

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9:00 am Sunday, January 2, 2022

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!*

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 A Great and Mighty Wonder Burgundy Hymn 383

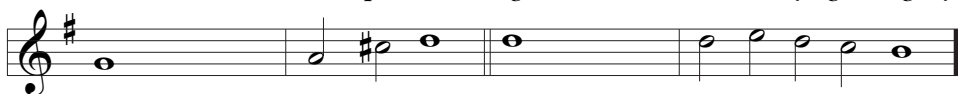
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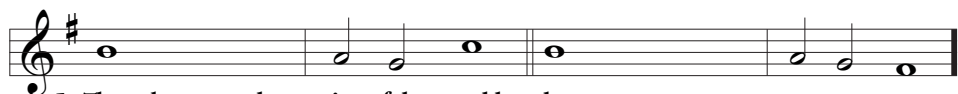
Gloria



1. *Glory be to God on high: And on earth . . . peace good will • toward • men*
2. We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,
bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory. •



3. O Lord God, heav'n- ly King, God, the Fa- ther Al- ____ •mighty, •
4. O Lord, the only- O Lord God,
begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son ____ of the •Father, •



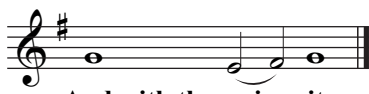
5. That takest away the . . sin • of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on ____ us.
6. Thou that takest away the sin • of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer •
7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the •Father, • have mercy up - - - - - on ____ us.



8. For Thou •only • art •holy • Thou on - - - ly art the Lord.
9. Thou, only, O art most
Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory • of God the •Father. • A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas: *Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:4-15

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

Epistle of the Day Ephesians 1:3-14

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

[Rise]

Sequence Hymn Let Our Gladness Have No End Burgundy Hymn 381

Holy Gospel St. Luke 2:40-52

[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 Within the Father's House Burgundy Hymn 410

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 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 +

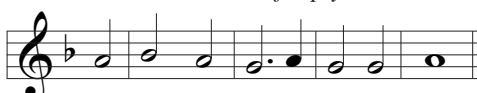
Preface

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.

Preface for Christmas, Sanctus

It is truly meet, ... 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 ... 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,



have mer - cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

Distribution Hymns All My Heart Again Rejoices ... Burgundy Hymn 360

[*Rise for stanza 5.*]

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

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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 O Word of God Burgundy Hymn 523

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday after Christmas

The Old Testament Reading is 1 Kings 3:4-15

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

The Epistle is Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to

the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel is Luke 2:40-52

And the child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Hymns for the Second Sunday after Christmas

LSB383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

Germanus

1. A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!

Refrain: Proclaim the Savior's birth:

"To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!"

2. The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*
3. While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*
4. Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em, The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*
5. All idols then shall perish And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

LSB381 Let Our Gladness Have No End

Bohemian, 15th cent.

1. Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!
For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia!

Refrain: On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us;
Christ, His Son to save us.

2. Prophetied in days of old, alleluia!
God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! *Refrain*
3. See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia!
From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! *Refrain*
4. Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia!
He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! *Refrain*

LSB410 Within the Father's House

James R. Woodford

1. Within the Father's house The Son has found His home,
And to His temple suddenly The Lord of life has come.
2. The doctors of the Law Gaze on the wondrous child
And marvel at His gracious words Of wisdom undefiled.
3. Yet not to them is giv'n The mighty truth to know,
To lift the earthly veil which hides Incarnate God below.

4. The secret of the Lord Escapes each human eye,
And faithful pond'ring hearts await The full epiphany.
5. Lord, visit Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself With loving awe to trace
- △ 6. Till we behold Thy face And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One.

LSB360 All My Heart Again Rejoices

Paul Gerhardt

1. All my heart again rejoices
As I hear Far and near Sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born!" their choirs are singing
Till the air Ev'rywhere Now with joy is ringing.
2. Hear! The Conqueror has spoken:
"Now the foe, Sin and woe, Death and hell are broken!"
God is man, man to deliver,
And the Son Now is one With our blood forever.
3. Should we fear our God's displeasure,
Who, to save, Freely gave His most precious treasure?
To redeem us He has given
His own Son From the throne Of His might in heaven.
4. See the lamb, our sin once taking
To the cross, Suff'ring loss, Full atonement making.
For our life His own He tenders,
And His grace All our race Fit for glory renders.
5. Softly from His lowly manger
Jesus calls One and all, "You are safe from danger.
Children, from the sins that grieve you
You are freed; All you need I will surely give you."
6. Come, then, banish all your sadness!
One and all, Great and small, Come with songs of gladness.
We shall live with Him forever
There on high In that joy Which will vanish never.

LSB385 From East to West

Coelius Sedulius

1. From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting king.

2. Behold, the world's creator wears The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our maker shares, His fallen creatures all to save.
3. For this how wondrously He wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought, The chosen vessel of His grace.
4. And while the angels in the sky Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High, the one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- △ 5. All glory for this blessed morn To God the Father ever be;
All praise to You, O Virgin-born, And Holy Ghost eternally.

LSB523 O Word of God Incarnate

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.
2. The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
3. O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

The Second Sunday after Christmas



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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:
Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM
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 Erik Saunders and Patrick Jackson
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including Trevor Manning and James Hall, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School (accreditation and call committees), Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Jackie Schieferstein, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Hailey & Aaleyah Horn, LCMS First VP Peter Lange, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Susan Kaiser, Kathy Vlot, Willodean Bates, Kevin Leininger, Julie Ganaway, Paul Dolde, Walt Ostermeyer, Sherry Freeman, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, Warren & Joan Messmann, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + 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 Divine Service for the Second Sunday after Christmas. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Fred Hill on the occasion of his birthday by David & DaVanna Seifert and family. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

January 2, 2022 thru January 8, 2022

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
		NO Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, or Catechesis today	
	10:30 AM	Ninth Day of Christmas Party	Bauer Hall
MON.	6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting	
TUES.	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

January 9, 2022

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday School (little ones)	Assoc. Pastor's Office
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Junior Catechesis are on hiatus for the Christmas season. They will pick back up next Sunday, January 9th. Today, enjoy a little 9th Day of Christmas fun in Bauer Hall after Divine Service.

WELCOME to 2022! If you make resolutions, may you also resolve in word and deed to walk ever more steadfastly in the way of Christ. See today's memory challenge.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2022 is up and ready; so please feel free to stop and sign up for flowers. You may also talk to Rosie Albersmeyer or Carolyn Wallschlaeger.

ENVELOPES have been hidden away, but you may still pick up your envelopes. Please see Julie Ganaway for your envelopes.

GIVING STATEMENTS will be ready for pick up on January 9th before or after service. Check with Julie Ganaway for these.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: *Please read this update if you want information on COVID. I'm not making oral comments regarding COVID unless some protocol needs changing.* I was wrong last Sunday. Allen County was in orange last week, but still in the red with regard to Advisory level. This week in orange on the Advisory level, too. Our two-metric score remains at 2.5, but we're headed back to red. The county positivity rate has decreased to 13.7% as of 12/22, but that's going back up over 15% soon, and weekly cases per 100,000 residents dipped down below 500, but now back up to 512 (12/28). COVID is not done with us. The hospital census jumped up a bit, and ICU bed availability is down to 12.3% in District 3. That could be a concern. The seven-day average of daily deaths due to COVID is at still at 2. The Delta variant remains the main source of infections at 98.7% — Omicron is only at 0.9% of infections at this report. The percentages of breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to increase slowly. They're now 2.869%, 0.056%, and 0.030%, respectively. Vaccination percentages are essentially static; those that wanted the vaccine have been vaccinated; those that do not, for whatever reason, are not going to be. I still encourage vaccinations if you can. Visit www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/ for your eligibility and to schedule your vaccine or booster.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE Christmas is a season of light shining in darkness in the coming of Jesus, the light of men. We are called to reflect His light to the glory of the Father: Matthew 5:16 — “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Last week's verse was 2 Samuel 7:22.

CLHS: is hosting its “Last Chance” Open House on January 30 for any family interested in sending their student to Concordia. All grades welcome! Register at <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/open-house>.

LSSI has hit a milestone of 120 years of service. How appropriate in this Holy Season to remember those less fortunate by giving to this Lutheran agency dedicated to helping just such people. You may contribute by visiting their website www.lssin.org/give and making a contribution to LSSI.

CAFETERIA HELP NEEDED — Candy Terrell, our school cook, is in need of some help getting lunches ready for our students at Emmaus. Please contact her for more details and information at Emmaus Lutheran School, 260-459-7722, ext. 1014 or 260-348-9655. If you know someone who enjoys working in the kitchen and would like to work part time, please share this information with them. Thank you!

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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

Luke 2:40-52

Luke 2:21-40

Luke 2:41-52

Luke 3:1-20

Luke 3:21-38

Romans 1:1-17

Romans 1:18-32

DAILY LECTIONARY

Second Sunday after Christmas

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

1 Kings 3:4-15

Isaiah 63:1-14

Isaiah 63:15-65:7

Isaiah 65:8-25

Isaiah 66:1-20

Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28

Ezekiel 2:1-3:11

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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Epiphany of our Lord (transferred)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Learning of Jesus from the Scriptures Not Fables

“And the child grew and became strong in the spirit and was filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was in him” [Luke 2:40].

There have been some persons who were impertinently inquisitive, not satisfied with the statements of Scripture. They wanted to know what Christ had done in his infancy. Their curiosity was satisfied by a fool or a knave who came forward and fabricated a book about the infancy of Christ; he was utterly without fear and shame in proclaiming his lies. He dreams up stories about how Christ went to school and many more foolish and disgraceful swindles. . . . Christ did not go to school, for schools did not exist at that time. Neither did he ever receive the simplest education; for the gospel says that the Israelites marvelled and said: “How does he know Scripture, since he never studied it?” [John 7:15]. . . .

Let us stay with the gospel; it tells enough of his childhood. As Luke writes here: “He grew and became strong in the spirit and was filled with wisdom,” etc. And again later, Luke states that he was obedient to his parents [Luke 2:51]. What more should the evangelist write? It was not yet time for him to perform miracles. He developed and was brought up like any other child, [but] Christ was a more capable child than others. There was nothing more to write about him than what was written by Luke. If he had recorded what he ate and drank and wore each day, how he walked, stood, slept, and acted while he was awake—what kind of narrative would that have been? Therefore it is not necessary to believe—indeed, I think it is not true—that his knitted coat, which those who crucified him did not want to divide, grew with him from his youth. Perhaps his mother did not make that coat, but it was an ordinary garment of the kind worn by the poor people. We should have a pure faith that believes nothing without a foundation in Scripture. Everything which we are to believe is abundantly contained in Scripture . . .

Luther’s Works, 52:145-6.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Zamara Niemeyer
Sebastian Ramirez
Max Love
Jayden Simpson
Elizabeth Maldonado

Kamirrah Little
Aiden Slattery
Michael Warnsley
Di'Mond Williams-White

LSUS Christmas Service

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to put the Christmas Service on Tuesday evening together! Everyone did a fantastic job! It was great to see Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church full, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!



Ornament Making

8th graders worked on painting wood slices that they made into ornaments for residents at the Lutheran Life Villages.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"— Luke 2:10-14

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Life NEWS

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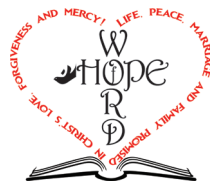
Life Newsbytes

A death machine dreamed up by an assisted suicide advocate in 2018 appears to now be a reality in Switzerland. The Sarco machine, short for “sarcophagus,” was developed by Exit International and has cleared legal review, meaning it could start operating as soon as next year. Australian euthanasia activist Philip Nitschke designed the Sarco machine to be easily available—it is able to be created using a 3D-printer—and even comes with its own coffin ... “The capsule is sitting on a piece of equipment that will flood the interior with nitrogen, rapidly reducing the oxygen level to 1 per cent from 21 per cent in about 30 seconds,” Nitschke told SwissInfo. “The person will feel a little disoriented and may feel slightly euphoric before they lose consciousness. Death takes place through hypoxia and hypocapnia, oxygen and carbon dioxide deprivation, respectively. There is no panic, no choking feeling.” ... He [Nitschke] also wants to get doctors out of the business of suicide. “Currently a doctor or doctors need to be involved to prescribe the sodium pentobarbital and to confirm the person’s mental capacity,” he continued. “We want to remove any kind of psychiatric review from the process and allow the individual to control the method themselves ... our original conceptual idea is that the person would do an online test and receive a code to access the Sarco.” (*Live Action News*, 12/8/21; *Christian Life Resources “LifeWire,”* 12/9/21)

Speaking up For Life

“God is not just our God or the God of just our people or just our nation or our congregation or our denomination or our demographic category or our tribe or our ethnicity or our language. There is no justice if it’s just about just us. No, God is the God of all time and all space and all people. In Christ, all things hang together. Step into your new year with this fresh recognition that the Holy Spirit wants to fill every nook and cranny of your life until you overflow with God’s everlasting love for everybody.”
Pastor John Nunes on The Lutheran Hour

“Abortion isn’t something happening in another state or county or city. It is happening right in our backyards. And now we know many [who have had abortions] attend churches regularly and are sitting in our church pews looking for answers. May the Lord provide the answers needed to send a message of hope and forgiveness as well as proclaiming abortion to not be in God’s will.” *Virginia J. Flo, Minnesota Regional Director & National Conference Director for Lutherans For Life*



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