

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, January 26, 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

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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.*

*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] *You, O LORD, are en- | throned for- •ever•; || you are remembered through- | out all gen- er- | •ations•. || You will arise and have | •pity• on •Zion•; || it is the time to favor her; the ap- | point- ed time has | come.*

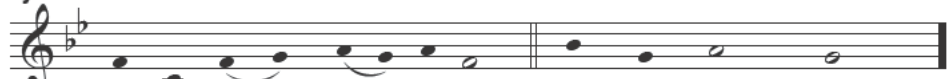
Verse 1: **Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD: || that he looked down | from his ho- ly | height; || from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans | of the •prisoners•, || to set free those | who were doomed to | die,**

Verse 2: *that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD, || and in Je- | ru- sa- lem his | praise, || when people | •gather• to- •gether•, || and kingdoms, to | wor-\_\_ ship the | LORD.*

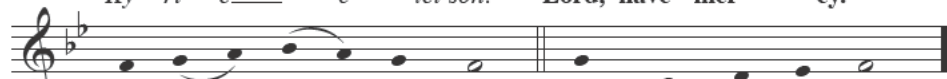
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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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,*



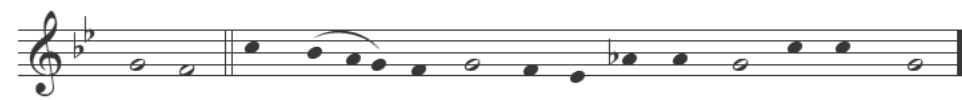
*a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,*



*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,*



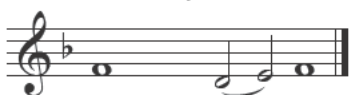
*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the*



sin of the world, have mercy on us. Thou who takest away 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 Third Sunday in Epiphany:**

*Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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..... Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

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

**Epistle of the Day ..... 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." Alleluia!*

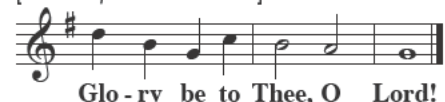


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

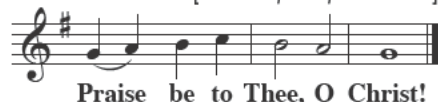
**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 4:16-30**

[ 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..... O Christ, our True ..... Burgundy Hymn 839

## 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 ..... Hail to the Lord's ..... Burgundy Hymn 398

From God the Father ..... Burgundy Hymn 401

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

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

### [ Rise ] Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



3. a Light to light— en the Gen— tiles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - - ra— el.



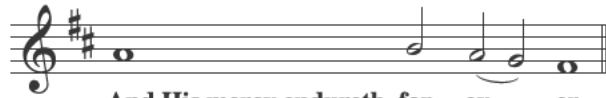
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

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



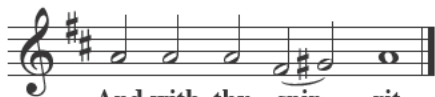
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

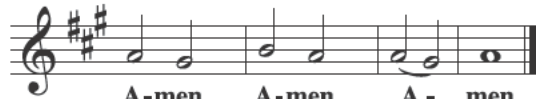
*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



A— men, A— men, A — men.

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

Recessional Hymn ..... O God of God ..... Burgundy Hymn 810

Postlude

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# Readings for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Old Testament Reading is Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ...

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ...

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

## The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we

think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

### **The Gospel is Luke 4:16-30**

[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.



## Hymns for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

### LSB839 O Christ, our True and Only Light

Johann Heermann

1. O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In you find peace and heav'nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
5. That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

### LSB398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression And rule in equity.
2. He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
3. He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever — That name to us is Love.

**LSB401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born**

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.
2. Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.
- W3. Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring The gift of healing on Your wing;  
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense The clearness of Your light dispense.
- M4. Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away;  
Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.
5. Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
- △6. To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

**LSB810 O God of God, O Light of Light**

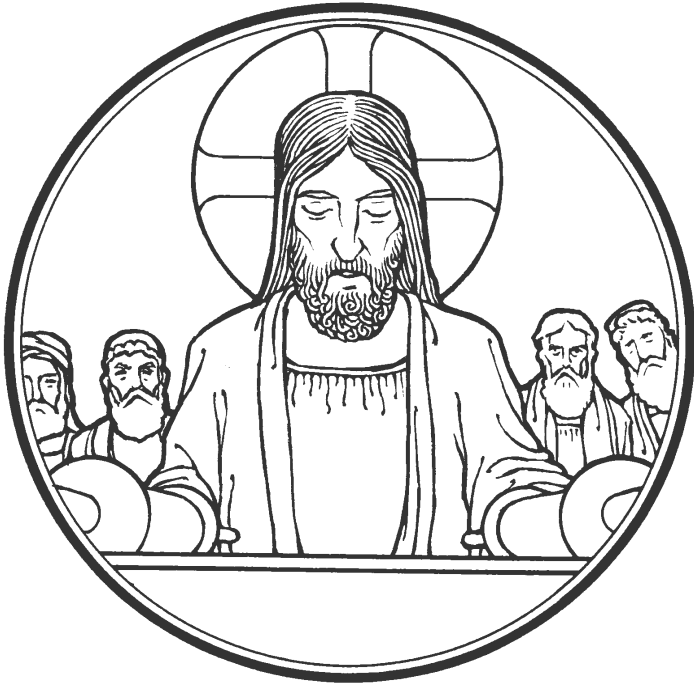
John Julian

1. O God of God, O Light of Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To You in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
2. For deep in the prophets' sacred page,  
And grand in poets' winged word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night

Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"  
Sung once by first-born sons of light,  
It echoes now, "Good will!" Amen.

3. That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.  
We lift them up. Amen, amen.
4. Then raise to Christ a mighty song,  
And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,  
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:  
Field Workers:

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Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

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Teachers:

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Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),  
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### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:  
Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM  
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, especially Keiko Klein
- + 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of Keiko Klein by Marge & Pastor Punke. 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 26, 2025 thru February 1, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
	10:45 AM	Every One His Witness — Postponed	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
<b>TUES.</b>	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
<b>WED.</b>	9:30AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall

### **February 2, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
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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.

**LET’S TRY THIS AGAIN.** Ladies, if you would like to help make “No Sew Blankets” on February 8<sup>th</sup>, please get with Melvia. She is hoping to have them all done and ready by the February 27<sup>th</sup> to deliver to the Hope Center.

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

**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!

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Ephesians 5:25b-27—“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might sanctify her, having cleaned her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Last week’s verse was Colossians 2:8-9.

**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 you are reaching the later part of earthly life and have no children. Is family inheritance still required, or expected? Might God have another plan for His resources in your life? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin discerning the right thing to do. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfn.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfn.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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days) or call 260-471-1849.

**CLHS BAND AND ORCHESTRA TOUR, FEBRUARY 6–10** The CLHS Band and Orchestra will be on tour from February 6 through 10. They have three stops on their tour which include Trinity Lutheran Church in Elkhart, Ind. on February 6 at 6:30 p.m.; Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, Ill. on February 8 at 7:00 p.m.; and they will return home to Fort Wayne on February 10 for their concert at St. Michael Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. All concerts are open to the public and free to attend.

**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**

Luke 4:16-30

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

Romans 15:14-33

Monday

Zechariah 4:1-5:11

Romans 16:17-27

Tuesday

Zechariah 6:1-7:14

2 Timothy 1:1-18

Wednesday

Zechariah 8:1-23

2 Timothy 2:1-26

Thursday

Zechariah 9:1-17

2 Timothy 3:1-17

Friday

Zechariah 10:1-11:13

2 Timothy 4:1-18

Saturday

Zechariah 11:4-17

**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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Luke 4:31-44



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Rightly Understanding of the Law of God

[Psalm 119:]34. *Give me understanding, and I will search Thy law, and I will keep it with my whole heart.* Thus Ps. 32:9 says: “Be not like a horse and a mule, which have no understanding.” For first He offered: “I will give you understanding and instruct you in the way you should go” (Ps. 32:8). Therefore understanding is from the Lord alone, as He says: “They will all be taught of God” (John 6:45). Therefore this understanding is not possessed by the philosophers, nor is it natural, namely, an understanding by which we also observe visible things, but it is theological and granted by grace, an understanding by which through faith we contemplate things that do not appear. Therefore He is called the “Spirit of wisdom and understanding” (Is. 11:2). When we have Him, we can correctly search the Law, that is, in depth seek out what it contains in the spirit. The Gospel gives understanding by means of which the old law is revealed and studied. Without it those who search fail in their search, as indicated above in verse 2.

But this law cannot be kept except with the whole heart. Hence in the old law and in the prophets God often commands that He be worshiped and that His law be kept with the whole heart, even though that law could not grant this, because it was the letter. And yet He commanded it, so that people might long for Christ and pray for its fulfillment. Just as even now He commands that He be loved perfectly, even though this cannot be done in this life, in order to compel us to long for the future life, in which we will fulfill all of this.

*Luther's Works*, 11:440-1.



Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders,  
January 2, 2025

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

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary), F. Jackson, W. Krause, T. Muehl.

Elders absent: K. Vlot.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading Articles V and VI of the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on various matters: the death of John Starks, the move of the Divine Service to Bauer Hall during the rebeautification of the sanctuary, the completed Christmas programs of LSUS and CLHS, and the proposed policy of for the Erwin Brand Scholarship that will be presented to the Education Comm ittee.

The elders reviewed Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting January 1, 2025, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by March 31, 2025." Pastor Punke previewed a list of members who have missed four consecutive Divine Services on Sundays (or Wednesdays). He noted that there are names on the list of those whose circumstances are known to him, and thus would not warrant a phone call. Pastor Punke will continue to work on it, divide the list among the elders, and send it to them for phone calls.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2025, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." The elders continued planning for this program. Beginning on January 26, Zion will again offer the six sessions of the *Every One His Witness* workshop, meeting after the Divine Service. Pastor Punke will be facilitating the sessions.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: “The Council of Elders will conduct the CADDs survey before Lent 2025.” The elders will be using a tool developed by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to survey congregational members and others who have a stake in the congregation. The Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status (CADDs) survey will give congregational leaders a view of what members see as the areas in which Zion is strong, as well as those in which Zion is weak. This survey should provide useful data to church leaders for future planning. The survey is primarily an online tool (although we will provide a paper copy of the survey to anyone who is unable or unwilling to use an online form) that will be open for use on February 9.

The elders continued to review the document of the Council of Elders on Communion Procedure. The review will be continued in the February meeting.

The meeting was concluded with the praying of Compline.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur E. Litke, secretary

# KAREN CULTURAL NIGHT



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**OPEN HOUSE 2-6PM**

**CULTURAL PRESENTATION 3-5PM**

**SOUTHWEST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 5120 HOMESTEAD ROAD**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE AND CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR FREE.**

**DELICIOUS KAREN, THAI, AND BURMESE FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. ONE MEAL TICKET (\$20) WILL FEED TWO ADULTS, OR PURCHASE ITEMS A LA CARTE.**

**DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, AND PROCEEDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT THE WORK OF LUTHERAN AGENCY FOR MISSION TO THE BURMESE (LAMB) AND THE OUTREACH MINISTRY OF PASTOR SOE MOE**

