

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR INVOCABIT, THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Sunday, February 21, 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] *When he calls to me, I will | an- swer him; || I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue | him and hon- or | him__ . || With long life I will | •satis- fy him || and | show him my sal- | •vation•.*”

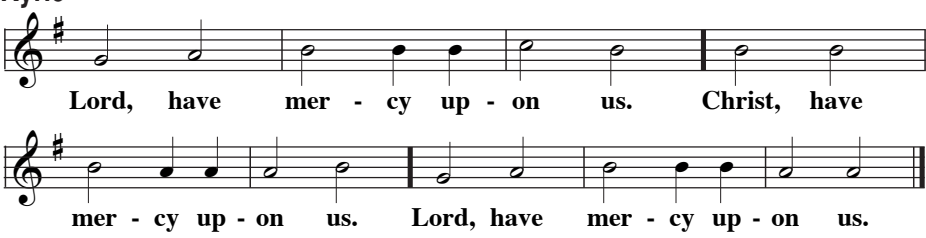
Verse 1: **Because you have made the Lord your | dwell- ing place || the Most | High, who is my | re- fuge || no evil shall be allowed to | be- fall you, || no | plague come near your | tent.**

Verse 2: *On their hands they will | bear you up, || lest you strike your | foot a- gainst a | stone_ . || You will tread on the lion | and the •adder•; || the young lion and the serpent you will | tram- ple un- der- | foot.*

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

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Kyrie



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the First Sunday in Lent: *O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



Collect for Lent: *Merciful and everlasting God, who did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



[Be Seated] **+ The Office of the Word of God +**
Old Testament Reading..... Genesis 22:1-18
[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*
Epistle of the Day James 1:12-18
[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

[Rise] **Tract**



[Deacon] *Put on the whole | •armor• of God, || that you may be able to stand against the | schemes of the de- | vil.*

All: O come, let us fix our | eyes on •Jesus•, || the founder and per- | fec- tor of our | faith__ . || who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame || and is seated at the right hand | of the throne of | God.

Holy Gospel St. Mark 1:9-15

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated] **Hymn of the Day A Mighty Fortress ... Burgundy Hymn 656**

Sermon

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

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

[After the final prayer] :..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] **Offerings, Voluntary**

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



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and



take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

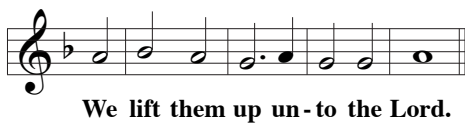


+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

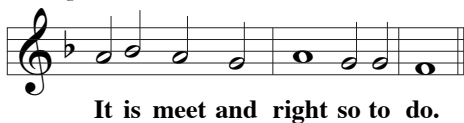
Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

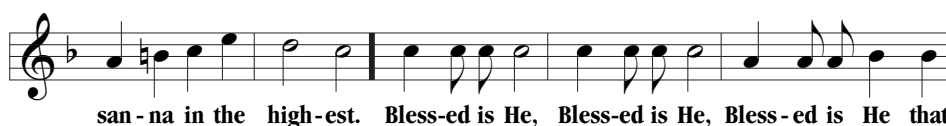


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



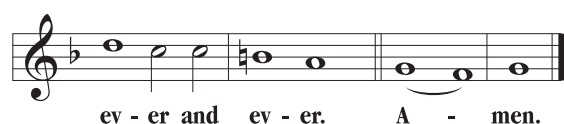
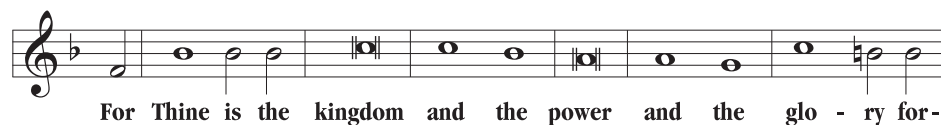
Proper Preface for Lent, Sanctus

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



[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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





Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



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]

First Distribution Hymn The Death of Jesus Burgundy Hymn 634

Second Distribution Hymn God the Father, Be Our Stay


1. God the Fa- ther, be our stay;
2. Je- sus Christ, be Thou our stay; } Oh, let us per-ish nev - er!
3. Ho - ly Spir- it, be our stay; }

Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.

Keep us from the E - vil One; Up-hold our faith most ho - ly,

And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly

Let us put God's ar-mor on, With all true Christ - ians run - ning


Our heav'n-ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning

A-men, A-men, this be done; O Lord, have mer- cy on__ us.

[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.



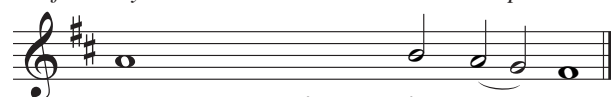
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:



Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - rit.

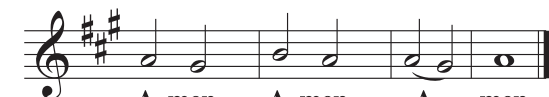
Bless we the Lord.



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 O Lord, throughout Burgundy Hymn 418

Postlude

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Readings for the First Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring

shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

The Epistle is James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creation.

The Gospel is Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now 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.”

Hymns for the First Sunday in Lent

LSB656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

LSB634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Haquin Spiegel

1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
2. He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.
3. That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
4. His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
5. We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins; "Given and shed for all your sins."

6. They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!
7. But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
8. Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

LSB505 God the Father, Be Our Stay

Martin Luther

1. God the Father, be our Stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.
2. Jesus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.
3. Holy Spirit, be our Stay, O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.

LSB418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Claudia F. Hernaman

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1. O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
2. You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
3. Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed and fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.

4. Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

The First Sunday in Lent



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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, 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, Doloris Beck, 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, Maurice King, John Weber, 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, especially Karen Ostermeyer Moore
- + 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 First Sunday in Lent. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 52nd anniversary of the baptism of Karen Ostermeyer Moore by her sponsors Bill and Carolyn Wallschlaeger. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

February 21, 2021 thru February 27, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	1:30–5:30 PM	Bach Collegium	Church
MON.			
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Bauer Hall
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Vespers Service	Church
THURS			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

February 28, 2021

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: Adult Bible Class resumes today. Join Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall and together explore the Gospel according to St. Mark.

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.

SYNOD CONVENTION DELAYED TO 2023 The referendum on delaying the Synod Convention passed overwhelmingly. That means that the District Convention is also delayed until 2022. Thanks to all who agreed to serve. We may ask again later.

MEN OF ZION has begun a study of the prophet Zechariah. Now is a good time to join in on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

LENTEN VESPERS: This Wednesday (7 PM) we are treated to the preaching of Rev. Richard Lammert, proclaiming Jesus' needful death: He died to save the world. Lenten supper precedes the Vespers at 5:45 PM. Remember, too, that we are now inviting you to shake hands after the Divine Service. The Elders and I made this decision with the understanding that transmission of COVID is not primarily by touch, but by breathing in respiratory droplets. On the other hand, other viruses like colds and flu are often transmitted by touch. We are still promoting good hand hygiene. A fist or forearm bump works if you're not ready to shake hands.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County cases continue to decline, and our metrics are improving. Our positivity rate is down to 6.8% — Indiana as a whole is doing even better. The county is still in yellow (rating 1.5), and our advisory level has turned to yellow. What we're doing is working. Keep it up. Normal is on the horizon, but don't become complacent. *I encourage you to get your vaccinations if you're able and to continue to follow the appropriate safety protocols.* Allen County has 15 sites to receive the vaccination, including Kroger Pharmacies. District 3 COVID-19 hospital census due to COVID hasn't changed much — still less than ¼ of the December 1st peak. Our ICU bed availability is over 25% right now, but that's due to a reduction in non-COVID ICU patients. The website still shows Hoosiers 65 & older are eligible to be vaccinated — I anticipate that changing soon. No one I know has had any significant adverse effects from the vaccination, not even the second dose.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse is not a single verse, but several; it may be a challenge, but well worth it — Philippians 2:5-11: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Last week's verse was Hebrews 4:15.

CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Head Girls Basketball Coach. Please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT ... You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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 1:9-15

Mark 3:1-19

Mark 3:20-35

Mark 4:1-20

Mark 4:21-41

Mark 5:1-20

Mark 5:21-43

DAILY LECTIONARY

The First Sunday in Lent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Genesis 22:1-18

Genesis 6:1-7:5

Genesis 7:11-8:12

Genesis 8:13-9:17

Genesis 11:27-12:20

Genesis 13:1-18

Genesis 15:1-21

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 5:1-11

Mark 8:27-38



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Following God's, Not Self-Chosen, Commands

6. It is well ... for us to reflect on this example of Christ. He did not go into the wilderness of his own accord but was led [Mark: driven] there by the Holy Spirit. Accordingly, we should respond in similar manner, not prompted merely by our own ideas of religion, but in faithful conformity and obedience to the Word of God in all that we do. This is a teaching you have often heard repeated, to be sure that God has commanded whatever you do and to do nothing extraneous to his Word.

7. With respect to ordinary duties and works of love, no new command is necessary. We have these expressed in the Ten Commandments. There the Lord enjoins everybody to hear his Word, to love him, to pray and call upon him. Doing these things is God's will, as he requires in the first three commandments. God also commands obedience to father and mother, not to kill, and not to commit adultery but to marry. All this is by God's ordering and command. For this reason we need not look for the Holy Spirit's prompting to be a father or mother, to enter the estate of matrimony, and so on, for such commands already exist. But to initiate something special as service to God, like entering a cloister, or fasting by foregoing meat, eggs, and butter, or refraining from singing hallelujahs while fasting, there are no commands in God's Word. Therefore, such things are really nothing but sacrilege in God's sight and not true worship.

Complete Sermons of Martin Luther, 5:314.

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Indiana and Allen County metrics continue to get better. Vaccines are available for more and more. If you can, we encourage you to be vaccinated!
- ✿ *We are starting to inch our way back to normal.*
- ✿ 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 of your surroundings; 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.
- ✿ *You are invited now to shake hands, if you're comfortable doing it. Otherwise, we can still bump fists or forearms. Still practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands and using hand sanitizer.*
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it 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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