

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, February 16, 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.*

[ Kneel ]

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

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

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

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

## Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *I will praise you with an | up- right heart, || when I | learn your righ- teous | rules.  
|| I will | keep your •statutes•; || do not | •utter• - ly for- sake | me .*

Verse 1: **Blessed are those whose | way is •blameless•, || who walk in the | law\_\_ of the  
| LORD! || Blessed are those who keep his | tes- ti- •monies•, || who seek him |  
with\_\_ their whole | heart.**

Verse 2: *You have commanded your | pre-\_\_ cepts || to | be kept •dili- gent- | ly. || Oh that  
my ways may | be stead- fast || in | keep-\_\_ ing your | •statutes•!*

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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany:** *O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we, who justly suffer the consequence of our sin, may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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**..... **Jeremiah 17:5-8**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!*

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

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Luke 6:17-26**

[ 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 ..... Songs of Thankfulness ..... Burgundy Hymn 394

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.

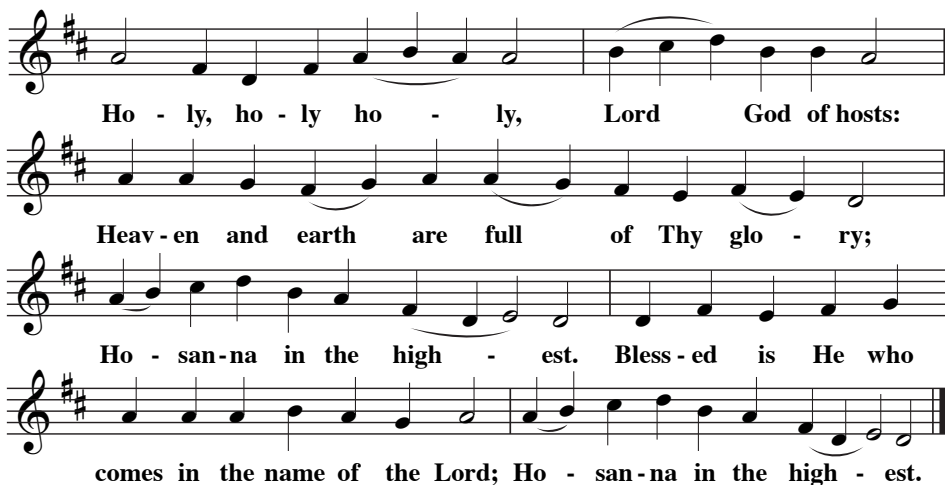
And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus

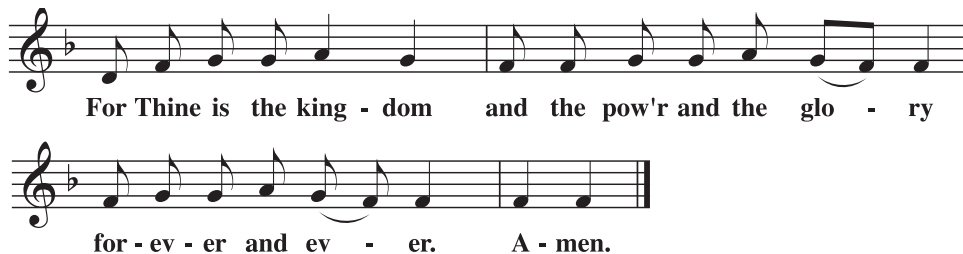
*It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:*



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.

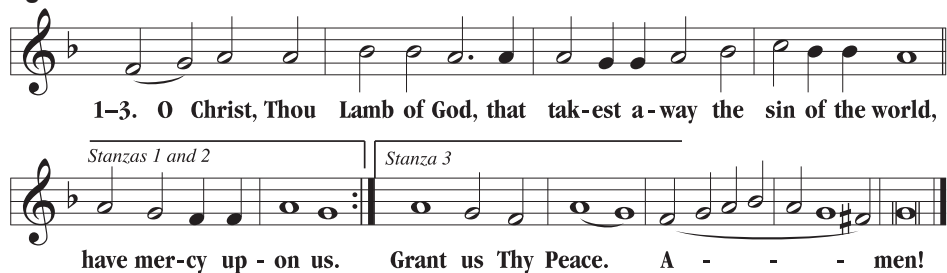
### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*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** ..... **The Man Is Ever Blessed** .... **Burgundy Hymn 705**  
**I Am Trusting Thee** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 729**

[ 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.*



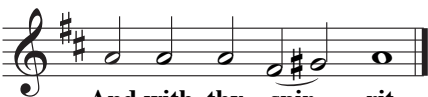
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

**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 ..... If Christ Had Not ..... Burgundy Hymn 486**

**Postlude**

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## Readings for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

### The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

### The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

### The Gospel is Luke 6:17-26

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean

spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”



## Hymns for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

### LSB394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Christopher Wordsworth

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

### LSB705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

Isaac Watts

1. The man is ever blessed Who shuns the sinners' ways,  
Among their counsels never stands, Nor takes the scorners' place.
2. But makes the Law of God His study and delight  
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.
3. He like a tree shall thrive, With waters near the root;  
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'nly fruit.
4. Not so the wicked race, They no such blessings find;  
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving wind.
5. How will they bear to stand Before the judgment seat  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand In full assembly meet?

6. He knows and He approves The way the righteous go;  
But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overflow.

### **LSB729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

**Frances R. Havergal**

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.
4. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
5. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

### **LSB486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death**

**Christopher M. Idle**

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1. If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,  
Our preaching but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
His Gospel meets a world of need—In Christ we are forgiv'n.
2. If Christ still lay within the tomb Then death would be the end,  
And we should face our final doom With neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Savior is raised up, So when a Christian dies  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—In Christ the saints arise!
3. If Christ had not been truly raised His church would live a lie;  
His name should never more be praised, His words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives; Through Him we are restored;  
His Word endures, His Church revives In Christ, our risen Lord.

# If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

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1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,  
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,  
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;

Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.  
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.  
His name should nev - er - more be praised, His words de - serve to die.

But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris - tian dies  
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;

His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.  
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His Word en - dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

# The Sixth 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:

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

Field Workers:

Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),

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

Tiffany Scheurich (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), 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

## 5PRAYERS 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; 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 Debra Busche, James Reid, Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, TruLaine Starks, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, 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 Brendon Seifert
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Kurt & Kathy Vlot and family
- + 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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of Brendon Seifert by David & DaVanna and family. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## CALENDAR

### **February 16, 2025 thru February 22, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium Concert	Trinity on St. Marys
<b>MON.</b>		Presidents' Day — LSUS Closed	
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	10:30 AM	Book of Concord study	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall
	5:00 PM	LSUS Benefit Dinner	Quimby Hall

### **February 23, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
	10:15 AM	Education Council	Conference Room
	4:00 PM	Shepherd of the City HymnFest	Shepherd of the City Lutheran

## **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.

**FROM THE ELDERS:** The Rev. Jim Teasdale has been nominated for an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council of Elders. This appointment is being published publicly for two weeks per Bylaw VII.C.4 to offer an opportunity for “any communicant member in good standing” to voice “reasonable and justifiable cause” that the appointment be withdrawn. If you have any concerns, please speak to Pastor Punke or Rev. Lammert as Chairman of the Council of Elders.

**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:** Numbers 23:19—“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will not fulfill it?” Last week’s verse was 1 Chronicles 16:25-26.

**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).

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. You may be committed to supporting ministry but may have other charities in mind as well. In Matthew 25, Jesus said, “Whatever you do for one of the least of these you have done it for me.” Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain information about the right way to support organizations, discerning if they are consistent with your beliefs and practices. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**THE CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY KANTOREI** will be at in Kramer Chapel on *March 23 at 4 p.m.* The Kantorei is a men’s choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. Our fieldworker Nate Demlow is a member of the Kantorei. For more details about the 2025 Spring Kantorei Tour, visit [www.ctsfw.edu/events](http://www.ctsfw.edu/events). If you’re not able to attend the service in person, we invite you to tune in to the livestream on March 23 at [ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel](http://ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel).

**RLNI:** Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will begin its spring 40 Days for Life campaign on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 at 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more info, please visit [www.ichooselife.org/40days](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days) or call 260-471-1849.

**LEGISLATIVE FORUM:** Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM for breakfast and our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Legislative Forum to hear updates on pro-life legislation from elected officials. The Forum will be held at Indiana Tech University in the Multi-Flex Theater, 1600 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803. For more information please visit [ichooselife.org/forum](http://ichooselife.org/forum) or call 260-471-1849.

**INDIANA DISTRICT LCMS** has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-motivation, a willingness to learn, and an eye for details. All resumes should be submitted as soon as possible. Interested individuals should submit their information either by email at [lisa.slack@in.lcms.org](mailto:lisa.slack@in.lcms.org) or Indiana District–LCMS, Attn: Lisa Slack, 1145 S Barr St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**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 6:17-26

**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5-8

John 6:1-21

Monday

Job 13:1-12

John 6:22-40

Tuesday

Job 13:13-28

John 6:41-59

Wednesday

Job 14:1-22

John 6:60-71

Thursday

Job 15:1-23, 30-35

John 7:1-13

Friday

Job 16:1-22

John 7:14-31

Saturday

Job 17:1-16

**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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Genesis 45:3-15

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

Luke 6:27-38



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Trusting in the Faithful and Just One

9. *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins.*

This is the second part. You should not despair. First he says: “I shall free you from presumption, then from despair, as if you had no sin. In order that you may be freed from the sin of Satan, just acknowledge and confess it before God, and give Him the glory, as David does when he says in Ps. 51:4: ‘I have done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified and blameless in Thy judgment’; that is ‘that Thy Word may be true, I confess that I am a sinner and that I have sinned against Thee only, since in Thy sight no one is clean. And enter not into judgment with me,’” Ps. 143:2. To our God belongs righteousness, but to us confusion, cf. Dan. 9:7. Those presumptuous people bring a sackful of prayers and alms. They trust in their own righteousness. They boast, saying: “I have done this; I have done that. Therefore I have become righteous in Thy sight.” The cowl has been put on the laity because of trust in the good works which he to whom the cowl belonged had done. But in this very way they had withdrawn from Christ, the Foundation, when they set up their works. “But cursed is the man who puts his trust in the flesh,” Jer. 17:5.

9. *If we confess.*

Give only to God this honor: “To Thee, God, alone this righteousness, to Thee, God, alone this glory is due, that Thou art called just and justifiest him who believes.”

*He is faithful and just.*

God is faithful because He keeps His promises. He is just when He gives righteousness to him who confesses that He is just.

*Luther's Works, 30:230-31.*



Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders,  
February 6, 2025

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

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary), W. Krause, K. Vlot.

Elders absent: F. Jackson, T. Muehl.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading Article V of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on a number of deaths among members, former members, and acquaintances of Zion; on new members; and on health issues among members and friends. Pastor Punke also reported on the possibility of a new adult catechesis class, on LSUS's statement of faith, and on CLHS's capital campaign and building projects.

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 continues to work on the list of names of members who were absent from worship for four consecutive Sundays; he will share the list with elders for help in contacting these members. Further strategic planning will be done after Easter.

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." No one signed up for the *Every One His Witness* workshop scheduled to begin on February 9. The elders will schedule another workshop for the fall.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: "The Council of Elders will conduct the CADDs survey before Lent 2025." There is a slight delay in scheduling the Congregational Assessment of De-

velopment/Decline Status (CADDs) survey, a tool developed by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to survey congregational members and others who have a stake in the congregation. 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 March 9.

The elders nominated Rev. James Teasdale to fill a vacant term on the Council of Elders. In accordance with Bylaws, §VII.C.4, Rev. Teasdale's name will "be published publicly to the congregation for a period of two weeks during which time any communicate [*sic*] member in good standing, who can provide reasonable and justifiable cause to the Pastor(s) or Elders, may request that the proposed name(s) be withdrawn."

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

The meeting was concluded with the praying of Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur E. Litke, secretary

## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

**Please pray for these students/staff:**

Sam	Javi
Willow	Laydia
Nolan	Damari
Layla	Ishawn
Skylar	Mrs. Bahr
Charli	



### NLSW Wrap up!

We wrapped up last week's National Lutheran Schools Week last week! Students came to school in their PJs and beach wear. Students made Valentine's Day cards that will be distributed to shut in members of our associated churches and made prayer chains. NLSW

allows us the opportunity to recognize the educational and spiritual impact of Lutheran schools in nurturing both the academic and Christian faith development of students. It also serves as a reminder of the importance of



Lutheran education in promoting a Christ-centered environment for students of all ages.

### Students vs. Staff

During the pep rally Friday, 1/31, students watched a thrilling showdown where members of the boys basketball team faced off against their teachers and staff members in a lighthearted yet competitive basketball match. Mr. A even brought in a special guest, Sydney Curry, to give the staff team an extra boost. The staff team beat the students 46-40!



The game was a chance for everyone to show off their athletic skills, share laughs, and bond as a school.



# Kindergarten 260-744-0459 ROUND UP

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.

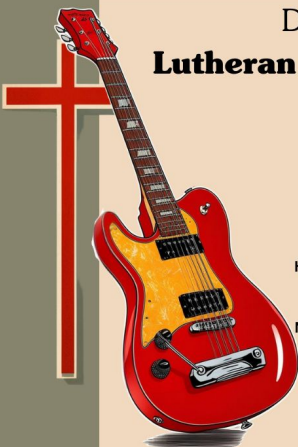
We look forward to hearing from your family!  
RSVP by phone or use the QR code to LSUS today!

## 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.



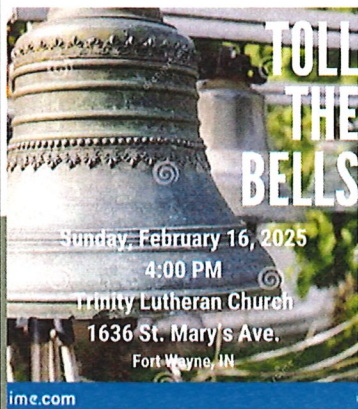
SCAN ME

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

Feb. 22, 2025  
Quimby Hall  
1502 Bluffton Rd

### Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." —Isaiah 6:8



Bach Collegium Fort Wayne is tolling the church bells in this concert. With three amazing cantatas, three motets from Anton Bruckner and a solo aria by J. S. Bach, the Collegium explores the subject of mortality not with grief and mourning, but with hope and joyful expectation. The cantatas contain illustrations of bells ringing in pizzicato strings. The instruments weave delightful and intricate counterpoint to the music of the choir and vocal soloists.

Our concert, under music director, Koji Otsuki, features the rarely heard corno da tirarsi, a natural horn with a slide, played by Brad Tatum, an expert on the instrument. Also Sarah Shafer returns for the soprano solos, along with mezzo Ashlee Bickley, tenor Johathan Busarow and bass Kieth Brautigam.



Brad Tatum



Sarah Shafer



Ashlee Bickley




Jonathan Busarow



Kieth Brautigam



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Enjoy the sounds of special music and hymns led by this year's distinguished organist, **Audrey Partipilo**. This year's Vesper Service will include numerous guest accompanists, along with scripture readings and meditations on the theme from Isaiah 40:8  
"The Word of our God will stand forever."

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- **THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**
- **FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT URGENTLY NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE ROOF OF OUR HISTORIC SANCTUARY.**



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# **FISH FRY & CHICKEN TENDER DINNER**

Sponsored by Senior Saints, Benefiting Holy Cross' Youth Gathering Trip & Aulick Scholarship Fund

**WHEN & WHERE?!**

**Saturday, March 1**  
**4:30 - 7:00 pm**  
**Holy Cross**  
**School Cafeteria**

**TICKETS:**

**Adults \$14**  
**11 and under \$7**

*Available after services,  
online or at the door*

*Meal Includes: Green Beans, Scalloped  
Cheesy Potatoes, Cole Slaw or Applesauce,  
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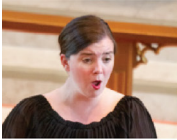


Koji Otsuki, Artistic Director

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## 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.*

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## TO GIVE

VISIT [lcms.org/givenow/](http://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).

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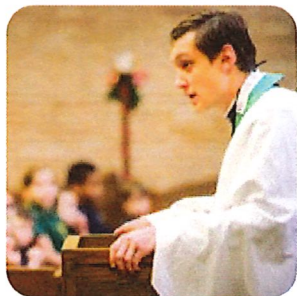
**THANKS**  
*be to*  
**God**  
for those  
who work in our  
congregations  
and schools!

**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.

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**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.

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**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!

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