

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, February 7, 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]

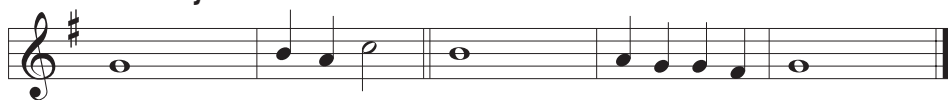
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the
iniquity of my sin.

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 will sing | to the LORD, || because he has dealt | boun- •tiful•- ly with | me.*

Verse 1: **Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God; || light up my eyes, lest I | sleep the sleep of | death,**

Verse 2: *lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | o- ver him," || lest my foes rejoice because | I am sha-__ | ken.*

Verse 3: **But I have trusted in your | stead- fast love; || my heart shall rejoice in | your sal- va-__ | tion.**

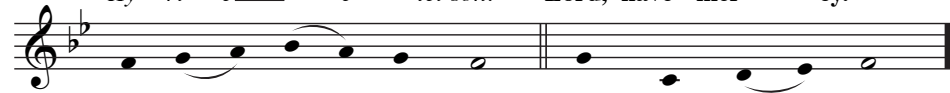
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•;**
As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!

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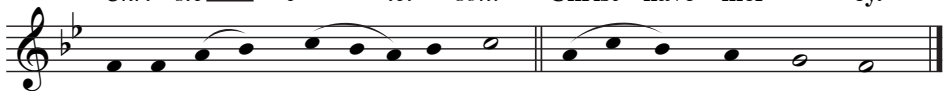
Kyrie



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



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



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

Gloria in Excelsis



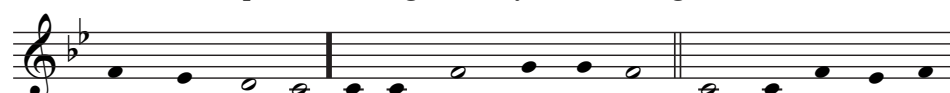
Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,



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



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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: *O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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..... **Isaiah 40:21-31**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 9:16-27**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Mark 1:29-39**

[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 Hail to the Lord's Burgundy Hymn 398

Sermon

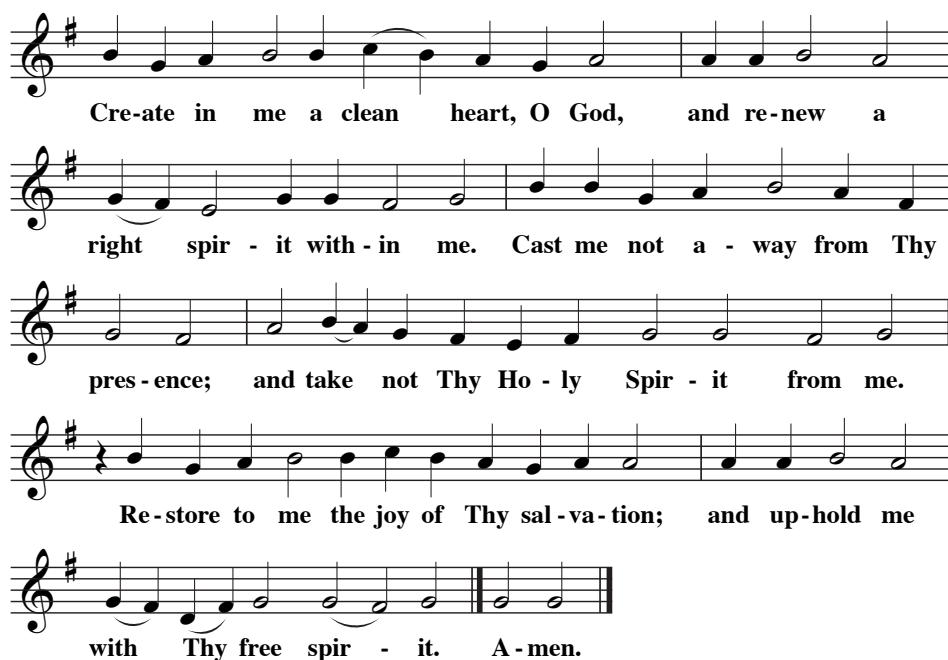
[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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.

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 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 Songs of Thankfulness Burgundy Hymn 394

[All sing stanza 1; Skip Stanza 2; Sing stanzas 3, 4, & 5.]

The People That in Darkness ... Burgundy Hymn 412

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

Thy Strong Word Burgundy Hymn 578

[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.



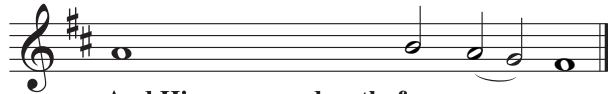
4. Glo— ry_ be to the
Father, and to_ the _ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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 Hail, O Source Burgundy Hymn 409

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

who brings princes to nothing,

and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows on them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,

and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For

if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

The Gospel is Mark 1:29-39

Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.
2. He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
3. He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever — That name to us is Love.

LSB394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Christopher Wordsworth

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

LSB412 The People That in Darkness Sat

John Morison

1. The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
2. To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.
- W3. To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
- M4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.
5. His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

LSB578 Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzmann

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1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- W3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

- M 4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- Δ 6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

LSB409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

Basil Woodd

1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.
2. Once far off but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to Eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love Divine.
3. Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



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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

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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, 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, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, Tracey Houser, 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
- + 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given by Beth and Don Bieberich in praise of the Lord. 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

February 7, 2020 thru February 13, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis (Erik Saunders)	Conference Room
MON.			
TUES.	9:30 AM	FW Tri Circuit	Peace Lutheran
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS	6:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Zoom
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

February 14, 2020

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: No Adult Bible Class again today due to the Congregational Assembly. Next week, Adult Bible Class will return. Come and join in.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY is today in Bauer Hall after the Divine Service after being canceled last Sunday due to weather. 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.

LENT starts with Ash Wednesday, February 17. We will be holding midweek services during Lent, starting with a Divine Service on Ash Wednesday, 7 PM. Many Zion members will have been fully vaccinated by that date. Therefore, we will return to Lenten Suppers at 5:45 PM, prior to the service. The Admin Council will serve the first supper, and servers will continue safety protocols. It's a start to a return to normalcy.

THE ELDERS DECIDED that we would inch slowly toward normalcy as more have received their vaccinations. So, besides the restoration of Lenten suppers on Wednesdays, we'll begin encouraging handshakes after the Divine Service starting in Lent. Please remember, first, that transmission of COVID is not primarily by touch, but by breathing in respiratory droplets. But, second, remember that other viruses like colds and flu are often transmitted by touch. Therefore, we are still promoting good hand hygiene. Of course, if you're uncomfortable beginning this soon, a fist or forearm bump works, too.

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: Allen County remains in orange, but with a lower metric of 2. Our advisory level remains orange. Our positivity rate is hovering around 8.5%. The number of positive cases per 100,000 persons is also coming down, but is still over 200 cases per 100,000 — still too high. For now, *continue protecting yourself and others, first by getting your vaccinations, and second by continuing to follow the appropriate safety protocols.* District 3 COVID-19 hospital census fluctuates but remains well below (70% below) the December 1st peak. Our ICU bed availability is 25%. Hoosiers 65 & older may now get vaccinated. No one I know has had any significant adverse effects from the vaccination, not even the second dose. I've had my second dose and should be fully immunized by next Thursday, February 11. The Elders and I talked about starting to scale back our COVID protocols. We agreed to do it slowly and incrementally (see above). For now, let's continue to run the race to the finish.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse affirms Jesus' mediatorial role in our salvation — 1 Timothy 2:5-6: "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." Last week's verse was Colossians 2:13-14.

SEEKING SECRETARY LSUS is looking for a part time and/or full-time secretary for the front office. Interested candidates should apply by going to lsusfw.org and filling out the application under "employment opportunities" on the bottom of the page.

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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 1:29-39

John 2:13-25

John 3:1-21

John 3:22-4:6

John 4:7-26

John 4:27-45

John 4:46-54

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 40:21-31

Job 5:1-27

Job 6:1-13

Job 6:14-30

Job 7:1-21

Job 8:1-22

Job 9:1-35

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

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6

Mark 9:2-9



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Confidence in Knowing Your Salvation

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Nor does it seem proved that souls in purgatory, at least not all of them, are certain and assured of their own salvation, even if we ourselves may be entirely certain of it.

(This is from Luther's explanation to Thesis 19 of his 95 Theses) ...

2. Records of many examples claim that some souls have confessed this uncertainty of their position, for they have appeared, so to speak, going to the judgment to which they have been called, as St. Vincent and others testify. On the other hand, many examples are recorded in which they have confessed their certainty. To this I respond: First, I have said that not all are certain. Secondly, perhaps it is better, according to the aforesaid, to say that they have not actually been certain, but that, because of their great desire for help, they are, so to speak, certain; and as though they were certain, they have asked to be helped quickly. So they rather imagine they are certain and timidly presume that they are certain as if they know for sure. It is as the gospel says, that the demons knew Jesus was the Christ, that is, they strongly imagined it, as the gloss says. It is natural in every distress and anxiety to imagine very strongly that we may still be restored, although it may be more of a desire for restoration than the hope or knowledge of it, just as in the case of the demons there was more the desire to know than to have knowledge itself. For the actual knowledge of salvation does not make us anxious or cause us to tremble but makes us confident and enables us to bear all things with the greatest courage.

Luther's Works, 31:140, 142.

ZION'S ENDOWMENT FUND TO DISTRIBUTE OVER \$36,000 IN 2021

January 2021

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to report that the annual distribution from *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund* will total \$36,335.57. With this announced distribution, the total disbursed by the *Fund* as it completes its 33rd year is now over \$790,000.

Following is a summary of the history of the *Endowment Fund*.

- It was formed in late 1987 with gifts of \$80,000. The first annual distribution was \$9,215.
- As of December 31, 2020, the Fund had a value of \$1,036,729.84 before deducting the 2021 distribution payment of \$36,335.57.
- Two "Special Purpose Funds" exist within the Endowment Fund:
 1. \$146,158.14 for future brick sealing and repair on the historic structure of the church building
 2. \$96,660.78 to support the *Zion* music program
- The growth of the funds are due in part to additional gifts given to the *Fund*
- Growth has also come from invested returns that have averaged 7.3% annually for the life of the *Fund*.
- The *Fund* has a policy of distributing 5% of the general fund's average balance as of the end of the past three calendar years.

The *Endowment Fund* is a permanent gift from friends and members of Zion, many of them now deceased. Their intention was to leave a legacy gift that would provide perpetual annual support for their beloved Zion for as long as God grants her existence.

Due to requests by members who want to endow a special program benefiting Zion, the committee established the "Special Purpose Funds" identified above.

We encourage you to consider a gift either to be made now or as part of your estate plan. The gift may be made to the Endowment Fund or one of the Special Purpose Funds.

Those currently serving on the Endowment Fund Committee are Carl Albersmeyer, Don Bieberich; Secretary, Karl Kostoff, Laikyn Muehl; Board Chairman, and Jim Voelz.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students:

Chavell Conner
Donald Washington
De'Cora Thomas
Jalasha Bell
Joshua DuMont
Mrs. Springer

Hailey Horn
Mikah Edgell
Angelina Phattavong
Sebastian Moore
ESL Students

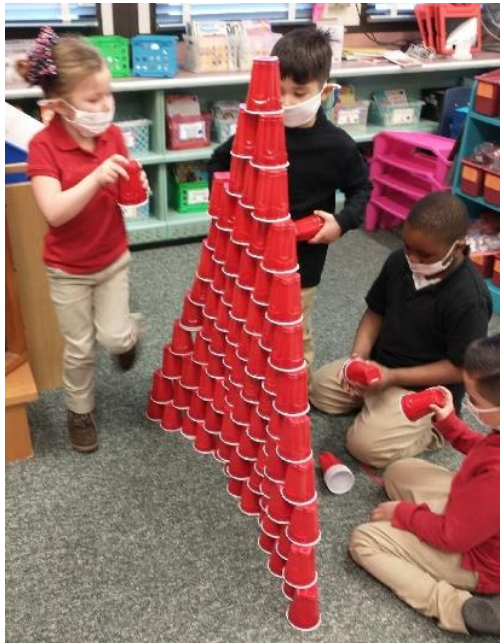


National Lutheran Schools Week & School Choice Week

This week we had so much fun learning about serving others as Christ came to serve. The students wrote thank you notes and even picked up the school grounds. To celebrate school choice the students received Choice scarves or bracelets.

100th Day of School

We have passed the one hundredth day of school! Kindergarten celebrated by counting and stacking cup!



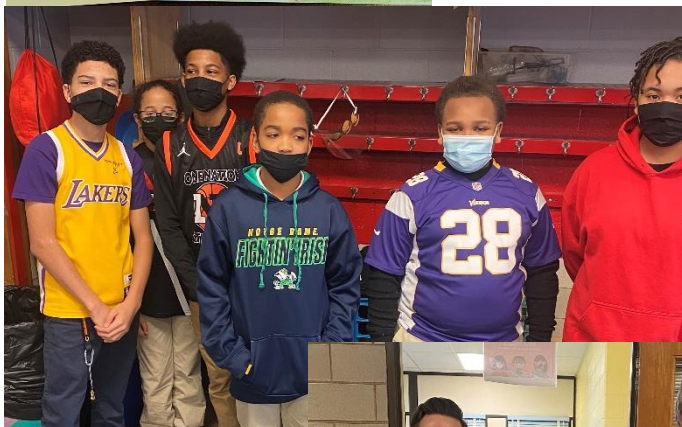
LSUS NOTES continued



National Lutheran School week & School Choice Pictures

Thank you letters from Students

Students and staff wearing their favorite sports teams



Scriptural Encouragement

*My mouth will tell of
your righteous acts,
of your deeds of
salvation all the*

*day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty
deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your
righteousness, yours alone. O God, from my youth you have
taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even
to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I
proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all
those to come.*

~ Psalm 71:15-18



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.

COMING IN FALL OF 2020 | NEW BOOK FROM CONCORDIA PUBLISHING



FAITH IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

JOHN T. PLESS | JACOB CORZINE

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.