

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, February 5, 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

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

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#### [ Rise ] **Invocation**

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[ Kneel ]

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

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

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

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

## Introit of the Day



[ Antiphon ] *Blessed are | you, O Lord; || teach | me your stat-\_\_ | utes! || With my lips | I de-  
clare || all the | rules\_\_ of your | mouth.*

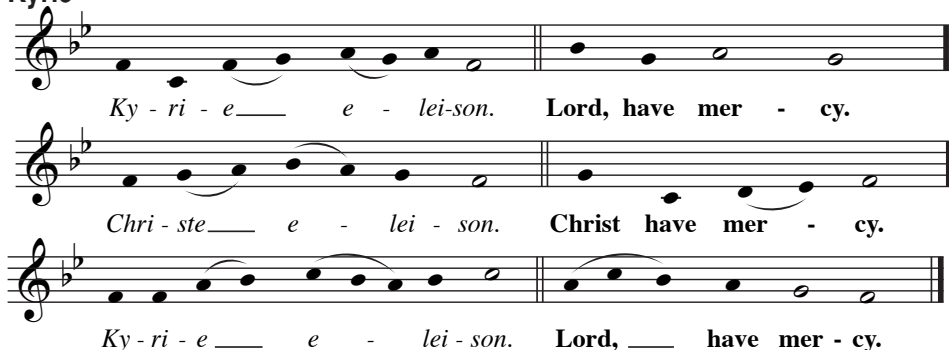
Verse 1: **How can a young man keep | his way pure? || By guarding it ac- | cord- ing  
to your | word. || With my whole heart | I seek you; || let me not wander from  
| your com- mand-\_\_ | ments!**

Verse 2: *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not | sin a- •gainst you•. || In  
the way of your testimonies I delight as | much as in all | •riches•. || I will meditate  
on your precepts and fix my eyes | on your ways. || I will delight in your statutes; I  
will | not for- get your | word.*

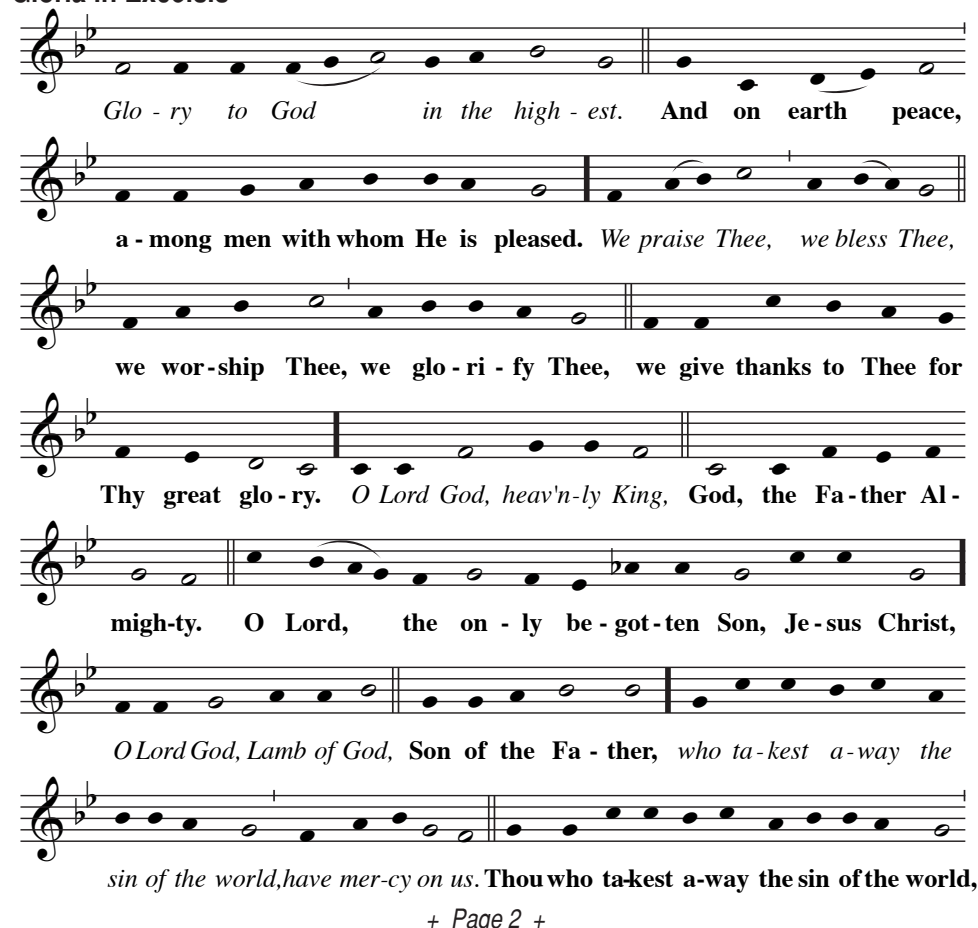
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was  
in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

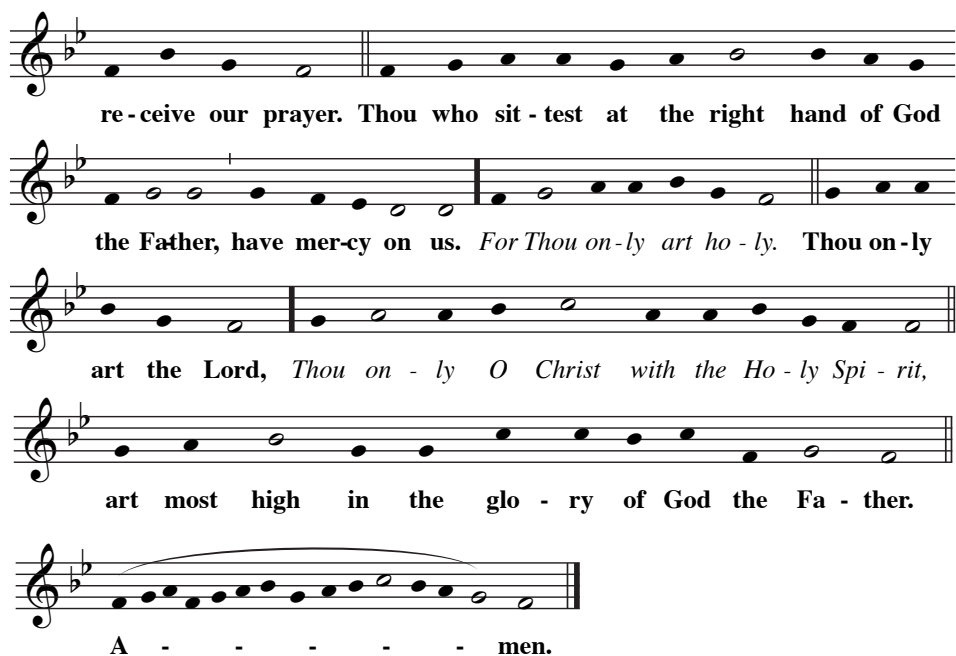
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## Kyrie



## Gloria in Excelsis

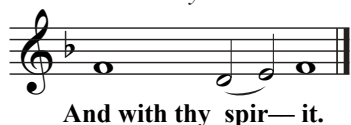




re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly  
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - - - - - men.

### Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:** *O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 58:3-9a**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Alleluia!*

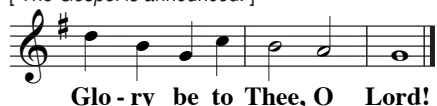


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

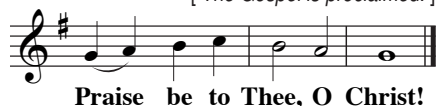
**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Matthew 5:13-20**

[ 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 ..... Thy Strong Word ..... Burgundy Hymn 578**

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4;

All sing stanzas 5 & 6; Rise for stanza 6. ]

## Sermon

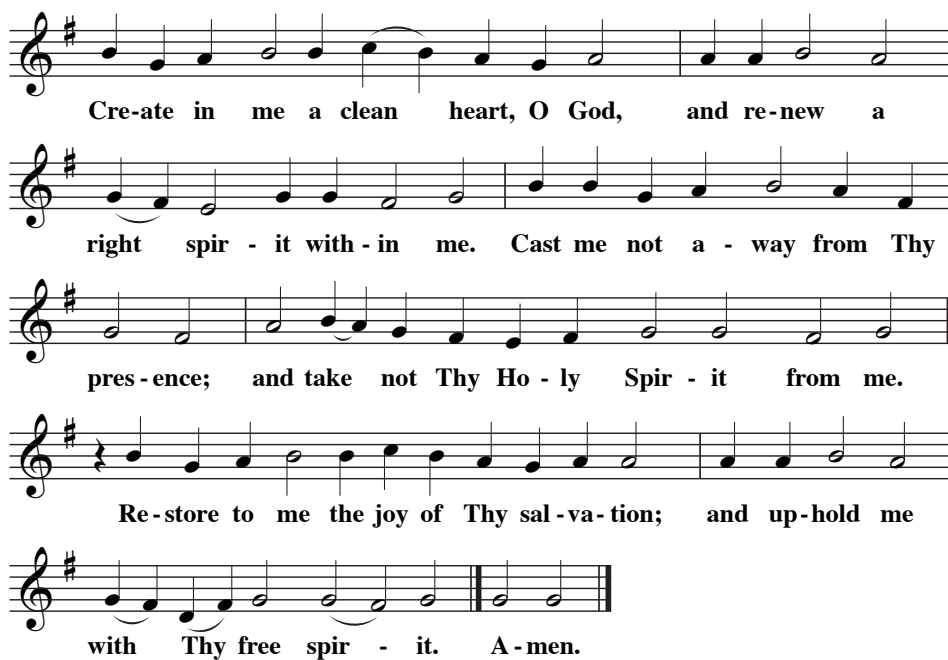
[ Rise ] **Prayer of the Church**

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

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

[ Be Seated ] **Offerings, Voluntary**

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



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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

## Preface

The Lord be with you.

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** ..... Jesus, Thy Blood ..... Burgundy Hymn 563  
Thy Works, Not Mine, ..... Burgundy Hymn 565

[ 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.



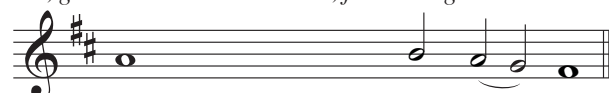
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.*



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 ..... Forth in the Peace ..... Burgundy Hymn 920

## Postlude

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## Readings for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 58:3-9a

“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?”

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

“Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

### The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass

away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ

### **The Gospel is St. Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said,] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”



# Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## LSB578 Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzmann

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1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- W 3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- M 4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- △ 6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

## LSB563 Jesus, Thy Blood

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
2. Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
5. When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

### **LSB565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ**

**Horatius Bonar**

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.

*Refrain: To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?*

2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole. *Refrain*
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God. *Refrain*
4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few. *Refrain*
5. Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee. *Refrain*

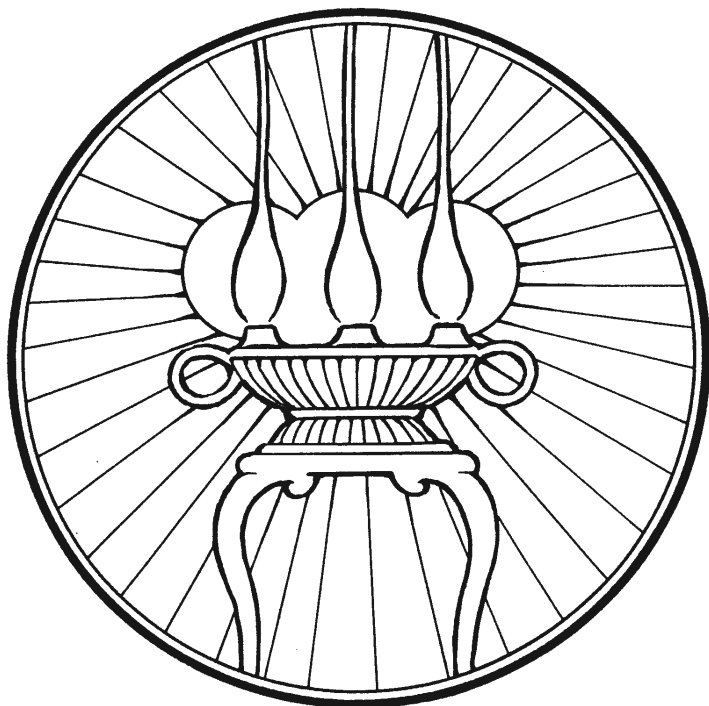
## **LSB920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go**

**James Quinn**

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1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
4. Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.

# The Fifth 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 (8<sup>th</sup>), Anyssa Scaer (7<sup>th</sup>, MS History), Abigail DeForest (6<sup>th</sup>),

Allison Wims (K-8 Technology & MS Health), Marcus Rush (MS PE),

Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), **Jamie Taylor** (4<sup>th</sup>), Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>),

Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>), 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 Jessica Krause, John Starks, Bryce Shull, Don Zettelmier, Marilyn 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
- + 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 Paul John Zinter
- + 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given by James Crouse "in memory of my maternal grandfather, Paul John Zinter, who passed into everlasting life 50 years ago, on 5 February 1973, being almost 95 years of age." Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## **CALENDAR**

### **February 5, 2023 thru February 11, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Children Sunday School	Assoc. Pastor's Office
<b>MON.</b>	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **February 12, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Children Sunday School	Assoc. Pastor Office
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium Concert	Church

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR** Dr. Voelz picks back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark in Bauer Hall today. He'll be gone next Sunday (we'll figure out something for one Sunday). Sunday school will meet in the Associate Pastor's Office.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who stayed and contributed to our Congregational Creative Event. After a brief Congregational Assembly that elected Kevin Leininger as our congregational elector, who will vote for Synod President later this summer, and that made nominations for Synod President, First Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President, we divided up into groups to give input on various areas associated with our mission pillars. Everyone was engaged, and I think we received some great feedback. Then we had a bit of fellowship around some soups. Thanks to Melvia and Ernestine for preparing and serving those.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** the Bach Collegium will hold their second concert of the season, Festive Baroque, here at Zion next Sunday, February 12, at 4:00 PM on February 12<sup>th</sup>. They say, "Yes, you can still watch the Super Bowl." "[T]his jubilant concert of J.S. Bach performed by the Bach Collegium's choir, virtuoso instrumentalists and superb vocal soloists [will include] an exuberant instrumental sinfonia for strings and reeds, and cantatas 76 and 147 [featuring] baroque trumpet, choir and soloists. BWV 147 includes the famous 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.' Besides all that, the choir is featured in a motet by Heinrich von Herzogenberg, a nineteenth-century composer, who was important in the Bach revival, especially the cantatas."

**HELP:** Melvia needs people who can help finding the mailing addresses of old Academy/School members, old photos, and Zion gear for the upcoming June All Class Reunion. If you have any of these items please feel free to contact her at the office or email her the information. Thanks.

**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:** 2 Timothy 2:13 — "If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself." Last week's verse was Leviticus 19:18.

**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](http://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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**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 5:13-20

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 58:3-9a

John 1:35-51

Monday

Job 3:11-26

John 2:1-12

Tuesday

Job 4:1-21

John 2:13-25

Wednesday

Job 5:1-27

John 3:1-21

Thursday

Job 6:1-13

John 3:22-4:6

Friday

Job 6:14-30

John 4:7-26

Saturday

Job 7:1-21

### 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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Right Purpose of Good Works*

Those men must be few and very highly spiritual who through honor and praise alike remain indifferent and unchanged, so that they do not care for it or take pride and pleasure in it, but remain utterly free and unconcerned, ascribe all their honor and good name to God alone, offer it to him alone, and use it to no purpose other than the glory of God and the benefit of their neighbors and in no way to their own benefit or advantage. Men like this trust not in their own honor, nor exalt themselves above the most useless and despised man on earth, but acknowledge themselves as servants of God, who has given them the honor in order to serve God and neighbor, just as if he had commanded them to distribute gulden to the poor for his sake. In Matthew 5 [:16] Christ says, “Your light should shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” He does not say “that men may praise you,” but “that your works shall serve only to help men, that through them they may praise God in you and in themselves.” The correct use of honor and a good name is when God is praised through serving others. And if men want to praise us and not God working in us, we ought not to tolerate it, but do all we can to protect ourselves from their praise and avoid it as the very worst of sins and as the robbery of God’s honor.

*Luther’s Works, 44:44-5.*



# LSUS NOTES

## Praying for You!



### Please pray for these students/staff:

BillyBlessing Thang	Emilia Antoine
Benicio Berrera	Quantre Rencher
Nyomi Rangel	Nalayah Ferguson
Santiago Oliva-Barrios	Martin Herrera
Javier Antoine	Miss Zelt
Cain Garcia	Thanks for Baby Jack Tourney!
Mrs. Reynold's family, death of her mother	

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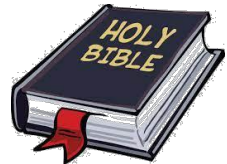
We continued to celebrate NLSW this past week since we missed a few days due to weather.



Celebrating with Spirit Wear!



Activities with chapel buddies!



# NOW ENROLLING

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! We are now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll!

260-744-0459



Here are some future 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that have already registered for next year!



## **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!

—Psalms 46:10

February  
2023



[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## **Life Newsbytes**

**On January 13, attorneys general from 22 different states signed a letter to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), requesting that it reverse its recent decision to expand access to the abortion pill through direct pharmacy distribution. In the letter to FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf, attorneys general from states including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Kentucky urged a reversal.** “The Food and Drug Administration’s decision to abandon commonsense restrictions on remotely prescribing and administering abortion-inducing drugs is both illegal and dangerous,” the letter reads. “In direct contravention of longstanding FDA practice and congressional mandate, the FDA’s rollback of important safety restrictions ignores both women’s health and straightforward federal statutes. We urge you to reverse your decision.” Earlier in January, Danco Laboratories, the U.S. manufacturer of the abortion pill, announced that pharmacies can now become certified to dispense Mifeprex® (mifepristone)—the first drug in the abortion pill regimen—directly to patients. Prior to this, women were required to obtain mifepristone from a licensed clinic or medical facility, but are no longer required to do so despite the fact that studies have shown the abortion pill to be four times more dangerous than a first-trimester surgical abortion. (*Live Action News*, 1/17/23; *CLR LifeWire*, 1/19/23)

## **Speaking up For Life**

“Say, ‘Congratulations and thanks be to God!’ Pregnancy is never a sin, and motherhood, even amid afflictions, is always a blessing. Our Lord has honored her with this holy vocation. She and her baby belong to Him from this time forth and forevermore!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

“The Church can become a place of belonging for everyone. As much as a person feels invisible in their loneliness, the Church has a place for them. Your church can be a place where each person finds they are indispensable to the Body of Christ.” *Mona Fuerstenau*

“Jesus Christ has made every human life indispensable.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

“There’s so much work to be done, so many lives to protect. The unborn, the mentally ill, the hungry, the broken, and many others still need to hear about our hope in Christ and the love He has for us, and it’s our duty to bring it to them.” *Katie Reid, 2021 Y4Life intern*



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