

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 24, 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] *From the rising of the sun | to its •setting•, || the name of the | LORD is to be | praised! || The LORD is high a- | bove all •nations•, || and his | •glory• a- bove the | •heavens•!*

Verse 1: **Praise | the__ LORD! || Praise, O | ser- vants of the | LORD, || praise the name | of the LORD! || Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth | and for- ev- er- | more!**

Verse 2: *He raises the poor | from the dust || and lifts the needy | from the ash_ | heap, || to make them sit with | princ__ es, || with the | princ- es of his | •people•.*

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



Ky - ri - e__ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chri - ste__ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.



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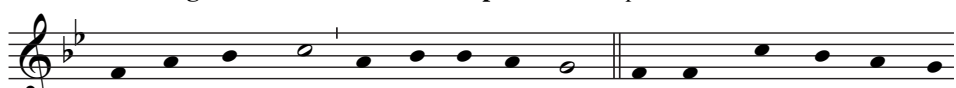
Gloria in Excelsis



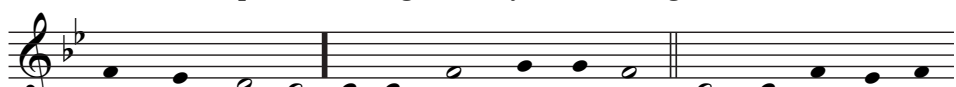
Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,



a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,



we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for



Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa-ther Al-



migh-ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta-kest a-way the

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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 O Christ, our True Burgundy Hymn 839

Sermon

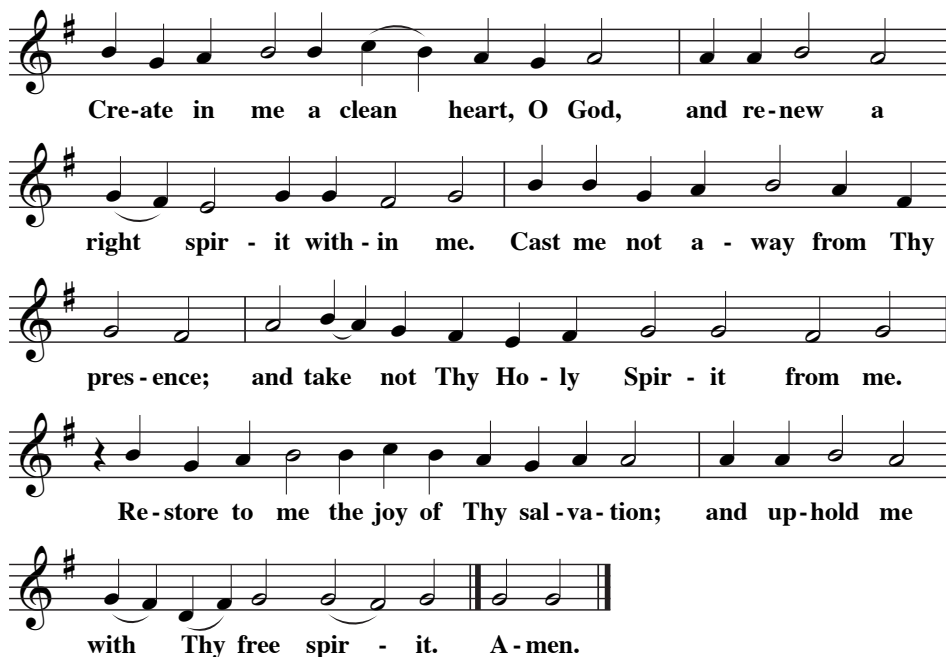
[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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



+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



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 Let Us Ever Walk Burgundy Hymn 685
"Come, Follow Me," Burgundy Hymn 688
O God of God Burgundy Hymn 810

[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



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.



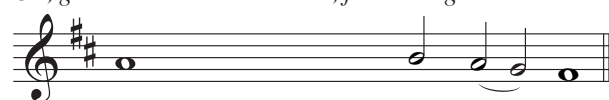
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.



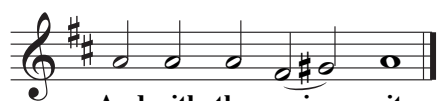
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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 Almighty Father Burgundy Hymn 923

Postlude

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Readings for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ...

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

The Gospel is Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Hymns for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB839 O Christ, our True and Only Light

Johann Heermann

1. O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In you find peace and heav'nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
5. That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

LSB685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Sigismund von Birken

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1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

3. Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

LSB688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

Johann Scheffler

1. “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take my example for your guide.
2. “I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
3. “My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
4. “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

LSB810 O God of God, O Light of Light

John Julian

1. O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven’s glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

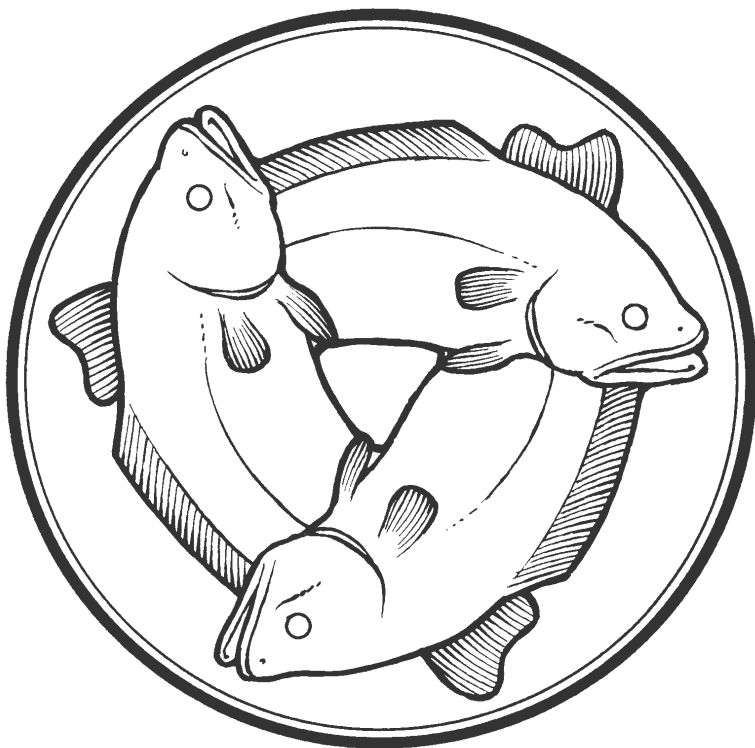
2. For deep in the prophets' sacred page,
And grand in poets' winged word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"
Sung once by first-born sons of light,
It echoes now, "Good will!" Amen.
3. That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn--
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.
4. Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

LSB923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Thomas Ken

1. Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
2. We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.
3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Third 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:

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, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary,
- + 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, Art Litke, Esther Donovan, 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
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Carl & Myrtle Albersmeyer and Byrle & Joyce Greenamyer
- + 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Carl & Myrtle Albersmeyer and Byrle & Joyce Greenamyer by Carl & Rosie Albersmeyer and family. 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 24, 2020 thru January 30, 2020

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| SUN. | 9:00 AM | Divine Service | Church |
| | 10:30 AM | Adult Bible Study | Bauer Hall |
| | 10:30 AM | Junior Catechesis | Conference Room |
| MON. | | | |
| TUES. | 12 NOON | Administrative Council | Bauer Hall |
| WED. | 9:30 AM | Men of Zion Bible Study | Conference Room |
| | 5:30 PM | Wednesday Divine Service | Church |
| THURS | 10:30 AM | Book of Concord Study | Bauer Hall |
| FRI. | | | |
| SAT. | 11:00 AM | Private Confession | Church |

January 31, 2020

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|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| SUN. | 9:00 AM | Divine Service | Church |
| | 10:30 AM | Congregational Assembly | Bauer Hall |
| | 10:30 AM | 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. Next week, Bible Class has lost its spot to the Congregational Assembly.

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 at Julie Ganaway's Scrip table. After today, any remaining statements will be mailed.

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

PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES, there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: I'm glad I waited for today's update. Allen County is back in orange (but still red advisory). That means our county data are looking much better (indeed as more data come in, we should never have moved to red). One can always go to www.coronavirus.in.gov to get a look at how we're doing, but the data on the dashboard can be a bit confusing with different date ranges for the numbers, and especially the number reflected on the map are not updated daily (maybe weekly). I go to Additional Resources and download the spreadsheet to get a better "view." Allen County's seven-day average is around 10.5% and going down. That's good news. Perhaps the vaccinations are helping. Let's also keep vigilant. The District hospital census is less than half its December 1st peak, but our ICU bed availability is at 15%. That's still a concern. I will get my second dose of the vaccine on Feb. 4. *I'm hoping that this will open hospitals and long-term care facilities to me — no official word, yet.* I hope that if you are 70 or older you are considering getting the vaccine, too. In the meantime, let's continue to stay safe in church, following 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? At Christmas, we ponder how God became flesh and dwelt among us. In Epiphany, we ponder how this man, Jesus of Nazareth, shows Himself as true God. This week's verse affirms Jesus' deity — Colossians 2:8-9 "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." Last week's verse was Acts 2:38-39.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE Y4Life in Washington, D.C. has gone VIRTUAL, and if you are in high school or college, they want you to join them online with Zoom: Thursday's Youth Event (Jan. 28) @8 PM ET: Meeting ID: 8256674 8458; Passcode: 531186; Friday's Panel Discussion (Jan. 29) @8 PM ET: Meeting ID: 863 1277 9776; Passcode: 815150; Saturday Morning Conference Sessions (Jan. 30) @9 AM ET: Meeting ID: 895 5508 4619; Passcode: 563456. Deaconess Pat Nuffer and Carl will be among the presenters. Events will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

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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

Mark 1:14-20

Romans 14:1-23

Romans 15:1-13

Romans 15:14-33

Romans 16:17-27

2 Timothy 1:1-18

2 Timothy 2:1-26

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Zechariah 1:1-21

Zechariah 2:1-3:10

Zechariah 4:1-5:11

Zechariah 6:1-7:14

Zechariah 8:1-23

Zechariah 9:1-17

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Behavior of “real Christians”

[W]e must divide the children of Adam and all mankind into two classes, the first belonging to the kingdom of God, the second to the kingdom of the world. Those who belong to the kingdom of God are all the true believers who are in Christ and under Christ, for Christ is King and Lord in the kingdom of God, as Psalm 2 [:6] and all of Scripture says. For this reason he came into the world, that he might begin God’s kingdom and establish it in the world. Therefore, he says before Pilate, “My kingdom is not of the world, but every one who is of the truth hears my voice” [John 18:36-37]. In the gospel he continually refers to the kingdom of God, and says, “Amend your ways, the kingdom of God is at hand” [Matt. 4:17, 10:7]; again, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” [Matt. 6:33]. He also calls the gospel a gospel of the kingdom of God; because it teaches, governs, and upholds God’s kingdom.

Now observe, these people need no temporal law or sword. If all the world were composed of real Christians, that is, true believers, there would be no need for or benefits from prince, king, lord, sword, or law. They would serve no purpose, since Christians have in their heart the Holy Spirit, who both teaches and makes them to do injustice to no one, to love everyone, and to suffer injustice and even death willingly and cheerfully at the hands of anyone. Where there is nothing but the unadulterated doing of right and bearing of wrong, there is no need for any suit, litigation, court, judge, penalty, law, or sword. For this reason it is impossible that the temporal sword and law should find any work to do among Christians, since they do of their own accord much more than all laws and teachings can demand, just as Paul says in I Timothy 1 [:9], “The law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless.”

Luther’s Works, 45:88-9.

From Invisible to Indispensable!

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...”

(1 Corinthians 12:22)



Abortion acts like some persons are invisible.
Assisted suicide treats some persons as invisible.

It says they don't have enough size to matter.
It says they don't have adequate skills to matter.
It says they don't have the right circumstances to matter.
It tempts us to use death as a solution.
It tells us we shouldn't have to look at them anymore.



If our unborn neighbor or the elderly one seems invisible,
if the persons with disabilities feel invisible,
doesn't anyone wonder why?

Their ages don't make them invisible.
Their appearances don't make their humanity invisible.
Their inabilities don't make their sanctity invisible.
Pretty and popular are just comparisons.
Productive and profitable are only perceptions.
None of these can impart humanity,
and none of them can deprive someone of it.

Humanity comes from what we are and not from what we do.
And just because it sometimes goes unnoticed doesn't mean it's absent.
No person's preciousness depends on us detecting it.
It isn't that the worth and purpose of the least of these are so little we cannot
calculate them.
It's that human worth and purpose are too great for us to comprehend.

It's not just her body, her choice.
It's not just his problem, his fault.
Your body belongs to the Almighty Father who made it.
Their body belongs also to the Incarnate Son who redeemed it.
Each body belongs also to the Holy Spirit who calls it His temple and treasure.
This is My body, says the Savior Jesus Christ.
This is My beloved son and My beloved daughter, says the Lord our God.
This life, embryo or aged, dying or disabled, is also your privilege and my
responsibility.

Humanity isn't made up of individuals but of indispensables.
We are connected. We are community. We are one body.
We need each other. We have each other.
None lives to himself alone, and none dies to himself alone.
If one member suffers, all suffer together.
We can do this, and we will rejoice!



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LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students:

Adalynn Stewart

Jordyn Gains

Emilia Antoine

Michael Johnson

Jabron Hardy

LaChelle Bonner

Jackson Goree

Denver Zarate-Garcia

Miss Sally

Mr. Tom

Parent Teacher Conferences



Student Art Gallery on Display

Throughout the school year, wonderfully constructed pieces of art are selected by Mrs. Reynolds, the art teacher, per class per project to put on display for parents during Parent Teacher conferences, you can

go to our website www.lsusfw.org where they have their own slide for your viewing. The artists of these selected pieces are: Kindergarten: Kennedy Hubbard, Ivan Martinez, Eden Oliva-Barrios, Leilani Pearson, & Nyomi Rangel. First Grade: Javier Antoine, Aaleyah Horn, Callie Mann, & De'Lyn Thomas. Second Grade: LeShone Ackles, Cataleya Book, Emeraude Hernandez, Jayden Simpson, Lilly Soe, & Donald Washington. Third Grade: Emilia Antoine, Conor Collentine, Pyae Kyaw, & Elizabeth Maldonado. Fourth Grade: Caley Bonner, Ethan DuMont, James Easley, Gay doh Soe, & De'Cora Thomas. Fifth Grade: Ahrius Alexander, Brandon Gaither, Olivia Mann, & Stephanie Martinez. Sixth Grade: Jalasha Bell, Jayland Davis, Lill Doughty, Malachi Foster, Cassandra Magee, & Bryan Zarate-Garcia. Seventh Grade: Jovan Antoine, Khin Aung, Marcos Herrera, Taria Webb-Arnold, & Swe mon Win. Eighth Grade: Promise Ackles, Brooklyn Fuller, Theresa Poe, & Denver Zarate-Garcia.



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.

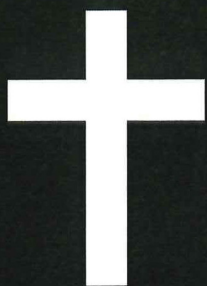
If you have any questions please email Brian Bean at bbean@zacherco.com

Thank You, The Lutheran Schools Partnership
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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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