

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 29, 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] *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel | of the •wicked•, || nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits | in the seat of | •scoffers•; || but his delight is in the law | of the Lord, || and on his law he | •medi- tates day and | night.*

Verse 1: **He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its | sea-__ son, || and its leaf | does not with-__ | er. || In all that he does, he | pros-__ pers. || The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that | the wind drives a- | way.**

Verse 2: *Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judg-__ ment, || nor sinners in the congre- | ga- tion of the | •righteous•; || for the Lord knows the way | of the •righteous•, || but the way of the | •wicked• will per-__ | ish.*

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.



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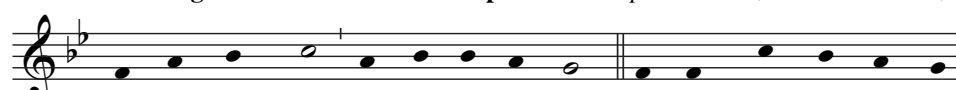
Gloria in Excelsis



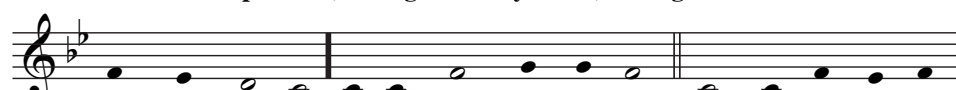
Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,



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

A——— men!

[*Be Seated*]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading..... Micah 6:1-8

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Alleluia!*

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

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

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 5:1-12

[*The Gospel is announced.*]

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]

[illegible]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains the first four measures of the hymn. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), and C5 (quarter). The fifth measure is a whole rest, and the sixth measure is a whole note G4. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated] Hymn of the Day..... Son of God Burgundy Hymn 842

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

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

[Be Seated] Offerings

Choral Voluntary

[Rise] Offertory HymnCreate in Me a Clean Heart, O God



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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +


Preface

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus

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

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

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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

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

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

Agnus Dei

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

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns The Death of Jesus Burgundy Hymn 634

*[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanzas 3 & 5;
Men alone sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8.]*

From God the Father Burgundy Hymn 401

[Rise for stanza 6.]

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.



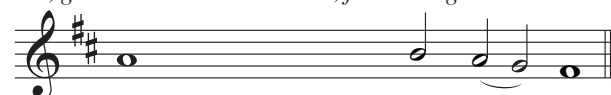
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



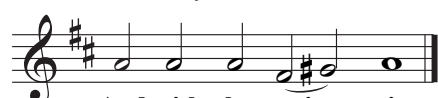
And His mercy endureth for— ev — er.

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 Hail, O Source Burgundy Hymn 409

Postlude

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Readings for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God

through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Gospel is St. Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Somerset T. C. Lowry

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

LSB634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Haquin Spegel

1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
2. He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.
- W 3. That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- M 4. His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
- W 5. We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins; "Given and shed for all your sins."
- M 6. They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!
7. But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.

8. Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

LSB401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.
2. Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die;
Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.
3. Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring The gift of healing on Your wing;
To eve'ry dull and clouded sense The clearness of Your light dispense.
4. Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away;
Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.
5. Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
- △ 6. To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

LSB409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

Basil Woodd

1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.
2. Once far off but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to Eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love Divine.
3. Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including John Starks, Don Zettelmier, Jessica Krause, Marilynn Shafter, 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, especially Anne Hollman Ziegler & Robert Hollman, and Jack Tourney, newborn son of Meredith Tourney
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, including Rose Manning, Rita Davies, and Natalie Reynolds
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Alfred Litke
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given by Rev. Art and Marie Litke in memory of Alfred Litke, father of Rev. Litke who entered the church triumphant 50 years ago today. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of Anne Hollman Ziegler's and Robert Hollman's birthday by their families. 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 29, 2023 thru February 4, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly & Brunch	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday School for little ones	Assoc. Pastor Office
MON.			
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	9:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

February 5, 2023

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR No Adult Bible Study today. Next Sunday, Dr. Voelz will continue in take up the Gospel according to St. Mark in Bauer Hall. Sunday School for the little ones will happen in the Associate Pastor's Office.

WELCOME to Rev. Tom Eggebrecht. Rev. Eggebrecht will be leading us today through the Congregational Creative Event. After Divine Service today, we'll gather in Bauer Hall for a brief Congregational Assembly — reports and two brief items of business regarding the summer's Synod Convention. After this, Rev. Eggebrecht will give the congregation some background on the Ministry Clarity effort. We'll divide up into groups and asking for your input on various questions. After this, lunch will be served.

GIVING STATEMENTS not picked up have been mailed to your home. If you have any questions, please call Melvia at the office.

OUR ENVELOPES: Julie checked. They've moved us up in the queue, meaning we should have them by February 5. Hope so. Until then, please feel free to use 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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Leviticus 19:18 --"You shall not take vengeance or bear grudge against the sons of your own people. But you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Last week's verse was John 6:27.

WARM A SEMINARIAN'S HEART by helping the Seminary Guild of Concordia Theological Seminary warm his meal. The Guild's adopted project for 2023 is to provide four industrial microwaves for the students — two for the Dining Hall and two for the Student Commons. Cost of this project is \$1,400. If you would like to contribute, please send your check, payable to Concordia Theological Seminary Guild, to Concordia Theological Seminary Guild, Box 8, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Mark the memo line of your check "annual adopted project." Thank you for supporting this project, as you are able.

CLHS is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the Facilities Manager. The role of the Facilities Manager is to oversee the facilities (including furnishings), grounds, and operations of the school campus, along with supervising the Maintenance Department personnel. Compensation will be dependent upon qualifications. 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. Applicant must complete a background check before being hired.

SUBURBAN BETHLEHAM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL, 6318 West California Road Fort Wayne, IN, is hosting its 63rd Annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale on Saturday, February 11 from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Carryout is available beginning at 4:30 pm. Adult dinners are \$14.00, and children's dinners (Ages 4-12) are \$7.00. Children three and under eat for free. You may also purchase carry-outs of fish only for \$16.00 each. Meals include our famous all you can eat fish, potato salad, baked beans, and dinner rolls with a drink. Our Women's Ministry ladies have been busy making homemade noodles and apple dumplings for the bake sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

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For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Matthew 5:1-12	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8
2 Timothy 2:1-26	Monday	Zechariah 9:1-17
2 Timothy 3:1-17	Tuesday	Zechariah 10:1-11:3
2 Timothy 4:1-18	Wednesday	Zechariah 11:4-17
Titus 1:1-2:6	Thursday	Zechariah 12:1-13:9
Titus 2:7-3:15	Friday	Zechariah 14:1-21
John 1:1-18	Saturday	Job 1:1-22

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 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:3-9a

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Distinction between Merit and Grace

Learn to give this answer regarding the passages that refer to merit and reward: "Of course I hear Christ saying (Matt. 5:3): 'Blessed are the poor, for they shall have the kingdom of heaven'; and (Matt. 5:11,12): 'Blessed are you when you suffer persecution for My sake, for your reward is great in heaven.' But by these statements He is not teaching me where to build the foundation of my salvation, but giving me a promise that is to console me in my sufferings and in my Christian life. You must not confuse this and throw the two into the same pot, nor make my merit out of what God gives me in Christ through Baptism and the Gospel. It does not say that I can merit this and that I do not need Christ and Baptism for it. Rather, those who are Christ's pupils, those to whom He has been preaching here and who have to suffer many things for His sake, should know how to console themselves. Because people refuse to tolerate them on earth, they will have everything that much more abundantly in heaven; and he who does the most work and endures the most suffering will also get the most glorious recompense."

In Christ, as I have said, they are all alike. Grace is granted equally to all and brings full salvation to each individual, as the highest and most common possession; thus whoever has Christ has everything. And yet there will be a distinction in the glory with which we shall be adorned, and in the brightness with which we shall shine. In this life there is a distinction among gifts, and one labors and suffers more than another. But in that life it will all be revealed, for the whole world to see what each one has done from the degree of glory he has; and the whole heavenly host will rejoice. Let this be sufficient on the matter.

Luther's Works, 21:293-4.

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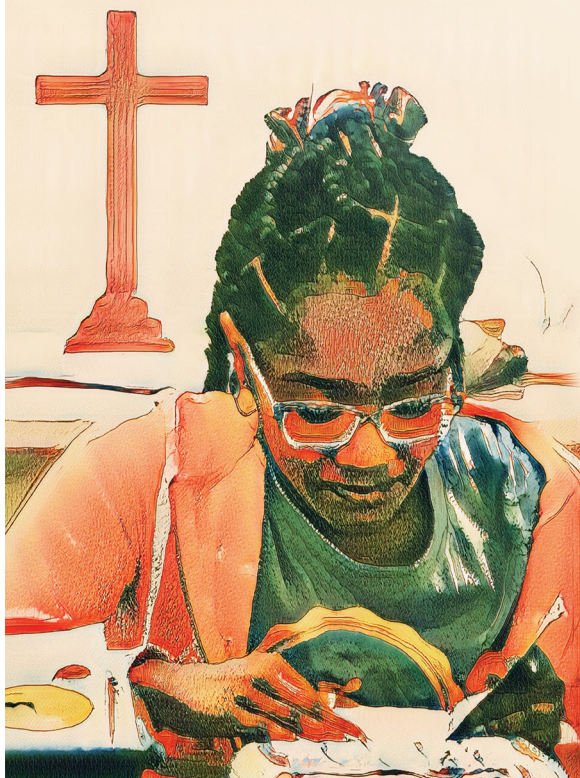
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Future Cadets



Congratulations to a couple of future Cadets! Jalasha Bell and Aiden Slattery have been accepted at Concordia Lutheran High School!



**Making
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**NATIONAL
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Students and staff celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week January 23-27. This year's theme is "Making Disciples for Life." We had special dress up days focusing on different ways we can make disciples for life. Students also had chapel buddy activities throughout the week. We also had a school wide "Penny War," where classes competed with each other to see who could collect the most. The money raised will go toward our Lobby renovations.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. —James 1:2-3