

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 17, 2021

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

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

[Rise] 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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart; || I have spoken of your faith-fulness and | your sal- va-__ | tion; || I have not concealed your steadfast love and your | faith- ful- ness || from | the great con- gre- | •gation•.*

Verse 1: **I waited patiently | for the LORD; || he inclined to | me and heard my | cry. || He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | mir- y bog, || and set my feet upon a rock, | •making• my steps se- | cure.**

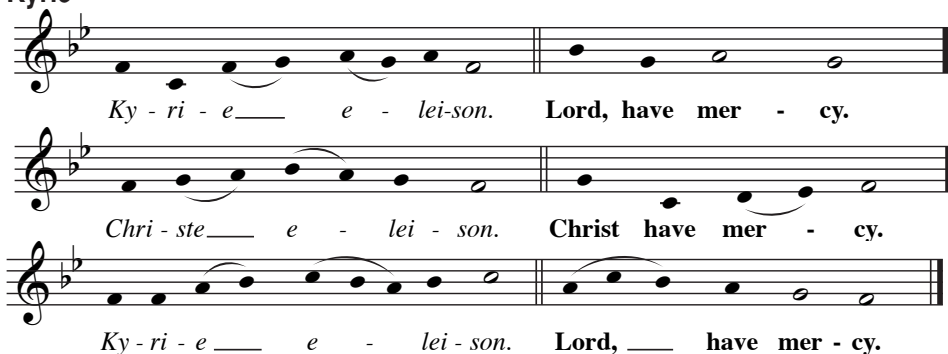
Verse 2: *He put a new song | in my mouth, | a song of | praise__ to our | God. || Many will | see and fear, || and put their | trust__ in the | LORD.*

Verse 3: **Blessed is the man who makes the | LORD his trust, || who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray | af-__ ter a | lie! || You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your | thoughts •toward• us; || none | can com- pare with | you!**

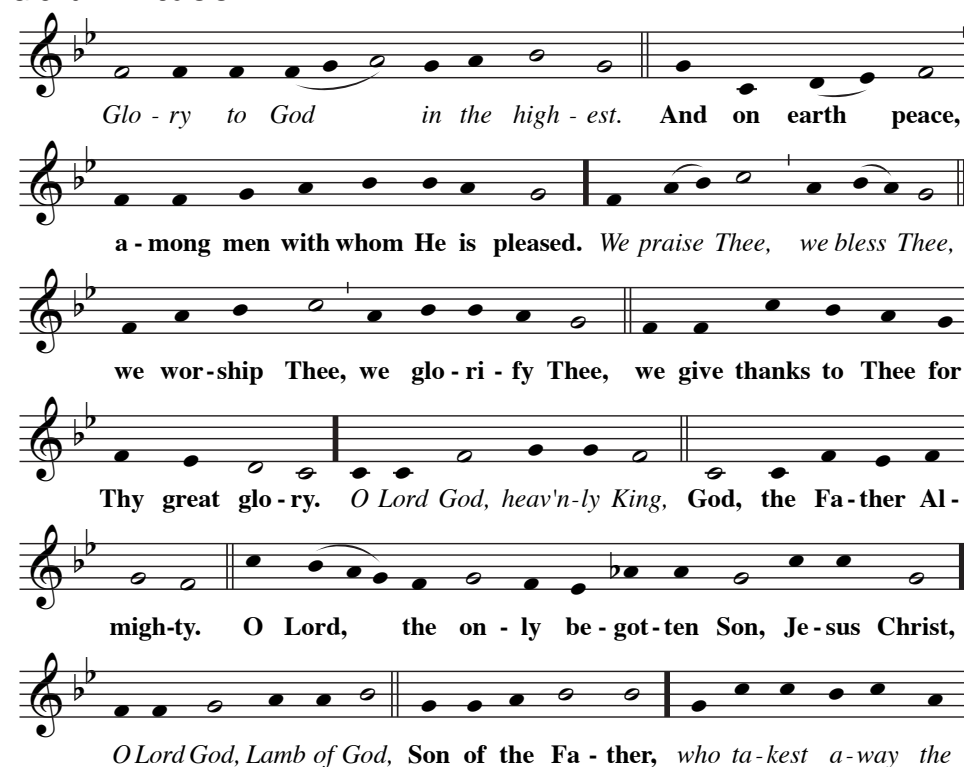
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son; || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Thou who ta-kest a-way the sin of the world,
 re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God
 the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly
 art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - - - - - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Second Sunday after Epiphany: *Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading..... 1 Samuel 3:1-10

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel St. John 1:43-51

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

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 The Only Son Burgundy Hymn 402
[Rise for stanza 4.]

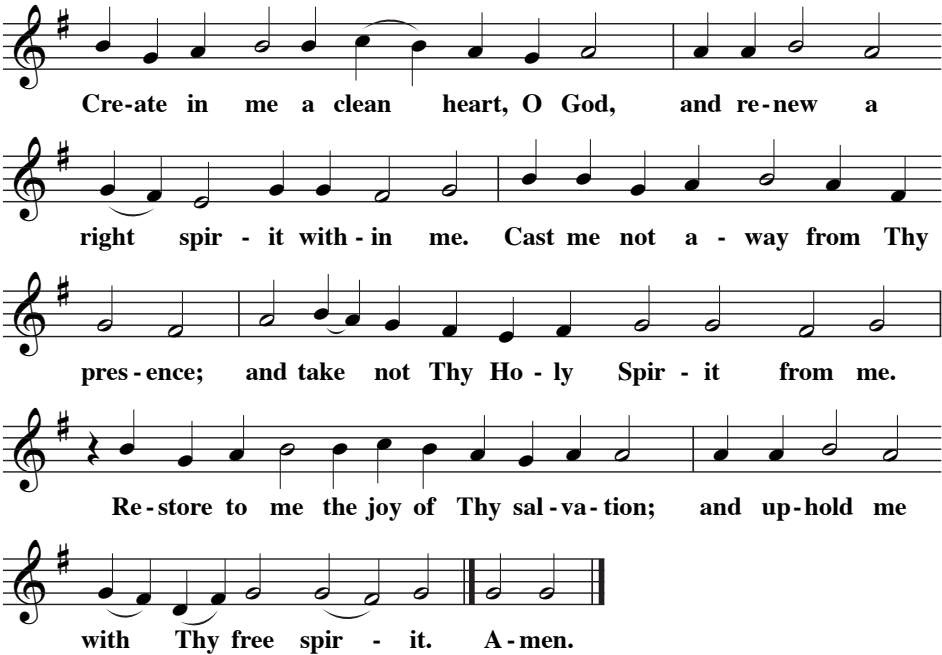
Sermon

[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 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.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



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 Epiphany, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:
Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;
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.

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r 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

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
Stanzas 1 and 2 Stanza 3
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Speak, O Lord Burgundy Hymn 589

Thee, We Adore ... Burgundy Hymn 640: st 3-5

[Soloist sings stanzas 1 & 2; All sing stanzas 3, 4, & 5.]

From God, the Father Burgundy Hymn 401

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4;
All sing stanzas 5 & 6; Rise for stanza 6.]

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



- 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.



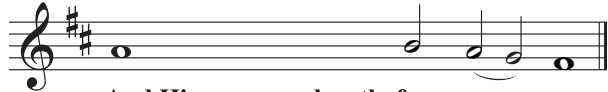
- 4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



- 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.



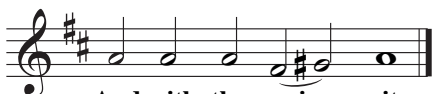
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

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.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

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 Jesus Has Come Burgundy Hymn 533

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy [young man] Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do

you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The Gospel is John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Hymns for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB402 The Only Son from Heaven

Elisabeth Cruciger

1. The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given, In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.
2. O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.
3. O Lord, our hearts awaken To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken, In Spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.
4. O Father, here before You With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"

LSB589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt

1. Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor That I cling to You forever!
2. Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden You give words of peace and pardon.
3. Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!
4. As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

LSB640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

Thomas Aquinas

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1. Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,
Who in Thy Sacrament art please to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
2. In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,
Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:
Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
3. Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,
Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food;
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
4. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
5. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.

LSB401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.
2. Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die;
Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.
3. Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring The gift of healing on Your wing;
To eve'ry dull and clouded sense The clearness of Your light dispense.
4. Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away;
Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.
5. Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
6. To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

LSB533 Jesus Has Come and Brings

Johann Ludwig Conrad Allendorf

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1. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaims this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
2. Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
3. Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
4. Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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)

Field Workers:

Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)

Teachers:

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:

Melvia 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, especially at the inauguration of our President and Vice President, 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 Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, Esther Donovan, Art Litke, Marq Rogers, Nikki Wideman, 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Lillian Albersmeyer
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed, especially Virginia Shull
- + 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 after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given by Bryce Shull in loving memory of his beloved wife Virginia on their 79th wedding anniversary. The Baptism Bud Vase is given for the many blessings from our heavenly father, for the gift of life and faith for Lillian Albersmeyer on her 18th birthday by Carl and Rosie Albersmeyer. 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

January 17, 2020 thru January 23, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	2:30 PM	David Scaer Lecture	Sihler Auditorium
MON.			
TUES.	10:00 AM	CTSFW Symposium — All Week	Streamed
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	12:00 PM	NIRL Prayer Gathering	Abundant Life Church

January 24, 2020

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Grab a Bible from the rack (or bring your own), join Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall, and learn about the Gospel according to St. Mark.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY will be held after the Divine Service on January 31st. There will be reports, but also important business to take care of: voting whether we should delay the Synod Convention a year, preparing for our District Convention this year (in case the Synod Convention is not delayed), selecting our Lay Delegate, making nominations for officers and committees, etc.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available for pick up (they're on a table in the basement). See Julie Ganaway if you have questions.

FYI: Giving statements are available now. Please see Julie Ganaway at her table until January 24th. Any remaining statements will be mailed out by January 25th.

DON'T FORGET about the flower chart. Fill it up.

DR. DAVID SCAER LECTURE: "1969-1985 Years of Change at the Seminary," a part of the 175th Anniversary Lecture Series, is today at 2:30 PM. You may attend at Sihler Auditorium or watch it Live Stream @ ctsfw.edu and on Facebook.

CTSFW SYMPOSIA are on for January 19-22, but they're virtual. You can learn more by going to www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/symposia. Things get going at 10 AM on Tuesday.

NORTHEAST INDIANA RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE is a Prayer Gathering this year at noon and at Abundant Life Church, 3301 E Coliseum Blvd. Doors open at 11:30 AM. You can watch it on NIRL's YouTube channel or Facebook page. There will links on their website (ichooselife.org) with step-by-step instructions. *There will not be an organized march this year.* They are asking people to complete their marches individually, at home or in prominent places around your city.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County is back in red. Rats. I wasn't expecting that since every day I looked our positivity rate was around 10% (today, it's only 8.5%). Today's seven-day average in the county is 15.5%, a bit better than the state as a whole, but nothing to brag about. Our district hospital census continues to go down, praise God, and our ICU bed availability has gone up a bit. It's still a concern. You probably read that vaccines are available now for those 70 and over and for healthcare workers and first responders. It didn't say so, but pastors are eligible as well. I received my first dose on Friday. *I'm hoping that this will open hospitals and nursing homes up to me.* Let's continue to stay safe in church; follow our protocols. The finish line is in sight. Let's run the race to the finish with both ourselves and our neighbors in mind.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week it is the blessing of baptism — Acts 2:38-39 "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." Last week's verse was Joel 2:32.

A HOPE CENTER'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET When: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 6:30 pm; Where: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum; What: Join us for an evening of ministry updates, fellowship, and an inspirational message from our guest speaker. Registration opens on Friday, Feb. 1, 2021.

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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

John 1:43-51

Romans 8:18-39

Romans 9:1-18

Romans 9:19-33

Romans 10:1-21

Romans 11:1-24

Romans 11:25-12:13

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12

Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29

Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23

Joel 1:1-20

Joel 2:1-17

Joel 2:18-32

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 after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

Mark 1:14-20



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Unexpected Kingship of Jesus

45. *Philip found Nathanael.*

Just as Andrew had said to his brother Simon: “We have found the Messiah!” so Phillip here tells Nathanael: “We have found someone who comes from Nazareth, Jesus by name, who is the Messiah, of whom Moses in the Law and the prophets have written.” ... It is surprising that they conceived the thought and understood that this Jesus was the Messiah, devoid of all external glory though He was. And here we must recall the concept which the Jews of that day had of the Messiah. Their idea of the Messiah was comparable to our present one of an emperor, king, or other bigwig. The Jews supposed that the Messiah would be the sovereign of the world. In reality, He was to become the Savior of the world.

...[P]robably they had learned from Holy Writ that it had always been God’s practice to exalt the poor and the humble and to change shepherds into kings. ... Thus the men in our text thought: “Well, God can change a beggar into a king as easily as He can change a king into a beggar.” ... They thought: “After all, who knows? Our God has often disposed it thus and changed a shepherd and poor beggar into a king. Is it not possible that this man, too, is the King, the Messiah, the Lord?”

But their belief was inspired especially by John the Baptist’s report of such glorious things about Christ, things which they did not relate to His divinity. ... [T]hese good fellows wished Christ, the Anointed, to be the foremost king in heaven and on earth and to liberate them from Roman bondage. With such thoughts in mind they exclaimed: “We have found the Messiah!” They meant to say: “Until now we have lived under the yoke of the Romans. But God be praised! Now our Horn of salvation has come, who will manifest Himself as a true Judge (Luke 1:69).”

Luther’s Works, 22:187-89.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students:

Zaelynn Simpson	Vicente Herrera
Van Thang	Conor Collentine
Jeremiah Easley	Ray Webb Arnold
Debora Bermudez	Sophie Bubb
Kendall Stevenson	Pastor Mann
Pastor Punke	Pastor Ahlsmeier
Pastor Whittaker	



GIRLS JV Basketball WIN! LSUS girls JV BB team played St. Paul Lutheran School Tuesday night and they Won the game 21 to 17! GO TEAM!

HAPPY NEW YEAR - Welcome to 2021 Christmas We have all seen or heard the memes like “2021 means 2020 won!” or that “2022 is the second version of 2020”, but the truth is stated in the Bible. God’s mercies are new every morning of every day. God’s faithfulness

is so good! This means that this new year will be full of 365 new days and new mercy from God! Please keep this in mind this year as you experience the good/bad, easy and hard times! Please know that LSUS is always praying for our students and their families.

Library Behind the Scenes with Mrs. Lammert

Library this year is more of a challenge but we’re rising to the occasion.

It’s hard to pick out specific books for each and every student, because everyone’s taste and reading levels are so different. But what’s really rewarding is when I give a student a book and the next week, they ask for another one “just like that one.”



LSUS NOTES continued

Teacher Appreciation - Fundraiser

One of our greatest treasures are our many wonderful teachers. Even in the best of years they are called on to do so much. They help mold our children into great members of society, give them the knowledge they need to succeed, comfort them when they are down, inspire them to greatness and protect them while we are away.

This year they have been called on to do even more, have rose to the occasion and exceeded all expectations. They are tired, they are burned out, many are even demoralized and yet they push on without a complaint. I fear there will be those who without an uplifting show of appreciation may no longer be able to go on after this year is done. **Our teachers have given so much and we need to show them as a community how much we appreciate them.**

There are 19 schools in our Lutheran Schools Partnership throughout Northeast Indiana with approximately 350 teachers, assistants, athletic directors, music directors, etc... and we want to give each and every one of them a gift to show them that they are loved, they are heroes, that they are our greatest treasures.

100% of everything raised and donated will be split between these heroes. We are asking for all donations to be received by January 20th in order to start putting together "Baskets of Appreciation" to be delivered shortly thereafter. Whether it is \$5 or \$50,000 please give today and show them just how much we appreciate them.

Please make Checks payable to: "The Lutheran Schools Partnership" and write "Teacher Appreciation" in the memo line. Your checks can be dropped off at your schools in an envelope with "The Lutheran Schools Partnership" written on it or mailed to the below address.

If you wish to use a credit or debit card go to:

<https://www.thelutheranschools.org/support> and choose give online. Please put Teacher

Appreciation in the Note section.

If you have any questions please email Brian Bean at bbean@zacherco.com

Thank You, The Lutheran Schools Partnership
1601 St. Joe River Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46805
260-203-4500

LCMS FOUNDATION

The Indiana District is offering a short, free **online presentation** on gift and estate planning on **Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 PM.**

- Learn how to bless family and ministry through your estate.
- Consider how to steward the gifts God has given you, how to gain peace of mind through a well-organized plan, and how the Foundation can help you get it done.
- **To register**, please contact Andy Behrmann andy.behrmann@lfnd.org by January 22.

<https://in.lcms.org/free-online-presentation-on-gift-estate-planning/>



Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Indiana metrics are getting better. Vaccines will soon be available for us all. Don't let your guard down!
- ✿ It's a county by county response to the virus. Allen County is back in the orange!
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
 - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
 - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Be aware; 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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FAITH IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

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As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.