

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 19, 2025

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.

*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] *He brought me to the | ban- •queting• house, || and his banner | o- ver me was | love. || Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends | to the •heavens•, || your faithful- ness__ to the | clouds.*

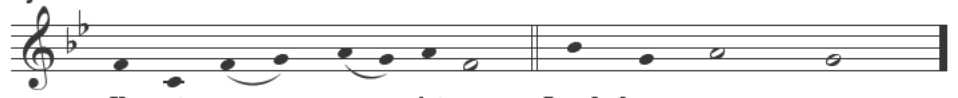
Verse 1: **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; || man and | beast you save, O | Lord. || How precious is your steadfast | love, O God! || The children of mankind take refuge in the | shadow of your | wings.**

Verse 2: *They feast on the abundance | of your house, || and you give them drink from the | •river• of your de- | lights. || For with you is the | •fountain• of life; || in your | light do we see | light.*

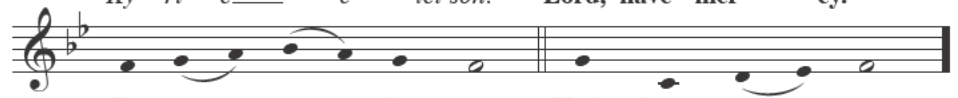
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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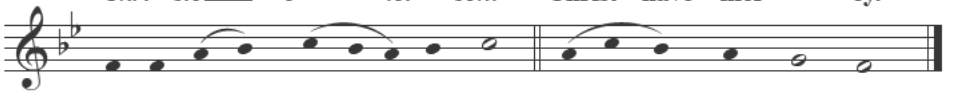
Kyrie



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



Chri - ste__ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e__ e - lei - son. Lord__ have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



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



a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,



we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for



Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa - ther Al -



migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the



sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,

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

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany: *Almighty and Everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Your people and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; 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 62:1-5**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. John 2:1-11**

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

[Be Seated] Hymn of the Day..... The Only Son Burgundy Hymn 402

[Rise for stanza 4.]

Sermon

[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.

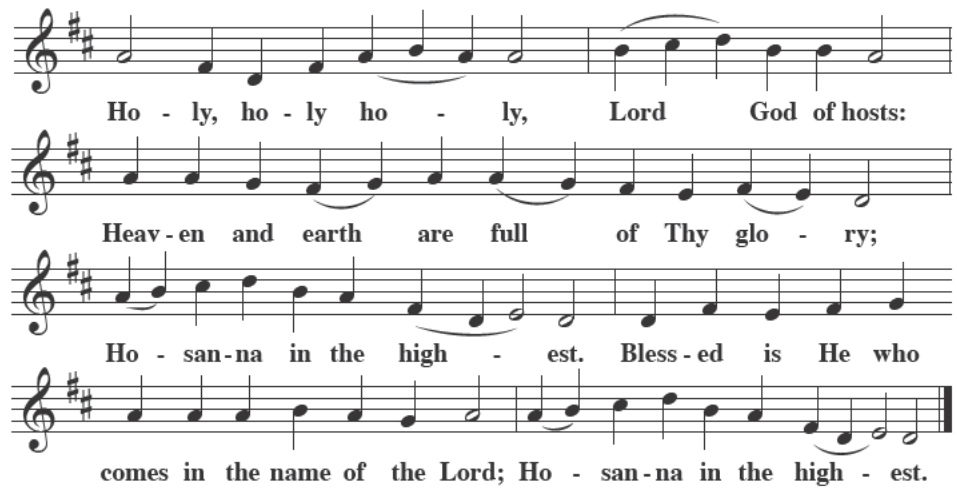
And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus

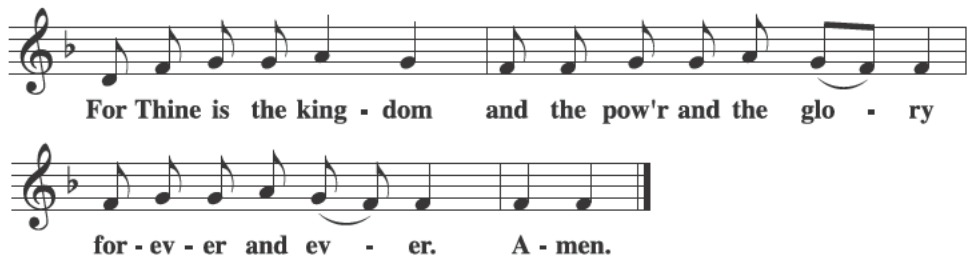
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



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.

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 Soul, Adorn Yourself Burgundy Hymn 636

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

Come, Join in Cana's Feast Burgundy Hymn 408

[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.



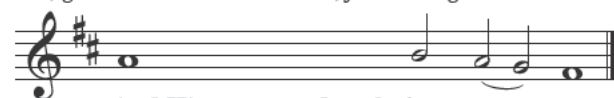
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



5. As it__ was in the
beginning, is
now, and e— ver shall be, world with—out end. A—men.

Post Communion Rite

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



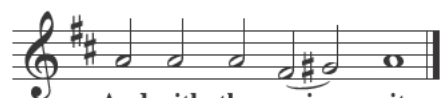
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

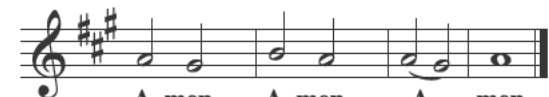
Bless we the Lord.



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 Jesus Has Come Burgundy Hymn 533

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various

kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The Gospel is John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Hymns for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB402 The Only Son from Heaven

Elisabeth Cruciger

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

LSB636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Johann Franck

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1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
for with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

- W4. Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- M5. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.
6. Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
7. Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
8. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

LSB408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast

Herman G. Stuempfle

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1. Come, join in Cana's feast Where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
 2. The old wine now is gone From jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.
 3. But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.
 4. Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine supplied
By Him who is both guest and host—For us, the crucified.
- △ 5. For now He lives and reigns Through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, Three in One, The glorious Trinity.

LSB533 Jesus Has Come and Brings

Johann Ludwig Conrad Allendorf

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1. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaims this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
2. Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
3. Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

4. Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

The Second 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:

Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

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Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), Abbey Kohler (4th),

Tiffany Scheurich (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Rachel Wiegman (K-A),

Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),

Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Gary Arrington (PE, AD)

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, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + For our nation; for our leaders currently serving and newly elected; for our military, including James Hall
- + 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
- + For those who are on hospice care, especially Janice Grim
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Ernestine Rogers, Richard Lammert, TruLaine Starks, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Kevin Leininger, Bill Weinrich, Debra Busche, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jerry & Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, including Dorothy Scaer and George Lange
- + 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
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Lois Lange gives the Cross Bowl in thanksgiving to God for George's 90th Birthday. 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 19, 2025 thru January 25, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
MON.		Martin Luther King Day — No School at LSUS	
TUES.		Start of Symposia	CTSFW
	5:00 PM	Epiphany Evening Prayer	CTSFW
WED.		NO Men of Zion due to Symposia	
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Bauer Hall
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall

January 26, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Bauer Hall
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ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR is on “summer break” during our beautification/renovation project in church. We hope to be able to pick things back up in April, after the Easter feast.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY will be held after church service today. This is the first of our semiannual assemblies with reports and a bit of District Convention business. Elections and budget are taken up in June. The agenda and other materials will be available after the service. The assembly will take place in our temporary holy place (tabernacle?).

NO AFTER CHURCH SNACKS as reported last Sunday, but today we do have on some tables in the Great Hall containers with birthday cupcakes in them, honoring Dorothy Scaer’s 94th birthday and George Lange’s 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, saints.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION in being done the Great Hall as last week Please fill out a card, indicate who is here and who is communing, and place it in the offering plate.

GIVING STATEMENTS not picked up today will be mailed. Save us some postage.

LSUS REGISTRATION PACKETS for 2025/26 are on the Welcome Table. If you know someone who might be interested in LSUS, take a packet and share it with them!

CTSFW SYMPOSIA begin January 21. Visit www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/ to find out more.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Colossians 2:8-9—“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.” Last week’s verse was Titus 3:4-6.

PUTTING AN ESTATE PLAN TOGETHER presents many competing priorities around which to make decisions. Certainly, you wish to care for the family you love. Yet even families can present competing priorities. Maybe there is some relationship disfunction in your family that up until now, the grace of God has not yet healed. Should that impact inheritance? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through, and pray through, such issues. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES is looking for a full-time resource room teacher for a position at Lutheran South Unity School. Applicants must hold a current Indiana Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4900 Fairfield Ave., is in need of an accompanist for its Adult Choir. This is a paid position. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., and sings approximately every other Sunday from after Labor Day until Memorial Day. The position is open immediately. Please contact the church office at 260-744-3869, or the director, Gary Gerke, at 260-348-9171.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN: Hot Chocolate! Campfire Devotions! And more at Camp Lutherhaven’s Women’s Retreat! Ladies, you’re invited to join with a community of women on January 24-26, 2025 and together dig into how God makes Everything Beautiful as the new year begins! Visit www.lutherhaven.org for more information and to register.

RLNI: Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will begin its spring 40 Days for Life campaign on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM in front of Planned Parenthood with a brief prayer and message. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office on 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th. For more info, please visit www.ichooselife.org/40days or call 260-471-1849.

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

John 2:1-11
Romans 9:19-33
Romans 10:1-21
Romans 11:1-24
Romans 11:25-12:13
Romans 12:14-13:14
Romans 14:1-23

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 62:1-5
Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23
Joel 1:1-20
Joel 2:1-17
Joel 2:18-32
Joel 3:1-21
Zechariah 1:1-21

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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:16-30



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Church, Christ's Bride and Hephzibah

5. *For as a young man marries a virgin.* “As a young man marries a virgin, so your sons shall have a bride. As a bridegroom has a virgin. As a young man feels who has just taken a bride, so I love you.” He makes Himself entirely our Bridegroom. There is no greater love among us than the love for a bride, for whose sake the parents are left behind. No one can explain this, as Solomon says (Prov. 30:19), “I do not understand . . . the way of a man with a maiden.” So here: “The way a bridegroom is minded toward his bride, so I am minded toward you. I cannot let you go; yes, I give you all that you have. Then a supreme change will take place.”

As a young man has a bride, your children will have a master. And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. This kind of talk is nothing but that of a cheerful prophet who in his weariness refreshes himself with the most exalted emotions and for that reason speaks about the intense feelings of the children and the bridegroom. Note, however, that according to substance and appearance the church is a harlot, illegitimate and forsaken. But in the Word the church is seen as a bride, Hephzibah, and beloved son. In faith the heart must be convinced that it is Christ's Beulah (ESV — “Married”), Hephzibah (ESV — “My Delight Is in Her”), and bride, and in the midst of tribulations such a person rejoices and is glad. For he knows that Christ's righteousness is his own. This produces cheerful hearts and consciences and good theologians, who are then in the best position to teach and console others.

Luther's Works, 17:346-7.

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

LUTHERAN EVANGELISM®



Join us for a witness workshop.
Beginning Sunday, January 26, 2025
10:45 AM | Zion Conference Room
Register at 260-744-1389 or mculpher@zionfw.org



Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors who have not heard the Good News. After this program, you will be more effective witnesses of Jesus in your everyday life!

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Selicia	Trinidee
Noel	Shar
Yanuell	Khloe
May	Jayden
Benicio	Ms. Cheng
Noah	Ms. Lytle



PHOENIX SPORTS

Monday, 1/20 4:00 PM Boys Varsity
Away Game @ Miami Middle
8100 Amherst Dr.

Tuesday, 1/21 5:45 PM Boys JV
Away Game @ Emmaus
8626 Covington Rd.

Wednesday, 1/22 4:00 PM Boys Varsity
Away Game @ Black Hawk Middle
1125 7200 E State Blvd.

Thursday, 1/23 4:30 PM Boys JV
& Boys Varsity 5:45 PM
Away Game @ Holy Cross
3425 Crescent Ave.

Friday-Saturday, 1/24-26 Times TBD Boys JV
Hoopfest @ Concordia
4245 Lake Ave.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

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 worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. —Matthew 2:10-11



Kindergarten 260-744-0459 ROUND UP

Thursday, January 23rd, 2025 @ 6 – 7 PM
Thursday, March 6th, 2025 @ 6 – 7 PM

Where: Lutheran South Unity School
5401 South Calhoun Street



What to Expect: Children welcome to come!

- Kindergarten scavenger hunt
- New Families tour of the school
- Repeat families meet with kindergarten teachers and principal — learn about the program.

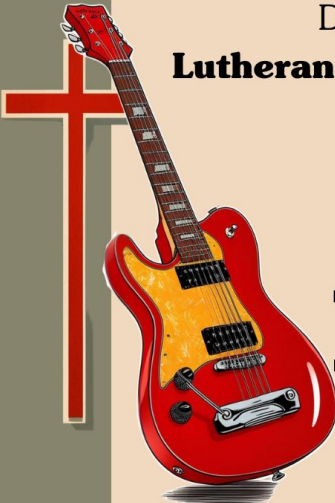
We look forward to hearing from your family!
RSVP by phone or use the QR code to LSUS today!

Rockin' My Salvation



Dinner Benefits

Lutheran South Unity School



Hannah Koch is a 2014 graduate of LSUS. She attended Concordia High School and University of Notre Dame. Now she is attending IU School of Medicine.



SCAN ME

Feb. 22, 2025
Quimby Hall
1502 Bluffton Rd

Tickets are \$50 per person
5:00- doors open
with social hour
6:00 - dinner
RSVP by Feb. 14



Everything Beautiful

Camp Lutherhaven Women's Retreat 2025

January 24-26, 2025

(Saturday Only Option Available)

Join other women for a weekend retreat at Camp Lutherhaven connecting around cozy fires, small group Bible studies, listening to engaging speakers, and campfire worship as we begin the new year together!

The retreat theme, *Everything Beautiful*, comes from Ecclesiastes 3:11, *“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”*

Throughout the weekend retreat guests will focus on the fact that in all seasons – beautiful, hard, confusing, joyful, waiting, grief, mountaintop, etc – God is creating something beautiful.

Keynote presenter, Heidi Meyers, is a retired educator with 40 years of experience and a widow, mother of 2, and Gaga to 3 boys. Teaching middle school and parenting is never a dull moment or for the faint of heart. She resides in Fort Wayne and loves Lutherhaven, swimming, coffee, (perhaps she has stock at Starbucks), time with friends, and her amazing family.

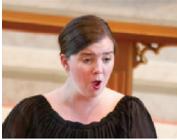
Come on your own, bring a friend, or a whole group of ladies from your church or small group for this weekend getaway!

Visit www.lutherhaven.org to register or for more information.

For tickets and more information visit
www.bachcollegium.org



2024-2025 Season



Sarah Shafer



Daniel McGrew



Edward Vogel



Ashlee Bickley



Brad Tatum



Leighann Daihl Ragusa

Sun Nov 10 at 4 pm – Concert I Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*
Daniel McGrew, *tenor*
Edward Vogel, *baritone*
Leighann Daihl Ragusa, *flauto traverso*
Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*

J.S. Bach: *Ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich den*, BWV 157
J.S. Bach: *Ich armer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht*, BWV 55
J. Brahms: *Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen*, Op. 74, No. 1 [a cappella]
J.S. Bach: *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*, BWV 125

Sun Dec 1 at 2 pm – *Messiah* Sing-Along Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St., Fort Wayne

The joy of singing *Messiah* is open for everyone in our annual *Messiah* Sing-Along, with **Thomas Remenschneider** directing. Bring your own score or borrow a copy we will have available. Holiday cookies will be served.

Sun February 16 at 4 pm – Concert II Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*
Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*
Jonathan Busarow, *tenor*
Keith Brautigam, *baritone*
Brad Tatum, *cornò da tirarsi*
Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*
Luke Conklin, *oboe/oboe d'amore/recorder*

J.S. Bach: *Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir*, BWV 73
J.S. Bach: *Komm, du süße Todesstunde*, BWV 161
A. Bruckner: *Motets; selection* [a cappella]
Zwei Totenlieder, No. 1, WAB 47
Vexilla regis, WAB 51
Zwei Totenlieder, No. 2, WAB 48
J.S. Bach: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, BWV 95

Sun April 27 at 4 pm – Concert III Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Ft. Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*
Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*
Mark Vogel, *tenor*
Edward Vogel, *baritone*
Esteban Hernandez Parra, *viola*
Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*
Jenni Kirby, *oboe/oboe d'amore*
J.S. Bach: *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird*, BWV 37
J.S. Bach: *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen*, BWV 72
U.W.v. Wassenaer: *Concerto armonico III in A major* [instrumental]
M. Durufle: *Tantum ergo*, Op. 10, No. 4 [a cappella]
T. Kverno: *Corpus Christi Carol* [a cappella]
J.S. Bach: *Mein liebster Jesu ist verloren*, BWV 154

HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE



HURRICANE HELENE made landfall near Perry, Fla., on Sept. 26 as a Category 4 storm. Since that time, it has left a devastating trail of death and destruction across the southeastern United States. The death toll is currently estimated at more than 180 people in six states.

On Sept. 30, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, departed for a multi-day visit to assess the damage, after which an initial response plan will be developed in cooperation with the districts affected. Other LCMS districts and Recognized Service Organizations are also assisting with the response.

While early reports seemed to indicate the damage would not be extensive, that quickly changed. In Florida, the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas sustained severe flooding, with multiple homes taking in water, making them currently uninhabitable. Meanwhile, south-central Georgia experienced significant tree damage, and western North Carolina — particularly Asheville — remains in dire conditions, with closed roads impeding transportation, and widespread power and cellular outages making communication difficult or impossible.

Johnson encourages everyone in the LCMS to take part in the response as they are able. First, and most important, please pray for those affected by the storms. Second, consider volunteering to assist with the response. Third, consider a gift to LCMS Disaster Response.

PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth, we know that you hold all things and people in Your hands. In your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected, in big ways or small, by Hurricane Helene. Work through the efforts of those who bring relief, aid and comfort, and protect all involved from any further harm. Most of all, help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In His name we pray. Amen.

TO VOLUNTEER

Visit lcms-1ert.org.

TO GIVE

VISIT lcms.org/givenow/ disaster.

TEXT “LCMSDISASTERS” to 41444.

CALL the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

MAIL — Make checks payable to “The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod” (or “LCMS”). On the memo line, write “Disaster Response” and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

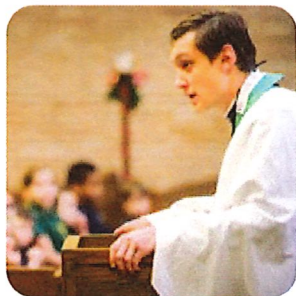


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

THANKS
be to
God
for those
who work in our
congregations
and schools!

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!



Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.


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