

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:00 pm ..... Thursday, December 31, 2020

### 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

#### [ 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.*

**Entrance Hymn ..... O Sing We, Now Rejoice ..... Burgundy Hymn 386**

#### Kyrie

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

**Gloria Hymn ..... From Heaven ..... Burgundy Hymn 358: Sts. 1, 8, 13-15**

[ Sing stanza 1; SKIP stanzas 2-7;  
Sing stanza 8; SKIP stanzas 9-12;  
Sing stanzas 13, 14, & 15. ]

**Salutation**

*The Lord be with you.*



**And with thy spir— it.**

**Collect for The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, because You sent us Your only-begotten Son for our salvation and gave Him the name of Jesus, grant that we may begin the New Year trusting in His saving name and live all our days in His service and praise to the glory of His holy name; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**A ——— men!**

**Collect for New Year’s Day:** *Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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** ..... **Numbers 6:22-27**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Galatians 3:23-29**

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

**Sequence Hymn ..... O Savior of Our Fallen Race ..... Burgundy Hymn 403**

[ All sing stanza 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanza 3; Women alone sing stanza 4;  
All sing stanza 5; SKIP stanza 6; All sing stanza 7. Rise for stanza 7. ]

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Luke 2:21**

[ 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 ..... Jesus! Name of Wondrous ..... Burgundy Hymn 900**

**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  
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 Christmas, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na Ho - san - na, Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that  
 com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the highest.

## [ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power 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 ..... O Jesus So Sweet ..... Burgundy Hymn 546

The Ancient Law Departs ..... Burgundy Hymn 898

[ Rise for stanza 5. ]

[ Rise ]

### Eucharistic Benediction

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

### Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.

2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.



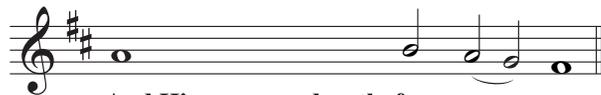
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

### Post Communion Rite

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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



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

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

**Recessional Hymn ..... O God, Our Help ..... Burgundy Hymn 733**

**Postlude**



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## **Readings for New Year's Eve**

### **The Eve of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus**

#### **The Old Testament Reading is Numbers 6:22-27**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

#### **The Epistle is Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

#### **The Gospel is Luke 2:21**

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## Hymns for New Year's Eve

### LSB386 O Sing We, Now Rejoice

Latin and German, 14<sup>th</sup> cent.

1. Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
2. Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!
3. Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
4. Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light,  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

### LSB358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Martin Luther

1. "From heav'n above to earth I come  
to bear good news to ev'ry home:  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing: ..."
8. Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
You came to share my misery  
That You might share Your joy with me.
13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
A quiet chamber set apart  
For You to dwell within my heart.
14. My heart for very joy must leap;  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

15. Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

**LSB403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race**

Latin c. 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> cent.

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1. O Savior of our fallen race,  
O Brightness of the Father's face,  
O Son who shared the Father's might  
Before the world knew day or night, Alleluia!
2. O Jesus, very Light of Light,  
Our constant star in sin's deep night:  
Now hear the prayers Your people pray  
Throughout the world this holy day. Alleluia!
- M 3. Remember, Lord of life and grace,  
How once, to save our fallen race,  
You put our human vesture on  
And came to us as Mary's son. Alleluia!
- W 4. Today, as year by year in light  
Bathes all the world in radiance bright,  
One precious truth outshines the sun:  
Salvation comes from You alone. Alleluia!
5. For from the Father's throne You came,  
His banished children to reclaim;  
And earth and sea and sky revere  
The love of Him who sent You here. Alleluia!
- Δ 7. O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,  
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore. Alleluia!

**LSB900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love**

William W. How

1. Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,  
Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.
2. Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told,  
Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.

3. Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen sons of earth  
For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."
4. Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child  
When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.
5. Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.
6. Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

### **LSB546 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild**

**Valentin Thilo**

1. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
For sinners You became a child.  
You came from heaven down to earth  
In human flesh through human birth.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
2. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
With God we now are reconciled.  
You have for all the ransom paid,  
Your Father's righteous anger stayed.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
3. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
Joy fills the world which sin defiled.  
Whate'er we have belongs to You;  
O keep us faithful, strong, and true.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

### **LSB898 The Ancient Law Departs**

**Sebastian Besnault**

1. The ancient Law departs, And all its fears remove,  
For Jesus makes with faithful hearts A covenant of love.
2. The Light of Light divine, True brightness undefiled,  
He bears for us the pain of sin, A holy, spotless child.
3. His infant body now Begins the cross to feel;  
Those precious drops of blood that flow For death the victim seal.
4. Today the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.  
They call Thee Jesus, child divine; Our Jesus deign to be.

- Δ 5. All praise, eternal Son, For Thy redeeming love,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one In glorious might above.

**LSB733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Isaac Watts

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last And our eternal home!



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Faith's Role in Circumcision and Baptism*

[Anabaptists] hold that Baptism must be repeated and that only adults should be baptized, because, as they maintain, infants have no understanding. Where there is no understanding, they say, there is no faith either.

But tell me! Circumcision, as we have said, profits only by reason of faith. Yet God gave the command that infants should be circumcised on the eighth day, and the promise that He will take care of them and save them is very strong. Hence the command to circumcise either served no purpose or infants, who are without any understanding, also believed and through circumcision obtained by faith the righteousness which Abraham obtained while he was still un-circumcised.

Those who are circumcised are given the promise that they are the people of God and that God wants to be their God. This means that they are in the fellowship of the kingdom of God, since they have been justified by the justifying faith which the Lord grants them through His Spirit.

If this was brought about with the Jews in the Old Testament through the medium of circumcision, why would God not do the same thing with the Gentiles through the medium of the new covenant of Baptism?

The command (Matt. 28:19) pertains to all: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them. ..." Hence whereas circumcision was commanded only to the descendants of Abraham, Baptism is commanded to all the nations, with the promise of salvation if they believe.

But if, by virtue of the promise, Abraham's descendants had the blessing that those circumcised on the eighth day would receive the gift of faith and become the people of God, why would this be denied the nations now united with God through the covenant of Baptism?

*Luther's Works, 3:103-4.*

# Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Indiana metrics are getting better. Vaccines will soon be available for us all. Don't let your guard down!
- ✿ It's a county by county response to the virus. Allen County is back in the orange!
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
  - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
  - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Be aware; spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ Continue to wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. Fist bumps or forearm bumps, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin and texts home after service or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.

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# **FAITH** IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

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