

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, February 13, 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!**

[Rise] Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

*Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the
iniquity of my sin.*

O almighty God, merciful Father; I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *I will praise you with an | up- right heart, || when I | learn your righ- teous | rules.
|| I will | keep your •statutes•; || do not | •utter• - ly for- sake | me .*

Verse 1: **Blessed are those whose | way is •blameless•, || who walk in the | law__ of
the | LORD! || Blessed are those who keep his | tes- ti- •monies•, || who seek
him | with__ their whole | heart.**

Verse 2: *You have commanded your | pre-__ cepts || to | be kept •dili- gent- | ly. || Oh that
my ways may | be stead- fast || in | keep-__ ing your | •statutes•!*

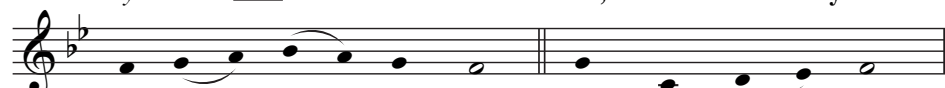
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was
in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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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 ta-kest 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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: *O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we, who justly suffer the consequence of our sin, may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 17:5-8

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel St. Luke 6:17-26

[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 ... Songs of Thankfulness .. Burgundy Hymn 394

Sermon

The Rite of Installation

[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.

Lift up your hearts.

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 **The Man Is Ever Blessed** **Burgundy Hymn 705**
I Am Trusting Thee **Burgundy Hymn 729**

[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.



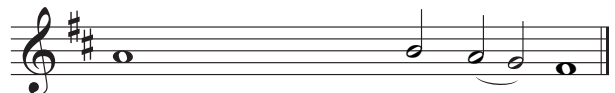
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



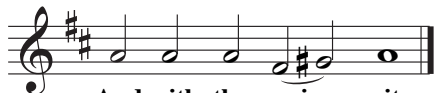
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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 If Christ Had Not Burgundy Hymn 486

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The Gospel is Luke 6:17-26

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean

spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Christopher Wordsworth

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

LSB705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

Isaac Watts

1. The man is ever blessed Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands, Nor takes the scorners' place.
2. But makes the Law of God His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.
3. He like a tree shall thrive, With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'nly fruit.
4. Not so the wicked race, They no such blessings find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving wind.
5. How will they bear to stand Before the judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand In full assembly meet?

6. He knows and He approves The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overflow.

LSB729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Frances R. Havergal

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.
4. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
5. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

LSB486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

Christopher M. Idle

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1. If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed; He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need-- In Christ we are forgiv'n.
2. If Christ still lay within the tomb Then death would be the end,
And we should face our final doom With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up, So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—In Christ the saints arise!
3. If Christ had not been truly raised His church would live a lie;
His name should never more be praised, His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives; Through Him we are restored;
His word endures, His church revives In Christ, our risen Lord.

Installation of the Reverend Doctor Steven Robert Schumacher as Chief Accreditation Officer of the International Lutheran Council

This rite has been taken from INSTALLATION OF AN EXECUTIVE OF THE SYNOD OR OF A DISTRICT, Agenda, p. 339.

1. This rite precedes the Prayer of the Church in the Divine Service or the Prayers in the Daily Office.
2. The presiding minister is the president of the district or his designee.

The executive is presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:

P *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

P *Beloved in the Lord, Steven Robert Schumacher has been properly appointed by the International Lutheran Council to serve as Chief Accreditation Officer. Let us hear the Word of the Lord.*

One or more of the following Scripture passages are read.

By the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8-11

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

The presiding minister asks the one to be installed:

P *Steven, do you solemnly promise to carry out the responsibilities of your office in conformity with the Holy Scriptures and in keeping with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true exposition of the Scriptures? If so, then answer: I do.*

R **I do.**

P *Do you solemnly promise to perform the duties of your office, making the best use of the abilities God has given you, in accordance with the Constitution*

and Bylaws of the Synod and of the Indiana District? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

When members of the respective board or commission are present, they stand as the presiding minister addresses them:

P *Members of the International Lutheran Council, you have heard the solemn promise of Steven whom you have appointed to serve the Council. Will you support and pray for Steven in this work? If so, then answer: We will.*

R *We will.*

The presiding minister addresses the one to be installed:

P *Are you ready and willing to assume your work? If so, then answer: I am.*

R *I am.*

The presiding minister continues:

P *Steven Robert Schumacher, I install you as Chief Accreditation Officer of the International Lutheran Council in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C *Amen.*

All stand

P *Let us pray.*

Almighty and most gracious God, we give thanks that You send Your people true and faithful servants. Grant to Steven, as he now begins his service in this position, the direction, aid, and counsel of Your Holy Spirit that through his labors Your Church may be nourished, sustained, and equipped for every good work and built up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

The presiding minister dismisses and blesses the newly installed.

P *Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.*

C *Amen.*

The newly installed and presiding minister return to their places and remain standing for the PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, led by the Deacon.

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



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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, 3rd 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, 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, especially Brendon Seifert
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially the family of Erwin Brand
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Erwin Brand
- + 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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of Brendon Seifert's 18th birthday by his parents David & DaVanna Seifert. 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 13, 2021 thru February 19, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:30AM	Sunday School (little ones)	Assoc. Pastor Office
	10:30AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
MON.	3:30 PM	District BOD	Zoom
TUES.	1:00 PM	Urban Ministry Task Force	Zoom
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confessions	Church

February 20, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:30AM	Sunday School (little ones)	Assoc. Pastor Office
	7:00 PM	Bach Collegium Concert	Church

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Today the Adult Bible Class welcomes Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill, General Secretary of the International Lutheran Council, to tell us about the work of the ILC. Next Sunday, Dr. Voelz will pick back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark. Sunday School meets in the Assoc. Pastor's Office; Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room.

WELCOME to the Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill, General Secretary of the International Lutheran Council, who will preach today, and to Rev. Peter Brock, 4th Vice-President of the IN District, who will perform the installation of our own Rev. Dr. Steven Schumacher, who has been called to serve the International Lutheran Council (ILC) as the Chief Accreditation Officer. We'll have our normal post-service reception afterward in the Great Hall, along with a cake from the ILC. Don't forget to stay to hear Dr. Quill talk about the work of the ILC.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen Zion? Participate in Thrivent Choice[®], 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[®] to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including Zion. Choice dollars expire in March

BACH COLLEGIUM WINTER CONCERT is next Sunday at 7:00 PM at Zion. This concert features the Collegium's new artistic director, Koji Otsuki, and due to COVID concerns, this program will use minimal musicians and singers. The program will focus on texts that are connected to what we are experiencing through the COVID pandemic. The cost is \$25. Visit <https://bachcollegium.org/events> to buy your ticket. Of course, the Collegium will in the church off and on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

DON'T FORGET: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" performances (Brendon Seifert has a major role) on February 25 & 26 at 7:30 p.m. and February 27 at 2:00 p.m. Preorder tickets at www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/theatre-productions.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE Disciples follow; disciples bear witness. St. Peter says: "Be prepared." 1 Peter 3:15 — "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." Last week's verse was Psalm 37:5.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022 will be at Lutherhaven on March 25-27. Bring a friend and sign up today! Visit www.lutherhaven.org for more details and to register.

PACK AWAY HUNGER: On Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th, once again, the cafeteria at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School, 11565 N US Highway 27, Decatur, Indiana, will be full of activity as we plan to pack 83,500 meals at our annual event to benefit the *Pack Away Hunger* campaign. There is two ways to help 1) monetarily—please make your check payable to *Pack Away Hunger* and mail it to: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Friedheim, Attn: Pack Away Hunger, 10653 North 550 West, Decatur, IN 46733, or 2) be one of the needed 220+ total volunteers (March 5) for packing.

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, however, there may be some counties returning to orange this week (my guess—technical difficulties caused a delay in reporting as usual). The Omicron surge is slowing dramatically. The Seven-Day Positivity Rate is below 20% (reported as 20.8% as of Feb. 1), and the Weekly Cases per 100,000 Residents has plummeted to just under 400 (from a high of almost 1,900 on January 10). It needs to go under 200 to lower that metric. Omicron accounted for 100% of the cases in the week of 1/17/2022, but, as predicted, it seems to be running its course. District 3 hospitalizations and ICU bed usage due to COVID continue to come down; average deaths due to COVID is 1, but dropped to 0 for a day; that's good. Breakthrough cases due to Omicron are 8.545%, 0.090%, and 0.048%, respectively, for infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. Vaccinations do not completely stop infections, but they have helped reduce symptoms and hospitalizations. Visit 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 6:17-26

John 5:1-18

John 5:19-29

John 5:30-47

John 6:1-21

John 6:22-40

John 6:41-59

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Job 10:1-22

Job 11:1-20

Job 12:1-6, 12-55

Job 13:1-12

Job 13:13-28

Job 14:1-22

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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-15

1 Corinthians 15: 21-26, 30-42

Luke 6:27-38



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Blessedness of Christ Seen by Faith

10. *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

I have said earlier that all these items and promises must be understood by faith in reference to things that are neither seen nor heard and that they are not talking about outward appearances. How can the poor and the mourners be said to look outwardly successful and blessed when, in addition, they have to suffer all sorts of persecution — all things that the whole world and our reason calls trouble and that they say should be avoided? Therefore whoever wants to have the blessedness and the possessions that Christ is talking about here, must lift up his heart far above all senses and reason. He must not evaluate himself on the basis of his feelings, but he must argue this way: “If I am poor, then I am not poor. I am poor outwardly, according to the flesh; but before God, in faith, I am rich.” Thus when he feels sad, troubled, and worried, he must not use this standard and say that he is not a blessed man. But he must turn himself over and say: “I feel sorrow, misery, and sadness of heart; but still I am blessed, happy, and settled on the basis of the Word of God.” The situation in the world is the exact counterpart of this, for those who are called rich and happy are not. Christ calls out His “Woe!” against them and calls them unhappy (Luke 6:24, 25), although it appears that they are well off and having the greatest possible success. Therefore they should lift up their thoughts above the riches and fun which they are having and say: “Yes, I am rich and living in the midst of pure fun. But too bad for me if I have nothing else; for there must certainly be plenty of trouble, misery, and sorrow in all this that will come over me before I feel it or know it.” This applies to all these items; every one of them looks different before the world from the way it looks according to these words.

Luther's Works, 21:44-5.



You are invited!

Lutheran South Unity School

Kindergarten Round Up

Who: All parents and children who are looking to start Kindergarten Fall 2022.

*** Must be 5 years by August 1st***

When: February 23, 2022 – 6:30 pm

Where: Lutheran South Unity School
5401 South Calhoun Street

What to

Expect: Meet the kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Wakeland and LSUS principal, Mrs. Nehrenz. Hear what a day in Kindergarten looks like. You will be learning about school expectations.

What's Next?

We look forward to hearing from your family!

Kindergarten Pre-Screening Date:

March 10, Wednesday 2—5 pm

Call LSUS to schedule your screening today!

260-744-0459