

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, January 30, 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**

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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#### [ 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!*

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*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] *Arise, O Lord; O God, lift | up your hand; || for- | get not the af- | flicted. || The Lord is king for- | ever and ever; || the nations | per- ish from his | land.*

Verse: **O LORD, you hear the desire of | the af- flicted; || you will | strength-\_\_ en their | heart; || you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and | the op- pressed, || so that man who is of the earth | may strike terror no | more.**

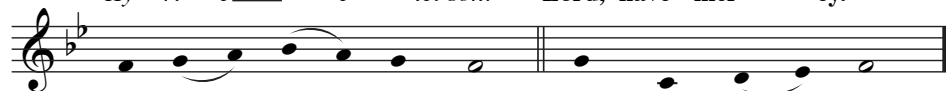
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | Spirit; || As it was in the be- | ginning, is now, || and will | be for- ever. A- | men!**

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## Kyrie



*Ky - ri - e \_\_\_\_ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.*



*Chri - ste \_\_\_\_ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.*



*Ky - ri - e \_\_\_\_ e - lei - son. Lord, \_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.*

## Gloria in Excelsis



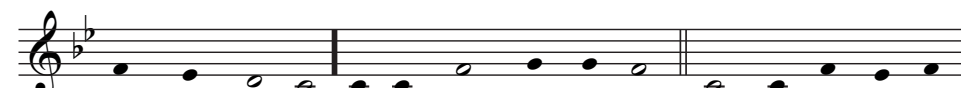
*Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,*



*a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,*



*we wor-ship Thee, we glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for*



*Thy great glo-ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa-ther Al-*



*migh-ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,*



*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta-kest a-way the*



*sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Thou who takest a-way the sin of the world,*

re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly  
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - - - - - men.

**Salutation**  
*The Lord be with you.*

And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:** *Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ————— men!

[ Be Seated ]                      + The Office of the Word of God +

**Old Testament Reading..... Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19**  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.*

**Epistle of the Day ..... 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13**  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.*

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**  
 [ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." Alleluia!*

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

**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 4:31-44**  
 [ 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 ..... Son of God ..... Burgundy Hymn 842

## Sermon

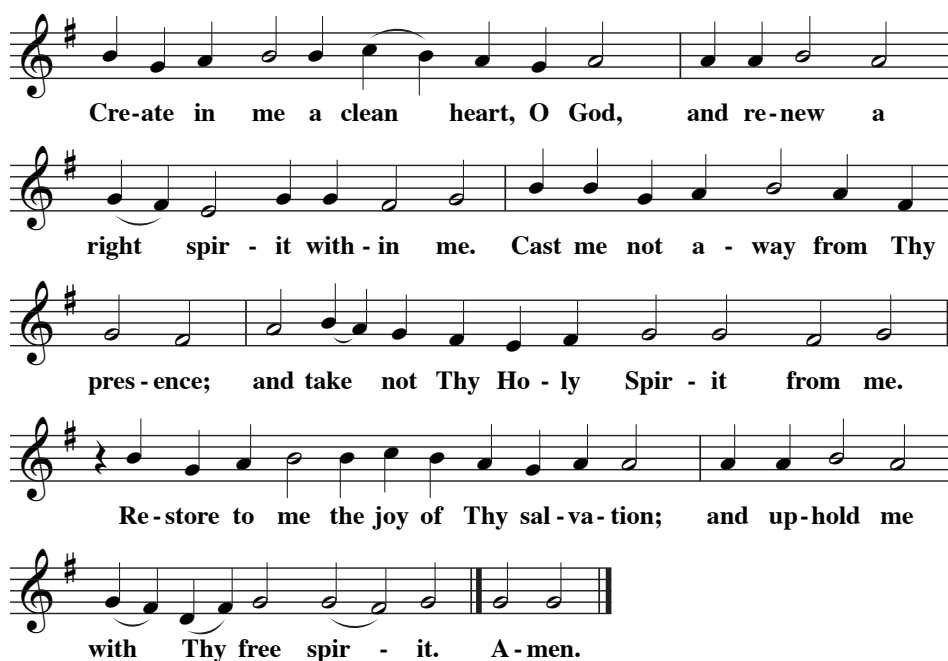
### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

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

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

### [ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

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



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy  
pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re-store to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me  
with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

## Preface

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir - it.

*Lift up your hearts.*



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:  
Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**[ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry  
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
Stanzas 1 and 2 Stanza 3  
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

**[ Be Seated ]**

**Distribution Hymns .... How Wide the Love of Christ .... Burgundy Hymn 535  
O Love, How Deep ..... Burgundy Hymn 544**

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

**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.



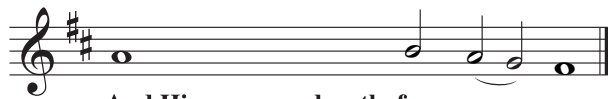
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.*



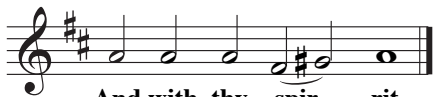
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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 ..... Praise the One ..... Burgundy Hymn 849

Postlude

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## **Readings for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19**

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,  
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.” ...

“But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.”

### **The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13**

I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

### **The Gospel is Luke 4:31-44**

[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.



# Hymns for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## LSB842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Somerset T. C. Lowry

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
2. As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of Love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition; Here on earth Your will be done.

## LSB535 How Wide the Love of Christ

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

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1. How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race  
But holds our one humanity Within its broad embrace
2. How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease  
Until this broken world is bound In everlasting peace.
3. How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars.  
And yet upon our passing lives Unmeasured mercy pours.
4. How deep the love of Christ, Descending to a cross!  
He bears within His wounded hands All human pain and loss.
5. All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height,  
Whose length and breadth fill time and space With endless life and light!

## LSB544 O Love, How Deep

Thomas à Kempis

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2. He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.
- W 3. For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.
- M 4. For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.
- W 5. For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.
- M 6. For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- Δ 7. All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

### **LSB849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**Rusty Edwards**

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1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
2. Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3. Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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  
Field Worker:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)  
Erik Saunders, Patrick Jackson

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Teachers:

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)  
Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,  
Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, 3<sup>rd</sup> vacant,  
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 Everett Beck, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Hailey & Aaleyah Horn, Jackie Schieferstein, Juanita Moore, Tyler Muehl, Bill Weinrich, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Susan Kaiser, Kathy Vlot, Willodean Bates, Julie Ganaway, Paul Dolde, Walt Ostermeyer, Sherry Freeman, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Mark Russell, Dick Hollman, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, 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, especially the family of Helen Russell
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Helen Russell
- + 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. 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 30, 2021 thru February 5, 2021**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
<b>WED.</b>		No Men of Zion — Pastor is out of town	
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	10:00 AM	Visitation for Helen Russell	Narthex
	12:00 PM	Funeral Service for Helen Russell	Church

### **February 6, 2021**

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

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** No education classes today. A Congregational Assembly in Bauer Hall follows the Divine Service. On Feb. 6, Rev. Art Litke will teach again as Dr. Voelz is out of town.

**LITURGICAL NOTE:** We will speak the Lord's Prayer today. We'll do this periodically.

**PASTOR AWAY:** Pastor Punke will be gone February 2 through February 8. If you need anything, please call the office, and Melvia will notify one of the elders. Thank you to Rev. Art Litke and Rev. George Lange for covering Zion's services next Wednesday and Sunday.

**THANK YOU** to Rev. Richard Lammert who will preside at the funeral of our sister Helen Russell here at Zion on Saturday, February 5, 12 noon (calling 2 hours prior) and to former Zion pastor, Rev. Jerrold Nichols, who will preach.

**INSTALLATION:** Our own Rev. Dr. Steven Schumacher has been called to serve the International Lutheran Council (ILC) as the Chief Accreditation Officer. His installation service will be at Zion on Sunday, February 13, during the Divine Service—Rev. Dr. Tim Quill, General Secretary of the ILC will preach and Rev. Peter Brock, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President of the IN District will perform the installation. We'll have our normal post-service reception afterward in Bauer Hall, plus a cake from the ILC. Then Dr. Quill will use the Bible Class hour to talk about the work of the ILC.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen Zion? Participate in Thrivent Choice<sup>®</sup>, Thrivent's charitable outreach program. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can also recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including Zion. Choice dollars expire in March

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

**ALL GIVING STATEMENTS** have been picked up or sent in the mail.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** This is our God. Exodus 34:6 — "The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'" Last week's verse was Hebrews 13:15.

**COME AND SEE "JOSEPH" AT CLHS** Join CLHS for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on February 25 & 26 at 7:30 p.m. and February 27 at 2:00 p.m. One of the most enduring shows of all time, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers, and the coat of many colors. Preorder tickets at [www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/theatre-productions](http://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/theatre-productions).

**CAMP LUTHERHAVEN** in Albion, IN is hosting its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Retreat March 25-27. All women are invited to this peaceful and inspirational getaway to enjoy spiritual renewal, worship, laughter, and a close, Christian community. For more information or to register, please visit [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org). Come and join the fun! Invite a friend! Enjoy the outdoors!

**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.* We're still red in Allen County this week; in fact, the whole state is. The slowing of the spread of Omicron is happening. The Seven-Day Positivity Rate is still high, and still over 32%, but the Weekly Cases per 100,000 Residents has gone down quickly to about 1,350 (from around 1,800 last week). Omicron is definitely the predominant variant, accounting for 98.04% of the cases in the week of 1/10/2022, but thankfully it is not so deadly. District 3 hospitalizations and ICU bed usage remain high but steady; average deaths due to COVID is bouncing between 2 and 3. Omicron does seem to slip by the vaccine protections more easily, and the breakthrough cases reflect that. Breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are now 6.047%, 0.077%, and 0.038%, respectively. I still encourage vaccinations if you haven't been and can. They may not stop the infection, but they do help reduce symptoms and forestall hospitalization. Visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/) for your eligibility and to schedule your vaccine or booster.

## 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 4:31-44

2 Timothy 3:1-17

2 Timothy 4:1-18

Titus 1:1-2:6

Titus 2:7-3:15

John 1:1-18

John 1:19-34

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19

Zechariah 10:1-11:3

Zechariah 11:4-17

Zechariah 12:1-13:9

Zechariah 14:1-21

Job 1:1-22

Job 2:1-3:10

### 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 6:1-13

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Luke 5:1-11



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Preaching by God's Choice, Not Man's*

[N]o stranger shall undertake to instruct [another pastor's] parishioners, either publicly or privately, without [the pastor's] knowledge and consent. On peril of body and soul no one should listen to such a man but should report him to his pastor or his ruler. ...

It does not help their case to say that all Christians are priests. It is true that all Christians are priests, but not all are pastors. For to be a pastor one must be not only a Christian and a priest but must have an office and a field of work committed to him. This [Divine] call and command make pastors and preachers. A burgher or layman may be a learned man; but this does not make him a lecturer and entitle him to teach publicly in the schools or to assume the teaching office, unless he is called to it.

I have had to say these things about the sneaks and false preachers — of whom there are now all too many — in order to warn both pastors and rulers. They should exhort and command their people to be on their guard against these vagabonds and knaves and to avoid them as sure emissaries of the devil, unless they bring good evidence that they are called and commanded by God to do this work in that special place. ... For it is God's will that nothing be done as a result of one's own choice or decision, but everything as a consequence of a command or a call. That is especially true of preaching, as St. Peter says (2 Peter 1:20, 21): "You should know this first: No prophecy was brought out by the will of man; but the holy men of God spoke, driven by the Holy Spirit." Therefore Christ, too (Luke 4:41), would not let the devils speak when they cried out that He was the Son of God and told the truth; for He did not want to permit such an example of preaching without a call.

*Luther's Works*, 13:65.

## Praying for You!



Theron Smith

Logan Pargeon

Jalasha Bell

Daveon Surry

Montray Bland

As the basketball season comes to a close, we like to thank the coaches for taking the time to teach and coach our teams. We would also like to give a “shout out” to our players!

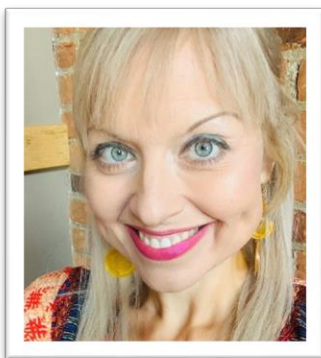
**JV Boys Team:** Coach Mario White, John Benson, Michael Johnson, Ben Mann, Theron Smith, Ahrius Alexander, Brandon Gaither, Shelter Hser, Jabron Jordan-Hardy, and Lay Ku.

**Varsity Boys Team:** Coach Chrzan, Ja'Mear Cryer Morgan Malachi Foster, Aiden Slattery, Myante Williams, Jackson Goree, Daveon Surry, Michael Warnsley, and Makhi Williams.

**JV Girls** played on Emmaus Lutheran School's team: Yaronna Anderson and Olivia Rush.







Lutheran South Unity School is very blessed to have **Ms. Tara Nehls** on the staff. She is the EACS (East Allen County School) Title 1 teacher. This is her first year to be working on the LSUS staff.

Ms. Nehls has a Bachelor of Education degree as well as a Masters of Education degree. She also has an Associate degree in both Early Childhood and French. Finally, she also has a Health Coach Certification.

This is her sixteenth year of teaching. She has taught ELL, kindergarten, first grade, art and gym. Currently, she is also teaching at New Haven Intermediate School when she is not at LSUS.

She lives in Fort Wayne with her two kids, ages of ten and seven, and a cat. She is also a Yoga teacher and Wellness Coach at the YMCA. Running, health and fitness and traveling are specific things she loves in her "free" time.

She loves the verse that states that "You can do all things through Christ who gives us strength". She belongs to Christ's Church.

### **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

*And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. —Luke 10:27*