunday in Advent. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Carolyn and Bill Wallschlaeger. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## CALENDAR

### December 6, 2020 thru December 12, 2020

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>	6:30 PM	LSA Board meeting	Zoom
<b>TUES.</b>	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit Winkel	District Office
	7:00 PM	FW South Circuit Forum	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Advent Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### December 13, 2020

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** As we continue to gather in Bauer Hall with an appropriate amount of distancing, we get to enjoy the teaching of Dr. Voelz delving into the Gospel according to St. Mark. Don't be shy. Come! Dr. Voelz is an engaging teacher.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped put up the big tree in church. It is a joint effort.

**ADVENT** continues on Sundays and Wednesdays, Advent Midweek Evening Prayer service at 7 PM on Wednesday. This week Pastor Punke will preach on the Advent of the Prophet. Again, no Advent Supper, but come and "let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there" (LSB344).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the Great Hall. See Julie Ganaway if you have questions. Also, Julie has some Zion postcards for purchase at her table. Ten postcards for \$5.

**THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** order insert shows that we are not getting the 10<sup>th</sup> poinsettia plants this year. Also, we will not have access to nursing homes to deliver plants after Christmas, so we are asking you to please send Christmas cards to the shut-ins. An insert with their addresses is included in this week's bulletin. Thank you!

**PLEASE HELP:** Zion will continue to collect food and other hygienic items for the Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op through December 13<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up a grocery sack in the Great Hall with the listed items on it. Ed & Janice Grim will deliver these items to the Co-op weekly. In addition to the grocery sacks for food items, there is a small box on the table, in which you may place a gift card or cash, if you prefer that way of giving.

**LSUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is online this year. I'll share the link as soon as I have it.

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** Statewide, we are trending down, but we're still very high. Similarly, in Allen County, we're coming down but are still in the red. Moreover, the hospital census for District 3 is the highest it has been. Our health care workers need some relief. Do your part; don't lose heart. Vaccine help is coming soon, we pray, so don't let your guard down. Be responsible for the sake of your neighbor, your family, and yourself.

**CTSFW ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**, scheduled for 4 PM, Saturday, December 12, will not be open to the public due to concerns over COVID. You can go to the [ctsfw.edu](https://ctsfw.edu) website and view an online broadcast of the prayer service

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge verse? Let's keep it up. This week we prepare for Jesus' advent as David's son, our Savior. Jeremiah 23:5-6—"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch... In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'" Last week's verse was Revelation 22:20.

**CLHS** seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Spanish Teacher. A bachelor's degree in secondary education, or a related field, and a teacher certification in the subject matter are required. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit [www.clhscadets.com/employment](http://www.clhscadets.com/employment). Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

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# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Christ's Coming as a Preacher

*"He came to his own people and his own did not receive him"* [John 1:11].

These words, too, are spoken concerning the coming of his preaching, and not concerning his birth. For his "coming" is his preaching and illuminating. As the Baptist says in Matthew 3[:11], Luke 3[:16], Mark 1[:7], and John 1[:27]: "There is one who will come after me whose shoelaces I am not worthy to untie." It is on account of this "coming" that St. John is called his forerunner. As Gabriel says in Luke 1[:17] to Zechariah, John's father: "He will go before him and prepare his way." For, as said above, the gospels begin with Christ; after his baptism he began to be the light and to do the things for which he had come. Therefore he now says: "He came to his own people right in the midst of the world, and they did not accept him." If this were not said of his coming to give light through his preaching and shining, then he would not castigate them so for not having accepted him. Who could know that it was he, had he not been revealed? Therefore they are guilty for not accepting him because he came and was revealed by John and by himself. Therefore John also says in John 1[:3] [*sic*]: "For this reason I have come and am baptizing with water, so that he might be revealed in Israel." And he, himself, in John 5[:43] says: "I have come in my Father's name and you have not accepted me. Another one will come in his own name, and him you will accept." This, too, is clearly said concerning the arrival of the preaching and revelation.

*Luther's Works, 52:73-4.*

# LSUS NOTES

## Praying for You!



### Please pray for these students:

Eden Oliva-Barrios

Javier Antoine

Jayden Simpson

Mikah Edgell

Israel Moore

Kyaw Ko

Bryan Zarate-Garcia

Swe mon Win

Kendall Stevenson



### Virtual Christmas Service

Here is a glimpse of the recording that took place for the virtual Christmas service. This presentation will be available by the holidays. We taped our virtual Christmas service for this year. Many things are different this year as we all well know but you will not be without a Christmas Program from LSUS.

### Thankful Kindergarten

Kindergarten has things they are thankful for outside their classroom. Here is a sample of one. If you would like to see more hallway artwork go to the website [www.LSUSFW.org](http://www.LSUSFW.org) and look for the “connect” tab at the top then go to “A Walk Through Our Halls.”





## LSUS NOTES continued



### 7th Grade Math

The math students in 7th grade were determining the height of the school flagpole by measuring the shadow and using congruent triangles.

### Scriptural Encouragement

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:6-7*



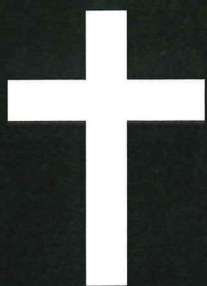
**3rd Grade** made cornucopias that are now decorating the hallway. Visit our website for more [www.LSUSFW.org](http://www.LSUSFW.org) "connect" then go to "A Walk Through Our Halls."



# **Zion Stay-Safe Protocols**

- ✿ Indiana positive cases are the highest they've been since the pandemic began. Let's do our part to keep each other healthy – you know how.
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Staged responses in the state are over; now it's county by county.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
  - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
  - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ Continue to wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. Fist bumps or forearm bumps, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin and texts home after service or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.

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