

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR REMINISCERE, THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Sunday, February 28, 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.

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[*Antiphon*] **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | stead- fast love, || for they |**
have been from of | old__ . || Remember not the sins of my youth or | my
trans- •gressions•; || according to your steadfast love remember me, for the
sake of your | good- ness, O __ | LORD!

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent: *O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ————— men!

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.*

A ————— men!

+ The Office of the Word of God +

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

[Rise] **Tract**



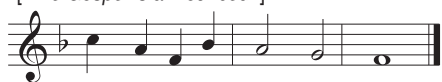
[Deacon] *If anyone would come after me, let him de- | ny him- self || and take up his | cross and fol- low | me.*

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 8:27-38

[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 Lord, Thee I Love RED Hymn 429 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.**

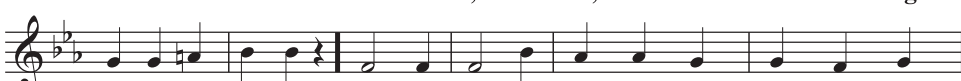
[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[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.

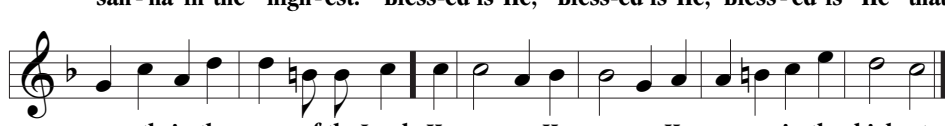
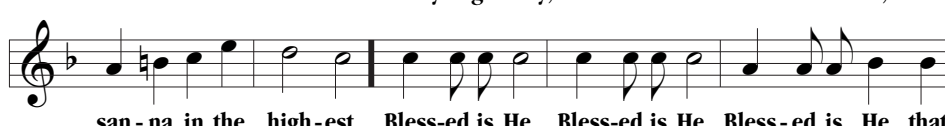


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



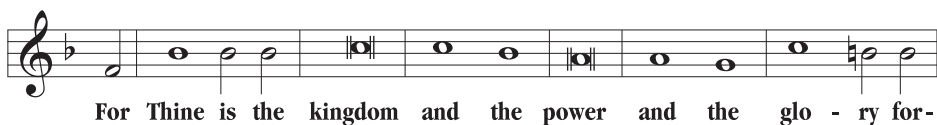
Proper Preface for Lent, Sanctus

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]

Distribution Hymns Why Should Cross Burgundy Hymn 756

O Jesus, Blessed Lord Burgundy Hymn 632

I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name . Burgundy Hymn 734

[Rise for stanza 5.]

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.



Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

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



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

Recessional Hymn Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Burgundy Hymn 685

Postlude

Holy Week Schedule

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Palm Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

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The Triduum: The Three Day Vigil

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Part I: Holy Thursday, April 1

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part II: Good Friday, April 2

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part III: Holy Saturday, April 3

The Great Vigil of Easter

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunrise Matins 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

Festival Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

(No Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday)

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Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ...

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Epistle is Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Gospel is Mark 8:27-38

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, ‘John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.’ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Hymns for the Second Sunday in Lent

TLH429 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Martin Schalling

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile,
And Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.
3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

LSB756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Paul Gerhardt

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1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With His cheer; Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won When His life was given?
2. When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sends them;
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.
3. God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust Him still When He send me sadness.
God is good; His love attends me
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.
4. From God's joy can nothing sever,
For I am His dear lamb, He, my Shepherd ever;
I am His because He gave me
His own blood For my good, By His death to save me.
5. Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
Though it might, Day and night, Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife Of this life To His joy immortal!

LSB632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

LSB734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

Adam Reusner

1. I trust, O Lord, Your holy name;
O let me not be put to shame
Nor let me be confounded.
My faith, O Lord, Be in Your Word Forever firmly grounded.
2. Bow down Your gracious ear to me
And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;
Make haste for my protection,
For woes and fear Surround me here. Help me in my affliction.
3. You are my strength, my shield, my rock,
My fortress that withstands each shock,
My help, my life, my tower,
My battle sword, Almighty Lord — Who can resist Your power?
4. With You, O Lord, I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To You my soul commending.
Lord, be my stay, And lead the way Now and when life is ending.
- △ 5. All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We run our race Till we depart victorious.

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.

The Second 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, 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
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Loretta & Robert Manth.
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Second Sunday in Lent. The Cross Bowl and the Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Loretta & Robert Manth by Jennifer Manth. 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 28, 2021 thru March 6, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
MON.	6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting	Zoom
TUES.	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Vespers Service	Church
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FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

March 7, 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 with Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall exploring the Gospel according to St. Mark. Come and learn.

CHOICE DOLLARS: Make an impact on the Zion's ministry through Thrivent Financial. Eligible Thrivent Financial memberships who have available Thrivent Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2021 to direct them.

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 are studying the prophet Zechariah. Join in on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

LENTEN VESPERS: This Wednesday (7 PM) we are blessed to hear Sem. Peter Wagner proclaim Jesus' needful death: He died to ransom many. Lenten supper precedes the Vespers at 5:45 PM.

COVID PROTOCOLS now invite you to shake hands after the Divine Service — no pressure, no judgment. 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 continue to improve, even though we did not lower our county rating. Our positivity rate is down to 6.1% — Indiana as a whole is doing even better. Allen County is still in yellow (rating 1.5), and our advisory level is 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 (Hoosiers 60 and older are now eligible) and to continue to follow the appropriate safety protocols.* Allen County has 15 sites to receive the vaccination, including Kroger Pharmacies, but you can go to another county for the vaccination. No one I know has had any significant adverse effects from the vaccination, not even the second dose. District 3 COVID-19 hospital census due to COVID is down further — 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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verses? This week's memory is two verses — 1 Peter 5:8-9: "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith." Last week's verse was Philippians 2:5-11.

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 8:27-38

Mark 6:14-34

Mark 6:35-56

Mark 7:1-23

Mark 7:24-37

Mark 8:1-21

Mark 8:22-38

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Second Sunday in Lent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Genesis 18:1-15

Genesis 21:1-21

Genesis 22:1-19

Genesis 24:1-31

Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67

Genesis 27:1-29

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 2:13-25



What Doctor Luther Says:

About True Praise: a Work and Fruit of Faith

Praise is really a work and fruit of faith, concerning which St. Paul teaches in Romans 10[:10, 9]: “For man believes with his heart and so is justified, but he confesses with his lips and so is saved. For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” St. Paul here seems to want to say: To believe in Christ secretly in your heart and to praise him in a private corner, is not true faith. You must confess openly with your lips before everyone what you believe in your heart. A confession may cost you your head, for the devil and men do not like to hear it and the cross is a necessary part of this confessing, for you see that the pope, the bishops, priests, and monks neither hear Christ’s word nor tolerate it, so that the prophet truly says: “I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of God” [Psalm 116:13], as if he wanted to say: If I praise and confess God, they will give me to drink of the cup of martyrdom. Come then, I will accept it in God’s name and will not cease in my praise of God; that cup will not harm me but will be my healing and greatly help me to receive salvation. That is what Christ means when he says, Mark 8[:38]: “Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this sinful and adulterous generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with his holy angels.”

Luther’s Works, 52:277-8.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students:

- For all the people affected by the unusually cold temperatures in the south, especially in Texas.
- Mr. King
- Fort Wayne Community
- LSUS Students and Staff



Snow Snow and More Snow



Kindergartener Chavell playing outside in the snow piles. LSUS allows their students to go outside and play as long as it is warm enough and they have the right clothing.



LSUS NOTES continued

LSUS SEEKS SECRETARY Lutheran South Unity School is looking for a part time and full-time secretary for the front office. Interested candidates should apply by going to our website LSUSFW.org and filling out the application under 'employment opportunities' on the bottom of the front page.

Kindergarten Round Up

LSUS Kindergarten Virtual Round Up is February 23 on our website www.LSUSFW.org The child must be 5 by August 1st 2021 to enroll. Please let you friends and family members know! Call to set up your Kindergarten pre-screening today! (260) 744-0459

Save School Choice

There is a Bill (HB1005 Expanding Educational Choice) in the legislation to expand the School Choice Voucher Program to provide more funding for families including foster children. Please take a moment to send an email to RepCarbaugh@gmail.com to voice your support of the program. Let him know that you want the program to grow. It will only take a few minutes and will make a big difference in the future generations!

Scriptural Encouragement

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ~ Joel 2:12–14

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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