

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 15, 2023

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] *Let the words | of my mouth || and the medi- | ta- tion of my | heart || be acceptable | in your sight, || O Lord, my | rock and my re- | •deemer•.*

Verse 1: **The heavens declare the | •glory• of God, || and the sky above pro- | claims his hand- i- | work. || Day to day | pours out speech, || and night to | night re- veals__ | •knowledge•.**

Verse 2: *There is no speech, nor | are there words, || whose | voice__ is not | heard. || Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world. || In them he has set a | tent__ for the | sun..*

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.

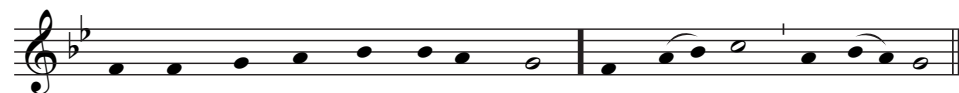


Ky - ri - e__ e - lei - son. Lord, __ have mer - cy.

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 Second Sunday after Epiphany: *Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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..... Isaiah 49:1-7

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia!*

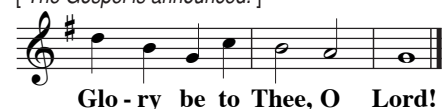


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

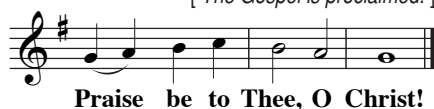
Holy Gospel St. John 1:29-42a

[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..... The Only Son Burgundy Hymn 402

[Rise for stanza 4.]

Sermon

Installation of Elders Council Committee Members

[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.



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 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 Mark How the Lamb Burgundy Hymn 600

O God of God, O Light of Light Burgundy Hymn 810

[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.



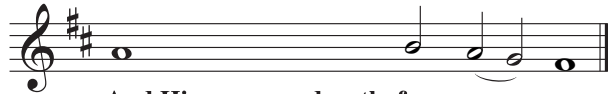
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



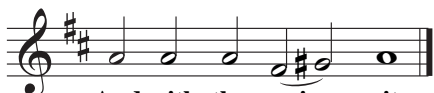
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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 Christ Is the World's Burgundy Hymn 539

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel is St. John 1:29-42a

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

Hymns for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB402 The Only Son from Heaven

Elisabeth Cruciger

1. The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given, In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.
2. O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.
3. O Lord, our hearts awaken To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken, In Spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.
- △ 4. O Father, here before You With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"

LSB600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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1. Mark how the Lamb of God's self-off'ring
Our human sinfulness takes on
In the birth-waters of the Jordan
As Jesus is baptized by John.
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders,
"Lo, this is My beloved Son."
See how in dove-like form the Spirit
Descends on God's Anointed One.
2. From this assurance of God's favor
Jesus goes to the wilderness,
There to endure a time of testing
That readied Him to teach and bless.
So we, by water and the Spirit
Baptized into Christ's ministry,
Are often led to paths of service
Through mazes of adversity.

3. Grant us, O God, the strength and courage
To live the faith our lips declare;
Bless us in our baptismal calling;
Christ's royal priesthood help us share.
Turn us from ev'ry false allegiance,
That we may trust in Christ alone:
Raise up in us a chosen people
Transformed by love to be Your own.

LSB810 O God of God, O Light of Light

John Julian

1. O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
2. For deep in the prophets' sacred page,
And grand in poets' winged word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"
Sung once by first-born sons of light,
It echoes now, "Good will!" Amen.
3. That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

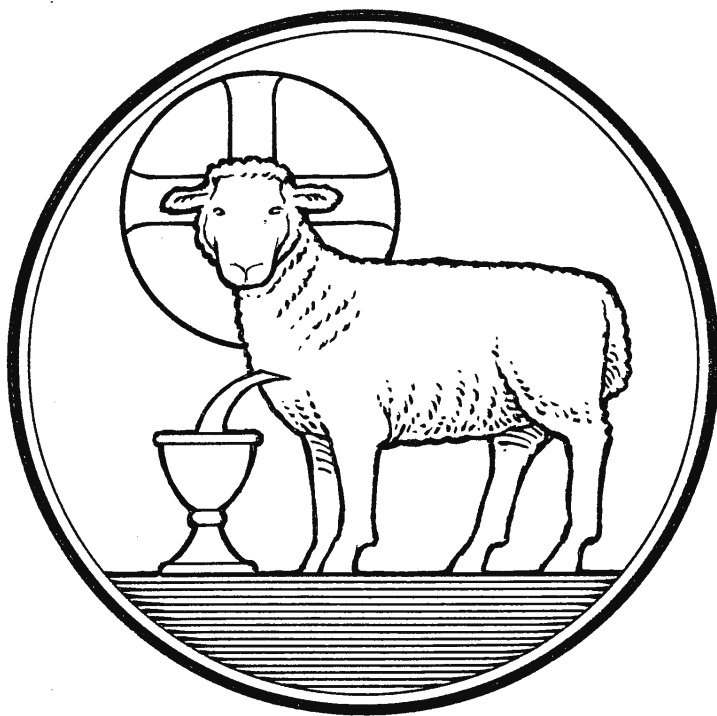
4. Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

LSB539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

attr. Columba

1. Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.
2. Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
This Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
3. Down in the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.
- △ 4. Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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:

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 in this holy season
- + 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, Jessica Krause, Don Zettelmier, Marilyn Shafer, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, John A. Pless, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Virginia Shull.
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of his beloved wife Virginia Shull on their 84th wedding anniversary by Bryce Shull. 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 15, 2023 thru January 21, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30AM	Sunday School (little ones)	Assoc. Pastor's Office
MON.			
TUES.	Tue - Fri	Symposium Week	CTSFW
WED.	9:30 AM	NO Men of Zion today	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
	6:45 PM	Ministry Clarity Team Meeting	Bauer Hall
THURS.		NO Confessional Study today	
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

January 22, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz will continue with the Gospel according St. Mark in Bauer Hall. Sunday School will happen in the Associate Pastor's Office.

SYMPOSIA is this week at the Seminary. The Exegetical Symposium (Jan. 17 & 18) is on Faith, Family, and Formation. The Symposium on the Lutheran Confessions (Jan. 18 – 20) is a mixture of "Theological Perspectives." Musical events include a Choral Vespers with CTSFW Schola Cantorum, Jan. 17, 5 PM; Epiphany Evening Prayer Service, Jan. 18, 5 PM with the Seminary Kantorei, and Symposia Vespers & Organ Recital, Jan. 19, 4:15 PM. Visit ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/event-symposia-2023/ for more info.

GIVING STATEMENTS are ready. You can pick yours up at Julie's Scrip table. The statements will be mailed eventually if you don't pick yours up.

OUR ENVELOPES: Our contribution envelopes are still delayed. The printer hopes to have them all out by out *sometime in January*. Until then, please feel free to use either 1) unused envelopes from last year putting the correct date on them; 2) the envelopes in the pew rack or the envelopes we included in the Voice, but **please** mark them as general fund and put your name on them (these actions will ensure that your offering will be recorded); or 3) set up automatic giving through your bank. Dave Kaiser would be happy to help you set that up. Thank you for your patience.

SAVE THE DATE: January 29, 2023, right after Divine Service, we will have a Congregational Assembly in Bauer Hall. We'll have reports and Synod business to conduct. It will also include congregational input on our Ministry Clarity. We will be serving brunch. We need your attendance. Letters have been sent out. Please RSVP by January 21.

EXTRAORDINARY GOOD NEWS that could affect and clarify our ideas on Ministry is a recent gift of \$903,984 from the Erwin Brand estate. We rejoice in Erv's faithfulness and his thoughtfulness toward Zion. The Admin Council has discussed this gift, and the Endowment Committee will soon be added to the mix. How shall we put this money to use for the sake of the Gospel proclamation at Zion? For now, the monies are being put into a safe, short-term investment instrument with LCEF.

SAVE THE DATE: if you attended Zion Academy/School, you don't want to miss this three-day reunion event June 9-11, 2023.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 John 1:7 — "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." Last week's verse was Proverbs 18:10.

CLHS is seeking an English teacher, a Physical Education teacher, and an LROTC Instructor. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered. The ROTC Army Instructor Application and Certification link is: www.usarmyjrotc.com/application-certification/.

THIS AFTERNOON at 4 pm, the Handbell Musicians of America (area 5) will be presenting a concert as a part of their *Inspiring College Event 2023*. The concert is free of charge and will be held in the First Pres Theatre. The guest clinician for the weekend is Joe Galyon and a major portion of the college players are from the Purdue Bells handbell choir.

NORTHEAST INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE Join thousands of pro-life advocates from our region to show that you support life from conception to natural death. The March for Life is an annual pro-life rally held near the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in *Roe v. Wade*. Come celebrate the overturning of *Roe*, and learn about the future work we can accomplish together. Our keynote speaker this year is pro-life advocate and Hoosier, Katie Shaw! The Rally will take place on Sat., Jan. 28th at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W Berry St, at 12 pm, doors opening at 11:30 am. The March will start after the Rally. Visit: www.ichooselife.org/march or call 260-471-1849 for more information.

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

John 1:29-42a

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Romans 7:1-20

Monday

Ezekiel 38:1-23

Romans 7:21-8:17

Tuesday

Ezekiel 39:11-10, 17-29

Romans 8:18-39

Wednesday

Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12

Romans 9:1-18

Thursday

Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29

Romans 9:19-33

Friday

Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23

Romans 10:1-21

Saturday

Joel 1:1-20

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 after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-25



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Real Sins and Real Grace

[This is part of a letter Luther wrote to Philip Melanchton while he was being protected at the Wartburg Castle. He concludes his letter thus:] If you are a preacher of grace, then preach a true and not a fictitious grace; if grace is true, you must bear a true and not a fictitious sin. God does not save people who are only fictitious sinners. Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly, for he is victorious over sin, death, and the world. As long as we are here [in this world] we have to sin. This life is not the dwelling place of righteousness, but, as Peter says, we look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. It is enough that by the riches of God's glory we have come to know the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. No sin will separate us from the Lamb, even though we commit fornication and murder a thousand times a day. Do you think that the purchase price that was paid for the redemption of our sins by so great a Lamb is too small? Pray boldly—you too are a mighty sinner.

Luther's Works, 48:281-2.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, Jan. 5, 2023

(The following summary is provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), F. Jackson (secretary pro tem), W. Krause, A. Litke, K. Vlot

Elders absent: T. Muehl, B. Scott

Pastor present: Pr. Punke

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading from Luther's Large Catechism on Baptism.

Pastor Punke presented his monthly report to the elders, providing information about members, about his activities, and about associations that have a relation to the church (LSUS and CLHS).

The elders reviewed and finalized the selection of congregational members chosen by the elders to assist with the board's committees in developing policy and practices in areas of responsibility (Pastoral Support and Assistance, Membership Supervision, Stewardship Policy, Evangelism and Assimilation of New Members, Worship Practices and Assistance and Communication Policy and Practices). These congregational members will be installed during the Divine Service on January 15—the elders thank those who have volunteered to serve on these committees.

The council began to review the current existing manual for the elders (2008). The elders reviewed sections on Making the Visit, Baptismal Procedures, and Funeral Procedures.

The elders prepared for the congregational meeting on January 29 by preparing recommendations—with the help of Pastor Punke—to the assembly for the nominations for synodical President, synodical First Vice-President, and regional vice president (of our region) for the synodical convention.

The elders were encouraged to participate in the prayer room at PrayerWorks and at the congregational assembly.

The meeting concluded with Responsive Prayer I.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Jackson, secretary pro tem

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Anastasia Sowders	Khloe Hall
Trevion Evans	Ariza Richardson
August Hoham	Ahrius Alexander
Max Love	Jy Airris Woodson
Anthony Shirely	All teachers

LSUS Lobby Update

Over the past few weeks we have been working hard to update the lobby area here at LSUS. We are excited to say that is almost complete. We plan to use the area in several ways including small group work, tutoring, a hangout zone, and much more! Some of the updates include:

- ◆ Equipped with a Smartboard that will display announcements, the lunch menu, the prayer list, and can be used as a teaching tool.
- ◆ New furniture to make the space more comfortable for students and adults.
- ◆ New carpet!
- ◆ We also built a platform area that will have multipurpose uses.

Next time you are in the building, check it out!





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You can help LSUS earn rewards! A quick easy way to help support LSUS.

If you have a Kroger Plus Card, all you have to do to register your card is go to: www.kroger.com/communityrewards create or log into your account and link your Card to our organization: Lutheran South Unity School (MP117). It's that easy!

Student Chapel Offerings

Thursday Chapel Offerings collected by our LSUS students and families make a big impact around the world. December and January offerings will go to The Rescue Mission, Charis House, and shipping costs for the Christmas boxes we sent last month. The Rescue Mission's mission is to provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future. The Charis House is part of the Rescue Mission that focuses on women and children experiencing a homeless crisis



THE Rescue Mission

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Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Corinthians 5:17