

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 am Sunday, December 4, 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.

[*Antiphon*] In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD; || make straight in the
desert a | high- way for our | God. || Every valley shall be | lift- ed up, || and
every mountain and | hill be made | low.

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

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

And with thy spir— it.

A—men!

A ————— men!

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Epistle of the Day Romans 15:4-13

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

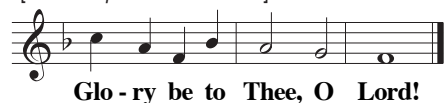
[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' " Alleluia!*

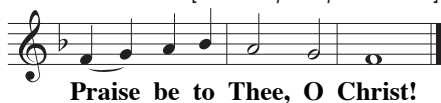


Holy Gospel St. Matthew 3:1-12

[The Gospel is announced.]



[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



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 On Jordan's Bank Burgundy Hymn 344

[Rise for Stanza 5.]

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**





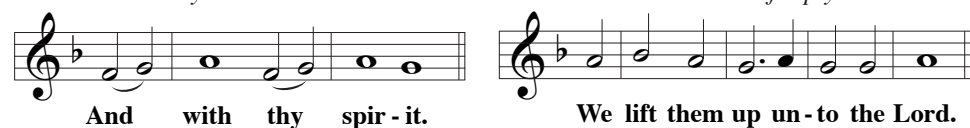
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

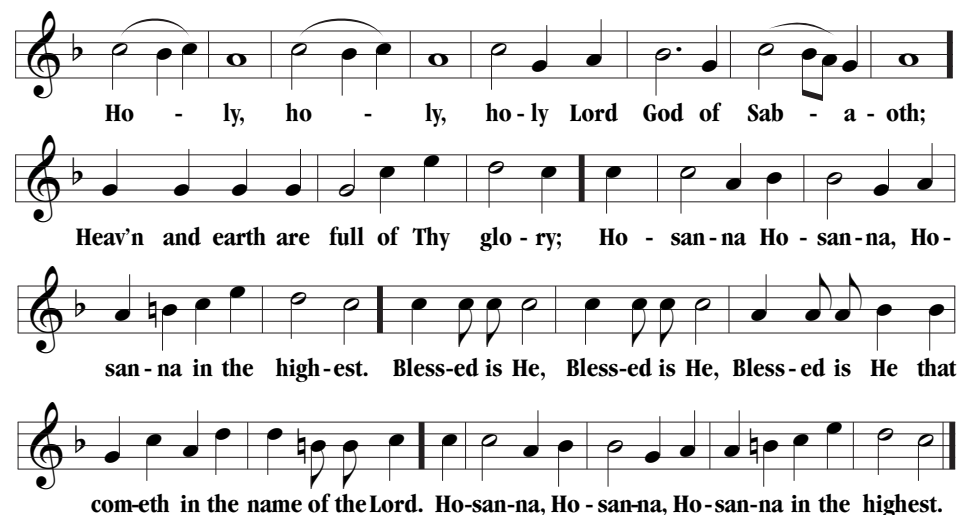
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

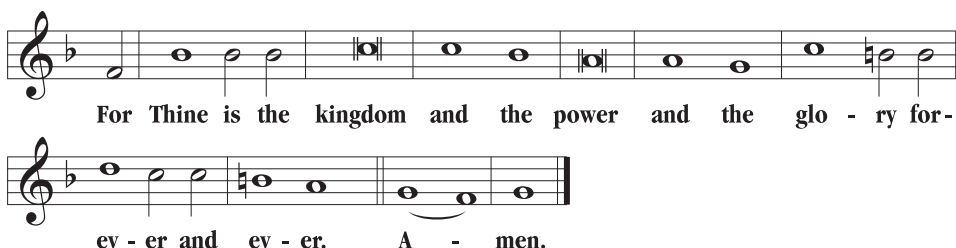
Proper Preface for Advent, Sanctus

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



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

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer** [Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art ... but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



A - men.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,

Stanzas 1 and 2 | *Stanza 3*

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

[*Be Seated*]

Distribution Hymns Comfort, Comfort These Burgundy Hymn 347
What Hope! Burgundy Hymn 342

[*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- tles 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.



Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

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



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

Recessional Hymn Lift Up Your Heads Burgundy Hymn 340

Postlude

Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly!

Come join us at Zion Lutheran Church as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

- Advent Services, Wednesdays at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ
Prelude begins at 6:30pm • Service begins at 7pm
- Christmas Day Festival Service
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ
Prelude begins at 8:45am • Service begins at 9am



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Readings for the Second Sunday in Advent

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

The Epistle is Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Gospel is St. Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Hymns for the Second Sunday in Advent

LSB344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Charles Coffin

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- △ 5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free.
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

LSB347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Johann Olearius

1. "Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over."
2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.
3. Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
4. Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

LSB342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

Stephen P. Starke

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1. What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!

2. A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.
3. As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.
4. Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword — Come, open heaven's door.

LSB340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates

Georg Weissel

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
2. A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.
3. How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.
4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!
5. Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

The Second Sunday in Advent



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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
 - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
 - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)
Field Workers: Peter Wagner, Patrick Jackson, Paul Mroczenski

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th), Abigail DeForest (6th), Anyssa Scaer (MS History),
Allison Wims (K-8 Technology & MS Health), Marcus Rush (MS PE),
Danielle Ramsey (5th), Meredith Tourney (4th), Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd),
Hannah Maresh (1st), Abby Springer (K), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Michael Hollman, MM
Church Office Manager: Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Patrick Jackson and Paul Mroczenski
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including James Hall, especially at this perilous time in our world
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death, including Willie Manning
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Marilyn Shafter, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Rev. Paul Spira, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially William & Carolyn Wallschlaeger (58 years) and Mike & Rita Davies (25 years)
- + 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, including Margaret Trachsel.
- + 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 in Advent. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 58th wedding anniversary of William & Carolyn Wallschlaeger. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Margaret Trachsel by her daughter Charlene Young. 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

December 4, 2022 thru December 10, 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
MON.	5:00 PM	LSA Board	LSUS
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Advent Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Advent Evening Prayer	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	

December 11, 2022

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education hour	Various
	4:00 PM	CLHS Christmas at the Embassy	Embassy Theatre

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz is teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark in Bauer Hall. Sunday School children (little ones) meet in the Associate Pastor's office. Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room.

ADVENT: Don't forget Advent suppers on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM with Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM. This Wednesday, Sem. Peter Wagner will be preaching with Evening Prayer being led by Sem. Patrick Jackson.

THANKS to everyone that helped with the City of Churches tour last Friday.

CTSFW FOOD COOP: We'll continue our ingathering through December 15th. We have already collected 56 containers of various sizes in the month of November. Let's keep it up. Grab a paper sack from the small table in the Great Hall, fill it with suggested items or other foodstuffs, and return it to church. We'll get the sacks to the seminary. Also, there is a small box on the table, if you prefer to give gift cards for the holiday. May the Lord bless the givers and receivers of these gifts.

VOLUNTEERS: We will be doing bags for the shut ins again this year. If you would like to bring in cookies and fruit, please bring them by December 16th (bring the fruit that week), so that we can pack them and get them delivered by Sunday, December 18th. If you would like to help pack the bags, please join Melvia on Saturday, December 17th at 11 AM.

CUP OF KINDNESS is a ministry of Lutheran Social Services that provides "a connection to the hope that lies in Christ." Lutherans should love their neighbors always, but during this holy season of Advent, you can show a special effort of love by contributing to the Cup of Kindness. You'll find the "Cup" on the table in the narthex. Dave will get the donations to LSSI.

LUTHERAN WITNESS: *Good News!* Member families have again been gifted a 2023 subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* by an anonymous donor. We say, "thank you!"

HELP NEEDED: DaVanna is looking for a couple ladies to help with the Altar Guild. Please contact her if you are able and willing to help out.

PLEASE NOTE: Our contribution envelope provider has experienced printing delays. The 2023 envelope boxes will be available for pick up as soon as we receive them. Thanks for your understanding.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Exodus 31:13—"You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.'" Last week's verse was Jeremiah 31:33-34.

INFO on the LSUS Christmas Service, **Star of Wonder**, may be found on the LSUS insert. I hope you can come to hear the good news and rejoice with the LSUS families. You'll also see info about the two upcoming kindergarten roundups and the caramel sauce in the insert.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB: is selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA has upcoming activities. They're hosting a Life Defenders Workshop on Saturday, Dec 3rd, 9am - Noon, at St Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Dr, Fort Wayne. Visit www.ichooselife.org/LDFW for more info. And they are signing people up to go to Washington D.C. for the National March for Life. Visit www.ichooselife.org/lddc to register for the Life Defenders Bus trip; or visit www.ichooselife.org/nationalmarch to register for the Family trip. You can also call RLNI at 260-471-1849.

THE BACH COLLEGIUM will present a sing-along performance of George Fredrick Handel's Messiah this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM at Queen of Angel's Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Street. There is a \$5.00 ticket fee.

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

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Matthew 3:1-12

The Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

2 Peter 2:1-22

Monday

Isaiah 11:1-12:6

2 Peter 3:1-18

Tuesday

Isaiah 14:1-23

1 John 1:1-2:14

Wednesday

Isaiah 24:1-23

1 John 2:15-29

Thursday

Isaiah 24:14-25:12

1 John 3:1-24

Friday

Isaiah 26:1-19

1 John 4:1-21

Saturday

Isaiah 26:20-27:13

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 Richard, 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 Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-11

Matthew 11:2-15



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Office of John the Baptist

God's command came to John in the desert that he should ... confront the people of Israel with the testimony that the Consolation and Savior of all the world had now appeared. He was ordered to exhort them to look to and heed Christ, to warn them against neglecting and disregarding the opportunity before them. Likewise, he was to baptize all who listened to his preaching and desired Baptism.

Shortly after receiving this command John appeared and preached publicly in all the region about the Jordan, on both banks of which villages and cities abounded. For he had been told: "Go, My servant John, and preach of the presence of the Messiah. Arouse them by means of the new Baptism from their sleep in the shadows of death, and lead them to Christ." So John now says: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2); "I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 3:11). The other things he preached you may read in Matthew, chapter three, and in Luke, chapter three. Thus, directing them to the Lamb of God, he preached in the many cities, hamlets, and villages, adjacent to both banks of the Jordan, saying: "Christ has come!" It was very much as though we should say: "He is preaching along the banks of the Elbe, i.e., in Wittenberg, in Torgau, or in Magdeburg." And, as Luke informs us, throngs of people flocked to John, above all the Pharisees, scribes, and priests (Luke 3:7; Matt. 3:5).

Luther's Works, 22:45.



Order Your Poinsettia Plants for Christmas 2022!

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

DEDICATION _____

___ 8 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$40 each

___ 6 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$17 each

___ 4 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$9.00 each

___ General Donation \$ _____

___ Pick up plant after Christmas Day Service

___ Give plant to a shut-in

Return this form to the church office by **December 18th**
to have your dedication
printed in the bulletin.



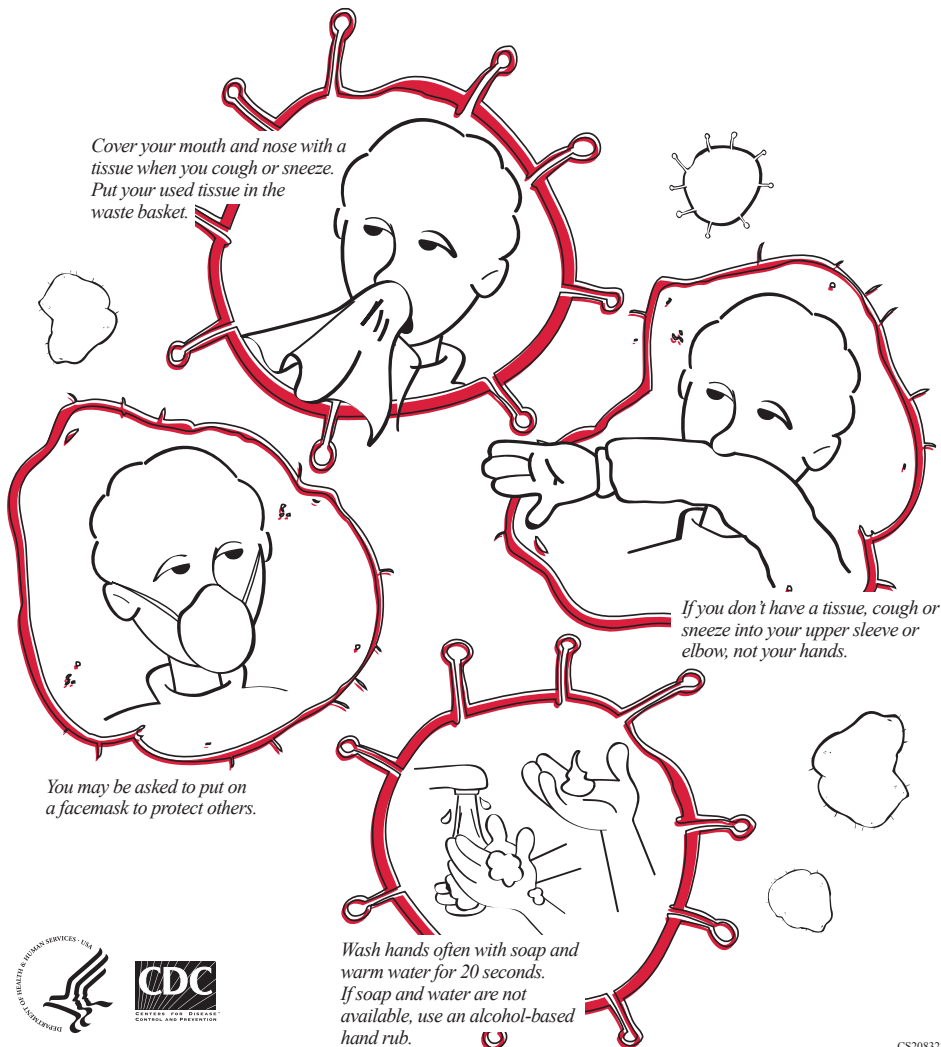
Preventing the Spread of Respiratory Viruses

News reports say that Flu, COVID, and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) are all on the rise this year (the flu season has begun early and is spreading fast). We know what to do to help slow down the spread: 1) if sick, stay home and get treatment as necessary; 2) cover your cough — see below; 3) wash your hands often and well (20 sec with soap and water) or use hand sanitizer, especially after shaking hands ... no fist bumps yet; 4) eat well and sleep well; 5) get your vaccinations for flu and COVID.

Cover Cough

— Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick! —

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your used tissue in the waste basket.



If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

You may be asked to put on a facemask to protect others.

Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.



LSUS NOTES
Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

All Students

All Staff

All Churches

All Friends of LSUS

Kindergarten ROUND UP

Monday, December 5, 2022 @ 6 PM

Monday, January 9, 2023 @ 6 PM

Mark your calendar! Lutheran South Unity School, LSUS, 5401 Calhoun, Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Monday, December 5 and Monday, January 9 at 6:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to meet with the teacher, Ms. Springer, and the principal, Mrs. Bahr.

At the meeting you will see what our kindergarten looks like and what our school expectations are of both you and your child. You will get to hear what a day in kindergarten looks like.

Kindergarten testing times will also be set up for future dates. Finally, we will give each family a registration packet for their child.

We look forward to seeing you. If you would like a separate tour of LSUS, please call the school to set up an appointment. (260-744-0459).



LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL

CARAMEL IS BACK!

Large Jar(16 oz.) - \$15

Caramel will be sold at:

- LSUS
- Bethlehem
- Mt. Calvary
- Peace
- Zion

Limited quantities, so act now!

-or you can contact the office at 744-0459

Profits from caramel sauce will go to the Parent Club Fund!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" — 1 Chronicles 16:34

LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL
KDG-8TH GRADE

Christmas Service

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

TIME: 7PM

WHERE: BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
3705 S. ANTHONY BLVD.

STAR of Wonder



Concordia Lutheran High School Music Department Presents

Christmas at the Embassy

Come and See!

Christ the Lord, the Newborn King!



Concordia Lutheran
High School

December 11- 4:00pm
Historic Embassy Theatre

\$18- Adults/ \$12 Seniors/Students
Tickets at the Embassy Box Office or
Ticketmaster beginning November 11



CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Music Events in Kramer Chapel

ALL MUSIC EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Sunday, November 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ Recital

Dr. Jonathan Rudy (Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, Tennessee)

Sunday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Choral Vespers

*Schola Cantorum sings Musikalische Exequien (Funeral Music)
by Heinrich Schütz*

Monday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Hymn Festival

Seminary Kantorei, choir

Kantors Kevin Hildebrand and Matthew Machemer, organists

Nov. 6–7 events are also part of the Good Shepherd Institute Conference.

Visit ctsfw.edu/GSI for complete details.

Saturday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer

Choirs of CTSFW

For information on other events happening at CTSFW throughout the year, please scan the code or visit ctsfw.edu/Events.



THE LCMS SHARES GOD'S LOVE IN FLORIDA



Almighty God, You command wind and wave. Out of Your mercy, spare us from disaster. Give protection to those endangered by storms on land, sea or air, and give us faith both to call to You in trouble and to trust that You will work everything for our good for the sake of Christ. Amen.

HURRICANE IAN was identified as a tropical depression on Sept. 23. It made landfall in Cuba on Sept. 27, southwest Florida on Sept. 28 and South Carolina on Sept. 30. At its strongest, it came ashore near Fort Myers, Fla., as a Category 4 storm.

The death toll from Ian has surpassed 100 in Florida, with emergency responders continuing to search for survivors. More than 3 million U.S. residents lost power during the storm, and initial damage estimates place losses in excess of \$100 billion. Another \$60 billion is estimated to be paid out by insurance companies.

LCMS Disaster Response continues to work closely with the LCMS Florida-Georgia District and local congregations to address immediate needs. The LCMS has also established a volunteer response camp in Fort Myers as a base for long-term aid. Thanks to many generous people in the LCMS, supplies are already being delivered to that facility.

There are and will be many opportunities to volunteer or contribute to the ongoing care for people in Florida.

Individuals, congregations and groups wanting to contribute through the LCMS to the response can:

TEXT the keyword **LCMSHURRICANES** to the number **41-444**.

VISIT
lcms.org/givenow/hurricane.

MAIL
Checks can be made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, with “Hurricane Response” written on the memo line. Send to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861,
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

CALL 888-930-4438.

The Florida-Georgia District is also receiving direct contributions to support its hurricane response at flgadistrict.org/give. *(The LCMS is not sending direct donation appeals into the Florida-Georgia District, so that individuals and congregations there do not experience duplicate or competing solicitations.)*

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE or to ask questions about donating, call **LCMS Mission Advancement's Contributor Care Line** at **888-930-4438**.

To see current volunteer opportunities and sign up to volunteer:

VISIT lcms.org/disaster.