

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, February 23, 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] *Be still be-fore the Lord || and wait | pa-tient-ly for | him; || fret | not your-self || over the one who | pros-pers in his | way,*

Verse 1: **Fret not yourself because of | e-vil- doers; || be not envi-ous of wrong__ | doers! || For they will soon fade | like the grass || and wither | like the green__ | herb.**

Verse 2: *Trust in the Lord, | and do good; || dwell in the land and be- | friend__ faith-ful-ness. || Delight yourself | in the Lord, || and he will give you the de- | sires_ of your | heart.*

Verse 3: **Commit your way | to the Lord; || trust in | him, and he will | act. || He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light, || and your justice | as the noon-__ | day.**

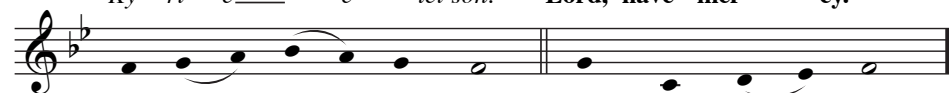
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho-ly | Spirit; || As it was in the be- | ginning, is now, || and will | be for- ever. A- | men!**

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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 takest 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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany: *O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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..... **Genesis 45:3–15**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**

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[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 6:27–38**

[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 My Soul Now Praise Burgundy Hymn 820

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, Choral Voluntary The Gift of Love H. Hobson**

[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.

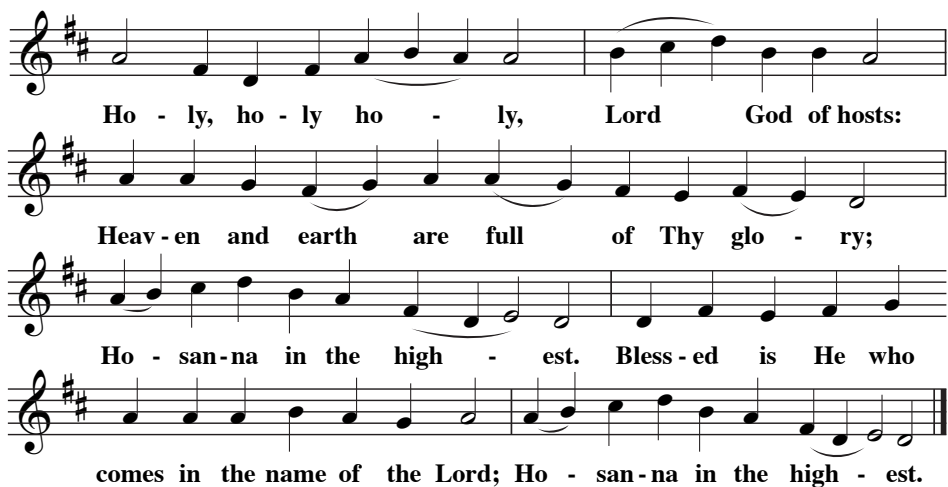
And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus

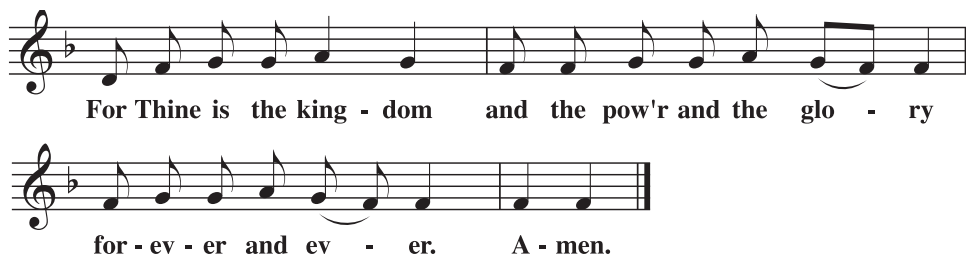
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



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.

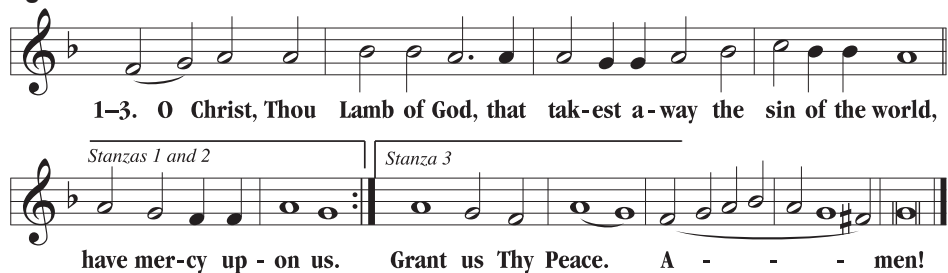
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

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 Forgive Our Sins Burgundy Hymn 843
Lord, Whose Love Burgundy Hymn 848

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.



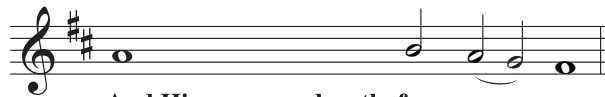
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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, O Lord Burgundy Hymn 834

Postlude

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Readings for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 45:3-15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ...

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead

are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

The Gospel is Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Hymns for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

Johann Gramann

1. My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.
2. He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness, W
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress,
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh; M
And high as heav'n above us, As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.
3. For as a tender father Has pity on His children here,
God in His arms will gather All who are His in child-like fear.
He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers, And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes, And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.
4. His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word —
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

LSB843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Rosamond E. Herklots

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1. Forgive our sins as we forgive You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us; How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

LSB848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service Albert F. Bayly

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1. Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross forsaken Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.
2. Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

LSB834 O God, O Lord of Heav'n and Earth

Martin Franzmann

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1. O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth,
Thy living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote,
A deathward drift from futile birth.
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled
In splendor through Thy broken world.
Since light awoke and life began,
Thou hast desired Thy life for man.
2. Our fatal will to equal Thee,
Our rebel will wrought death and night.
We seized and used in prideful spite
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.
We housed us in this house of doom,
Where death had royal scope and room,
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace,
Breached all its walls for our release.

3. Thou camest to our hall of death,
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
To drink for us the dark despair
That strangled our reluctant breath.
How beautiful the feet that trod
The road that leads us back to God!
How beautiful the feet than ran
To bring the great good news to man!
- △ 4. O Spirit, who didst once restore
Thy Church that it might be again
The bringer of good news to men,
Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days
There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

The Seventh 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)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
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; 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, Jerry Seifert, Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, TruLaine Starks, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, 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
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Ruth Reid & family, Dana & Mark Muehl, Zach & Laikyn and Tyler & Rachel Muehl and families
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Robert & Loretta Manth, and James Reid
- + 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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given by Jennifer Manth in loving memory of her parents Robert & Loretta Manth. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

February 23, 2025 thru March 1, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Education Council	Conference Room
	4:00 PM	Shepherd of the City Hymn Fest	Shepherd of the City Lutheran
MON.			
TUES.	12 Noon	Administrative Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Bauer Hall
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall

March 2, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service — The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	LWML Meeting	Conference Room

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.

GET READY FOR LENT: Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Divine Service will be at 7 PM.

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. This is the second week. 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.

LWML MEETING: Ladies of the LWML, there will be a brief meeting after service on March 2nd in the Conference Room.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Deuteronomy 31:6—“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” Last week’s verse was Numbers 23:19.

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.

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 or Indiana District–LCMS, Attn: Lisa Slack, 1145 S Barr St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. In supporting ministries, there is always the need of “today” versus the needs of the “future”. Which should you choose? Saints of the Lord may come up with differing plans about these priorities. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor may be able to help you clearly see how you can do both. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

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 at 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.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM: Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, March 8th at 8:30 AM for breakfast and our 23rd 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 or call 260-471-1849.

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Lenten Devotion A Word to the Disciples will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 Saint Joe Road, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 15. Please join us for a morning of worship, fellowship, and a light lunch. So that we may plan accordingly for bulletins and food, please respond with an approximate number by Sunday, March 9, to barbhamm@frontier.com or 489-9724. (If you provide names, we can have nametags prepared in advance.)

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 6:27-38

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-15

John 8:1-20

Monday

Job 19:1-12, 21-27

John 8:21-38

Tuesday

Job 20:1-23, 29

John 8:39-59

Wednesday

Job 21:1-21

John 9:1-23

Thursday

Job 30:16-31

John 9:24-41

Friday

Job 31:1-12, 33-40

John 10:1-42

Saturday

Job 32:1-22; 33:1-18

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 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Hebrews 3:1-6

Luke 9:28-36



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Using God's Grace as an Excuse to Sin

God has not taught or promised that He wants to produce wonderful, glorious, and salutary results from your sin. On the other hand, if He sometimes has mercy on criminals and infamous men [like Joseph's brothers] to reveal the greatness of His mercy, this shows that there is a special divine plan and is done for the consolation of sinners who have fallen, in order that they may not despair but may return to the mercy of God and not rush into other, more serious sins, present and future. ...

Accordingly, one must give help when these misfortunes occur, and despairing hearts dismayed by the might of the Law and sin must be buoyed up again when they say: "I have sinned. I confess it. But God is merciful. To Him I shall flee for refuge, and I shall ask Him to pardon me."

But if anyone sins knowingly, by design, and willingly because of some presumption, and despises the threats and wrath of God, he commits a mortal sin and is not far from the sin against the Holy Spirit.

Therefore let all men take care, and let them meditate diligently on what Sirach says in Eccles. 5:2-6: "Do not follow your inclination and strength, walking according to the desires of your heart. Do not say: 'Who will have power over me?' For the Lord will surely punish you. Do not say: 'I sinned, and what happened to me?' For the Lord is slow to anger. Do not be so confident of atonement that you add sin to sin. Do not say: 'His mercy is great, He will forgive the multitude of my sins.' For both mercy and wrath are with Him, and His anger rests on sinners."

Wrath and judgment are shown through the Law to keep us from sinning. But when we have fallen, we have the Word of promise by which we are taught not to despair but to bear in mind that the goodness and mercy of God are boundless. He gave His Son for us that He should be our satisfaction and that by His blood our sin should be devoured and destroyed.

Luther's Works, 8:40-1.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Josiah	Vicente
Ezra	Alex
BillyBlessing	Justin
Anyla	Camren
Benicio	Mrs. Reynolds
Kennedy	



Chapel Partner Group Project Challenge

During the month of February, students are asked to bring in items for the Charis' House and the Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission's mission is to provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future. The Charis House is part of the Rescue Mission that focuses on women and children experiencing a homeless crisis. Students will work together with their chapel partners to see which partner group can collect the most items. Chapel partner groups with the most items by the end of February will receive a fun reward! These items, along with our chapel offerings, will be given to the Charis' House and Rescue Mission in our chapel service on February 26th.

Here are the items they are collecting:

- Gloves (adults and kids)
- Hats (adults and kids)
- Travel size deodorant & shampoo



If you would like to donate any of the listed items you can. Please bring these **NEW** items to school and give to the office.

Thank you for showing Jesus to others in need!



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HOUSE

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. —1 Corinthians 13

WELCOME Kindergarten Roundup

Lutheran South Unity School

March 6th, 2025

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



What to Expect: Children
welcome to come!

- Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt
- Tour of the building
- Learn about the program
- Meet the teachers and principal



We are looking forward
to hearing from your
family!

Register with the QR
code or call the office.
260-744-0459



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18TH ANNUAL**

HYMN FEST

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 23 RD | 4 PM

**1301 S. ANTHONY BLVD.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF 18
YEARS OF HYMNODY IN FORT WAYNE**

Please Join us as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event, which celebrates both 18 years of hymnody and the 55th Anniversary of Shepherd of the City Congregation.

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."

- **A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.**
- **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

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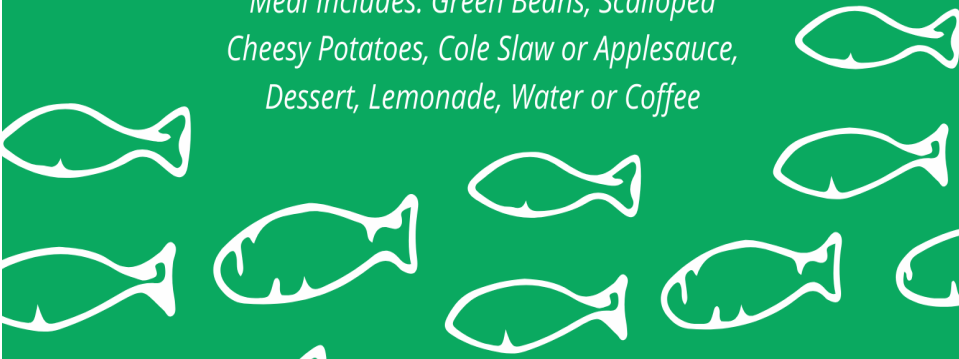
Saturday, March 1
4:30 - 7:00 pm
Holy Cross
School Cafeteria


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,
Dessert, Lemonade, Water or Coffee*





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FREE CONCERT!

**Friday,
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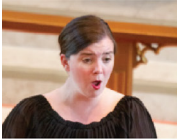
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2024-2025 Season



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.

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.

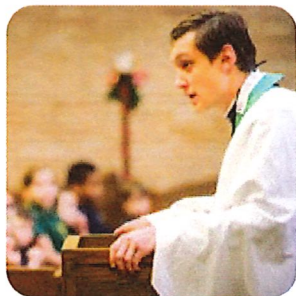


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

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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