

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Sunday, January 8, 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.

Entrance Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old Burgundy Hymn 397

Kyrie



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 Epiphany of our Lord: *O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever:*



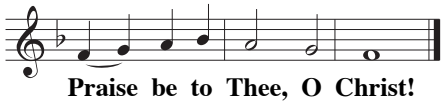
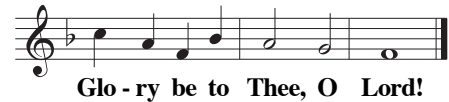
[Be Seated] + The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading..... Isaiah 60:1-6
[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.

Epistle of the Day Ephesians 3:1-12
[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.
[Rise and face the Processional Cross for the Gospel Procession.]

Sequence Hymn O Savior of Our Fallen Race Burgundy Hymn 403
[All sing stanza 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanza 3; Women alone sing stanza 4;
SKIP stanzas 5 and 6. All sing stanza 7. Rise for stanza 7.]

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 2:1-12
[The Gospel is announced.] [The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

[Be Seated] **Hymn of the Day O Morning Star Burgundy Hymn 395**
[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanza 3; Women alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6.]

Sermon

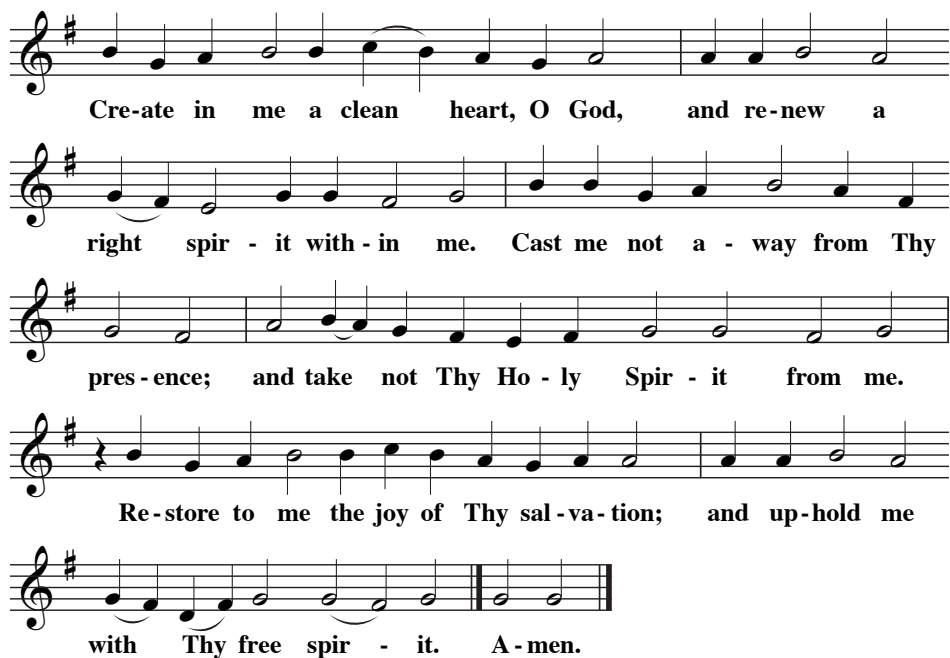
[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

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.

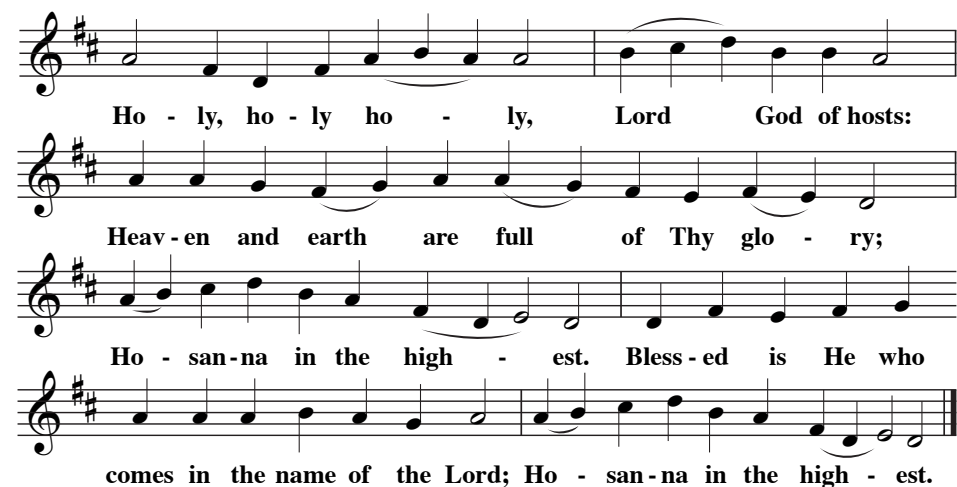
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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,



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

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Arise and Shine** **Burgundy Hymn 396**
The Star Proclaims **Burgundy Hymn 399**
 [Rise for Stanza 5.]

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.

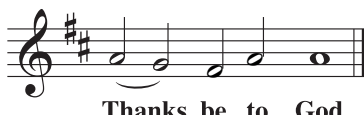
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



A — men.



Bless we the Lord.



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



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

Recessional Hymn Brightest and Best Burgundy Hymn 400

Postlude

Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

The Epistle is Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who

created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

The Gospel is Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Hymns for the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord

LSB397 As with Gladness Men of Old

William C. Dix

1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
5. In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

LSB403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Latin c. 5th-10th cent.

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1. O Savior of our fallen race,
O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might
Before the world knew day or night, Alleluia!
2. O Jesus, very Light of Light,
Our constant star in sin's deep night:
Now hear the prayers Your people pray
Throughout the world this holy day. Alleluia!
- M 3. Remember, Lord of life and grace,
How once, to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on
And came to us as Mary's son. Alleluia!
- W 4. Today, as year by year its light
Bathes all the world in radiance bright,
One precious truth outshines the sun:
Salvation comes from You alone. Alleluia!

- △ 7. O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore. Alleluia!

LSB395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Philipp Nicolai

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1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's Son,
Our Lord and Master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious. Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
2. Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
- M 3. Lord, when You look on us in love.
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.
- W 4. Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us, when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:

This is Your great salvation.

Alleluia!

Christ the living, to us giving Life forever,

Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!
6. What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

LSB396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

Martin Opitz

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1. Arise and shine in splendor, Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.
2. See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night. To you the Lord of heaven—
Your life, your hope— has given Great glory, honor, and delight.
3. The world's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces
The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring,
With joy Your Light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.
4. Lift up your eyes in wonder— See, nations gather yonder,
From sin to be set free. The world has heard Your story;
Her sons come to Your glory; Her daughters haste Your Light to see.

5. Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far. Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

LSB399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Coelius Sedulius

1. The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
2. The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.
3. Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.
4. And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- △ 5. For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

LSB400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Reginald Heber

1. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
2. Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
3. Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,

Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure,
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

The Epiphany of Our Lord



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Peter Wagner, Patrick Jackson, Paul Mroczenski

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8th), Abigail DeForest (6th), Anyssa Scaer (MS History),

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

Danielle Ramsey (5th), Meredith Tourney (4th), Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd),

Hannah Maresh (1st), Abby Springer (K), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Patrick Jackson and Paul Mroczenski
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including James Hall, especially at this perilous time in our world
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death, including Willie Manning
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Marilyn Shafter, Jessica Krause, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, 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 Caroline & Albert Manth
- + 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 Epiphany of Our Lord. The Cross Bowl and the Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Caroline and Albert Manth by Jennifer Manth. 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 8, 2023 thru January 14, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday School (little ones)	Assoc. Pastor's Office
	2:00 PM	Prayer Room hosting	Electric Works
MON.			
TUES.	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	Peace Lutheran
	5:00 PM	LSA Board	LSUS
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	12:00 noon	Special Admin Council meeting	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	11:30 AM	Lunch & Learn	Emmanuel Lutheran
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

January 15, 2023

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Education hour begins again after our Christmas break. Dr. Voelz will continue in St. Mark in Bauer Hall, and Sunday School will happen in the Associate Pastor's office.

WE HOST THE PRAYER ROOM today at 2 PM. The address is 1626 Broadway St, Suite 135. Please arrive 10 minutes early. We're there to greet people and pray. We'll not have a prayer office, but we'll be ready to pray for and with others. See you there.

GIVING STATEMENTS are ready. You can get yours at Julie's Scrip table.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Schaibley family, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation in support of Rev. Robert Schaibley, to all of the Zion family who shared the Lord's promises in music and with letters, phone calls, and cards. It is during this earthly loss, that we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection. Eunice I Schaibley

THANK YOU: Our thanks to all who gave generously to the CTS students this Christmas season. There was this year a great turnout of foods in a variety of containers besides the grocery sacks. Over the six-week period we counted 78 full containers, small and large. Zion members are always willing and gracious in aiding our students and families at the Seminary with nourishment while they, in turn, prepare themselves to nourish others in the sustenance of God's Gospel. May the gracious Lord God bless you all this coming year. Ed & Janice Grim

OUR ENVELOPES: Our contribution envelope provider has had several problems that have delayed their customers' envelope printing and shipping. Julie just checked again, and now they hope to have them out *sometime in January*. Until then, please feel free to use the envelopes in the pew rack, but please mark them as general fund and put your name on them so that your offering can be recorded. We plan to enclose two envelopes in the January Voice for your use as well. Thank you for your patience.

SAVE THE DATE: January 29, 2023, right after Divine Service, we will have a Congregational Assembly in Bauer Hall. It will 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 15.

POINSETTIAS left after today will be given away.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Proverbs 18:10 —“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.” Last week's verse was Genesis 1:1

CAMP LUTHERAN HAVEN: Have you heard about the upcoming Women's Retreat at Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, IN? You are invited to join with other women as they kick off 2023 together on January 20-22 to experience the theme “Goodness of God.” Centered around Psalm 107, we will dive into how God's goodness encapsulates, encourages, and endures from speaker Blythe Barreto. This New Year's retreat promises to be an intentional, fun, and encouraging time with others and with Jesus. For more information and to register, please visit www.lutherhaven.org.

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 at University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W Berry St, at 12 pm; doors open at 11:30am. The March will start after the Rally. Visit www.ichooselife.org/march or call 260-471-1849 for more info.

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. And the ROTC Army Instructor Application and Certification link is: www.usarmyjrotc.com/application-certification/.

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 2:1-12

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Romans 2:1-16

Monday

Ezekiel 3:12-27

Romans 2:17-29

Tuesday

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32

Romans 3:1-18

Wednesday

Ezekiel 33:1-20

Romans 3:19-31

Thursday

Ezekiel 34:1-24

Romans 4:1-25

Friday

Ezekiel 36:13-28

Romans 5:1-21

Saturday

Ezekiel 36:33-37:14

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 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42a



What Doctor Luther Says:

Concerning the Magi and the Birth of Christ the King

[The Magi must have thought,] “How desolate and confused everything appears for the birth of a king! If a young pup had been born, at least there would be some shouting. A king is supposed to have been born here, and yet everything is so quiet. Should not the people sing and dance, light lights and lamps, and decorate their streets with green branches and roses? What a poor king do we seek. We are fools for allowing ourselves to be so deceived and duped!”

Without a doubt these magi were partly still flesh and blood and harbored such kinds of thoughts and ideas within themselves, and their faith had to endure a sound and mighty struggle. Natural reason would in no way have survived this test; it would have opened its big mouth at once and puffed itself up upon failing to find the king where it expected him, and would have said: “The devil has led me here. What king can have been born here where everything is so quiet and dull? Why, there is more noise and shouting when a child is born to our shepherds; the cow that calves is better known than this king.” See reason and human nature always act in this way; they never go beyond what they perceive, and when there is no perception, they immediately deny God and utter the words ascribed to them, Psalms 14[:1]: There is no God in this place; the devil must be here. ... Human nature wants perception and certitude as a condition for faith. Grace wants faith prior to perception; that is why human nature will not proceed beyond its own light. Grace happily steps out into the darkness and follows nothing but the word and the Scriptures, no matter where or how it shines; it clings firmly to that word, whether it seems true or false to human nature.

Luther's Works, 52:195-6.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Layla Scott
Truvayah Totten
Key Vontay Hodge
Vicente Herrera
Melvin Lesure
Caleb Rodriguez

Joshua Maung
Naomi Sims
Elijah Stanford-Manning
Mrs. DeForest
Family of Pastor Spira

Christmas Service: Star of Wonder

The kids did such a good job! All their hard work has really shown! A big shout out to Mrs. Reynolds for directing and putting the program together. Thank you to everyone who was a part of the music team, our host church (Bethlehem), and anyone who played a part in making sure everything went well. We've captured these great moments!





This week we will focus on Allison Wims. Lutheran South Unity School is blessed to have this teacher step up when we needed a Health and Technology teacher. She teaches Health for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. She also teaches technology to all of the students in grades kindergarten through 8th grade.

Ms. Wims has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications with a minor in Theater. For ten years she has been working with children. During seven of the years she has substituted with FWCS and EACS, two years she has served as a professional tutor, and finally was founder of Brain Geeks Learn. She has also served as Marketing Chairperson for the National Nineteenth celebration. Ms. Wims has a seventh grade daughter, Olivia Rush, at LSUS.

She loves all animals and absolutely enjoys going to the beach whenever the opportunity is available. Writing poetry and performing it is another love of Ms. Wims. Finally, she enjoys creating with her hands.

The church she attends is New Covenant. Maya Angelou has said, "Nothing will work unless you do!" These some words of wisdom that she would like to pass on to the LSUS family.

Kindergarten ROUND UP

Monday, January 9, 2022 @ 6 PM

Were you unable to come to the first Kindergarten Roundup for your child, grandchild or friend? We are offering another opportunity to come to LSUS for a meeting. This is scheduled for Monday, January 9, at 6:00 pm.

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

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

We will be looking forward to seeing you. If you would like a separate tour of LSUS, please call the school to set up an appointment. (260-744-0459 ext. 104 – Barb Johnson).

Encouragement Found in Scriptures: Luke 2:10-14