

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, February 8, 2026

### 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] *Blessed are | you, O Lord; || teach | me your stat-\_\_ | utes! || With my lips | I de-  
clare || all the | rules\_\_ of your | mouth.*

Verse 1: **How can a young man keep | his way pure? || By guarding it ac- | cord- ing  
to your | word. || With my whole heart | I seek you; || let me not wander from  
| your com- mand-\_\_ | ments!**

Verse 2: *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not | sin a- \*gainst you\*. || In  
the way of your testimonies I delight as | much as in all | \*riches\*. || I will meditate  
on your precepts and fix my eyes | on your ways. || I will delight in your statutes; I  
will | not for- get your | word.*

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!**

[Antiphon] *Blessed are | you, O Lord; || teach | me your stat-\_\_ | utes! || With my lips |  
I de- declare || all the | rules\_\_ of your | mouth.*

## Kyrie



*Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.*



*Chri - ste\_\_ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.*

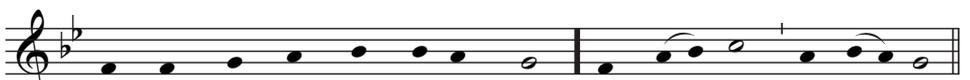


*Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - lei - son. Lord, \_\_ have mer - cy.*

## 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:** *O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

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

**Old Testament Reading**..... **Isaiah 58:3-9a**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Alleluia!*

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

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Matthew 5:13-20**

[ 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..... Thy Strong Word ..... Burgundy Hymn 578**

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6; Rise for stanza 6. ]

**Sermon**

[ Rise ] **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... **Hear our prayer.**  
[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... **Amen.**

[ Be Seated ] **Offerings, Voluntary**

[ Rise ] **Offertory Hymn ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy  
pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re-store to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me  
with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+ **The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar** +

**Preface**

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

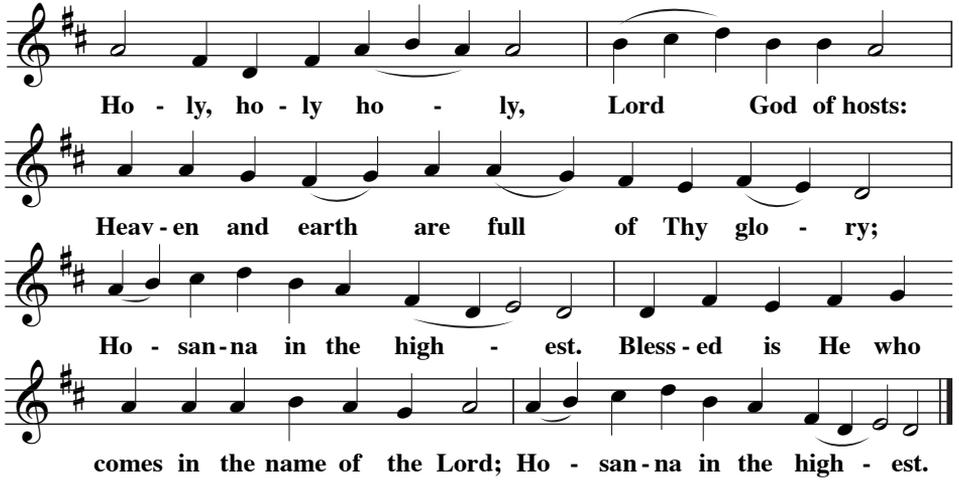
And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus

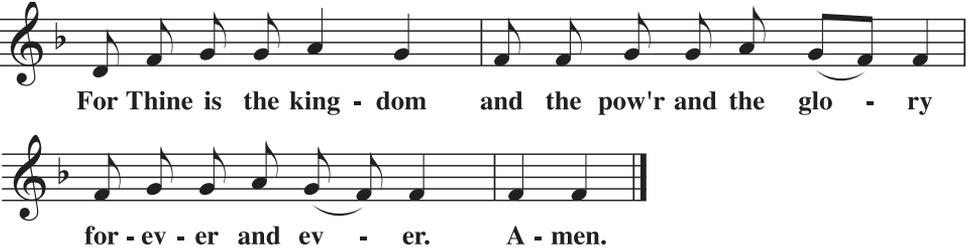
*It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:  
 Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;  
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

### [ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer

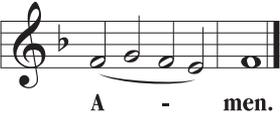
[ Pastor chants: ] *Our Father who art in heaven; . . . . . but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry  
 for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

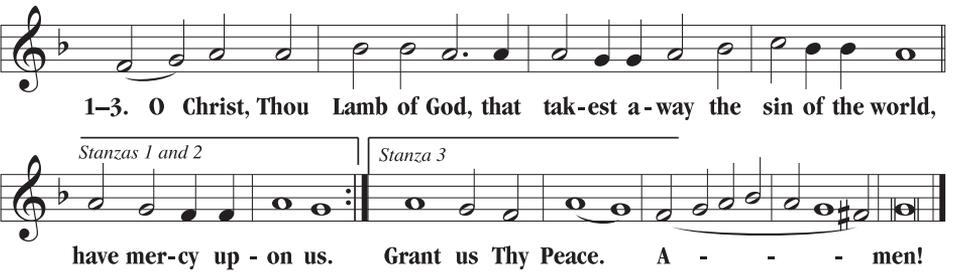
### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



A - men.

### Agnus Dei



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
 have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... Jesus, Thy Blood ..... Burgundy Hymn 563  
 Thy Works, Not Mine, ..... Burgundy Hymn 565

[ 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.



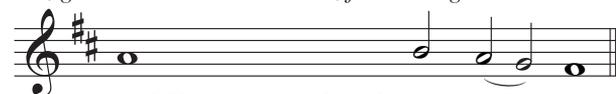
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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 ..... Forth in the Peace ..... Burgundy Hymn 920**

**Postlude**

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## Readings for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 58:3-9a

“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?”

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,

and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

“Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

### The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass

away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

### **The Gospel is St. Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said,] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

# Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## LSB578 Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzmann

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1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- W 3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- M 4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- △ 6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

## LSB563 Jesus, Thy Blood

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
2. Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
5. When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

### **LSB565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ**

**Horatius Bonar**

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.

*Refrain: To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?*

2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole. *Refrain*
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God. *Refrain*
4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few. *Refrain*
5. Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee. *Refrain*

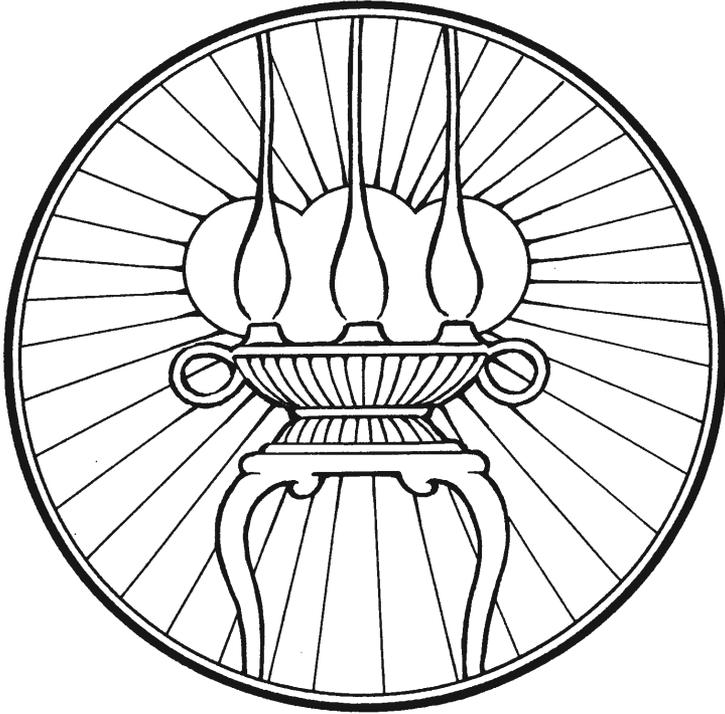
## **LSB920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go**

**James Quinn**

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1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
4. Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.

# The 5th 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: Nathaniel Demlow, Joshua Fuchs

### 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>),  
Rachel Wiegman (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), Michelle Madden (K),  
Natalie Reynolds (Art), Elisa Sawall (Music), Lee Buxton (PE), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach),  
Arianna Blake (LSEM), Melissa White (FWCS) & Sarah Wheaton (EACS) (Title I Tutors)

### 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 (case being decided by the Finnish Supreme Court)
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our teachers as they start of another academic year, our fieldworkers Nate Demlow and Josh Fuchs
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall & Thaddeus Cody
- + 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 or nearing death, especially Bob Ockree
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Marilyn Shafter, Marty Thomas, Darryl Kirtz, Yolanda Turner, Carl Albersmeyer, Jim Teasdale, Estella Ramirez, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Henry Williams, Debra Busche, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Jimmy Coffey, Al McFeter, Mike Ming, Earl Marcel Sisson, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, 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 and for pregnant mothers Hannah Fink, Rachel Wiegman, and Gabrielle Voss
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Annie Tunnell
- + 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given in memory of our sister saint Annie Tunnell. 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 8, 2026 thru February 14, 2026**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various
<b>MON.</b>	5:00 PM	LSA Board meeting	LSUS
	7:00 PM	A Cappella Choir Home Performance	Kramer Chapel
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	9:30 AM	FW Tri Circuit winkel	Trinity, Decatur Rd
	7:15 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Circuit Forum FW South (NE-7)	Bauer Hall
<b>FRI.</b>	7:15 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Bauer Hall
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **February 15, 2026**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service — The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium Concert	Indiana Tech

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** today Sem. Josh Fuchs continues with the class on Lutheran Identity in the Conference Room. And the Adult Class is studying St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians led by Pastor Punke and our field workers.

**LWML** will be cleaning the basement next on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 10AM-Noon. If you would like to help, please contact Melvia. **Also**, starting in February 22<sup>nd</sup>, on the third Sunday of each month, you can bring in your gently used clothes, shoes, and household items to be donated to the Seminary Clothing Co-op. Melvia will have a table set up to receive the donated items and get them to the seminary.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** James 4:17—“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” Last week's verse was 2 Timothy 2:13

**WE LIVE IN AN “I CAN DO IT MYSELF” CULTURE.** Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. Choosing the right asset to aim toward inheritance or the right one to create a charitable gift can make the difference in not paying tens of thousands of unnecessary taxes. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you understand the right choice. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org).

**JOIN RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA: Sidewalk Advocates for Life training** will take place in the RLNI conference room at 3106 Lake Ave, February 10, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Learn how to approach people outside our local abortion referral facility peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly, and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. If you are interested please end an email to: [Jordyn@ichooselife.org](mailto:Jordyn@ichooselife.org).

**CLHS'S FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT** invites you to experience the beauty of the sacred choral music. The tour's capstone is a special home performance on **Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.** Join us for an evening of inspiring music and help us celebrate the joy of choral worship. All concerts are free to attend and open to the public.

**BACH COLLEGIUM FORT WAYNE** presents its second concert of the season — *He Puts Down the Mighty & Exalts the Humble* — on February 15, 4:00 PM. This concert is being performed in the Indiana Tech Multi-Flex Theater in the Snyder Academic Center. It features three J. S. Bach cantatas and two acapella choral works by Igor Stravinsky and Serge Rachmaninoff.

**CLHS** is blessed to be experiencing significant enrollment growth resulting in the need to add a number of new full-time teaching positions for the 2026–2027 school year. This exciting growth allows us to expand our faculty and continue providing an exceptional, faith-filled education for our students. We invite passionate educators to consider joining our growing team. Please help us spread the word by sharing these opportunities with others who may be a great fit. To learn more about the available positions or to apply, visit our employment page at [clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment](http://clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment).

**CLHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS** Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, February 27–March 1, for its winter musical. Experience the magic of *The Little Mermaid*, a hauntingly beautiful love story based on the beloved Hans Christian Andersen tale and the classic animated film. Directed by Fine Arts Chair Chris Murphy with musical direction by Isaac Weander, performances will take place on Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for this enchanting celebration of student talent and storytelling on the Concordia stage. Tickets are available online or at the CLHS Auditorium Box Office starting 30 minutes before show time.

**VENDORS WANTED!** The St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School 7th/8th grade classes are sponsoring a spring craft show on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym at Emmanuel (Soest) to raise funds for their Washington, D. C. trip. Craft booth pricing and registration form available at <https://bit.ly/SJECraft>. Direct questions to Mr. Jesse Muehler by email to [jessem@stjohn-emmanuel.com](mailto:jessem@stjohn-emmanuel.com) or call the school office at (260) 639-0123.

**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**

Matthew 5:13-20  
John 3:1-21  
John 3:22–4:6  
John 4:7-26  
John 4:27-45  
John 4:46-54  
John 5:1-18

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

Isaiah 58:3-9a  
Job 6:1-13  
Job 6:14-30  
Job 7:1-21  
Job 8:1-22  
Job 9:1-35  
Job 10:1-22

**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**

Exodus 24:8-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Leaven of the Word in the Christian's Heart*

[I]n Matt. 16:6 and Luke 12:1: “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy,” which the evangelists themselves later explain as referring to the teaching of the Pharisees.

“Dough” or “mixture” is the people, a disciple, or the pious teaching of pure faith. But just as the leaven resembles the mixture, so perverse doctrine always takes on the appearance of truth and is not discerned except by the taste, that is, by the discerning of the spirit. The “new leaven” is Christ, the Word of Christ, and the work of Christ and of every Christian, that is, teacher, doctrine, and example. The “dough,” however, is the people, the wisdom of the flesh, the old nature, the life of the world, etc.

For this reason Matt. 13:33 says: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.” The “woman,” namely, the church, or the wisdom of God, “takes the leaven,” that is, the Word of the Gospel, “and hides it,” because the Word of faith thrives within the conscience, not in the outward works of the Law, as we read in Ps. 119:11: “I have laid up Thy Word in my heart.” For faith justifies spiritually in the sight of God. “In three measures of meal” means in the definite number and measured sum of His elect. . . . “Till it was all leavened”; that is, as I said above, the faith by which we are spiritually justified is, so to speak, a hiding of the leaven and a sort of commingling of the Word of God with our soul. The effect of this is that it chastises the flesh, destroys sin, and purges out the old leaven, so that it alone holds sway in all members and leavens the whole person.

*Luther's Works*, 27:340.

ZION LADIES OF LWML



SECOND-HAND

# CLOTHING DONATION

**STARTING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE  
MONTH**

**DROP-OFF POINT:  
TABLE IN GREAT HALL**

**ALL DONATIONS  
WILL GO TO CTSFW  
SEMINARY STUDENTS**

**PLEASE DONATE  
CLOTHES THAT  
ARE...**

**CLEAN & FRESH**

Recently washed, free of odors.

**GENTLY WORN**

No major stains, tears, or fading.

**FULLY FUNCTIONAL**

Zippers, buttons, and snaps must work.



## LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:



## All Lutheran Schools

### Boys Basketball End of Season

Our Boys Basketball Varsity team finished the season as the LSAA South Division Champions! The team placed 4th in the LSAA

Tournament after a couple tough, close games where they fought hard until the final buzzer. We are incredibly proud of their effort and teamwork.



### Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

For to the snow he says, "Fall on the earth," likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour. He seals up the hand of every man, that all men whom he made may know it. — Job 37:6-7



Making the dream of a  
Christian education a  
reality for families  
through scholarships!

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## Gov. Braun Opt-in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program!

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On July 4, President Trump signed “The One Big Beautiful Bill” into law. One aspect of this bill includes a Federal Scholarship Tax Credit (FSTC) program that is modeled after successful state tax credit scholarship programs throughout our country, including Indiana. On January 22, Gov. Braun opted-in to the FSTC, making it possible for non-public schools in Indiana to participate in the program!

### Program Details

- The bill allows for a 100% Federal Tax Credit for donations from individuals to Scholarship Granting Organizations, just like our Lutheran SGO.
- There is a \$1,700 maximum Federal Tax Credit per taxpayer per year.
- Donors can designate their gift to be used for scholarships at the school of their choice.
- Businesses are not allowed to claim this credit.
- There is no sunset date on this legislation. It is permanent.
- There is no aggregate tax cap. The \$1,700 maximum Federal Tax Credit is available to every taxpayer in our country.
- There is a five-year rollover on this tax credit.
- Scholarship recipients must come from families earning under 300% of the Median Local Income.
- The U.S. Treasury Department is working on determining the final rules that will govern the FSTC.
- **The FSTC begins on January 1, 2027. FSTC donations cannot be given prior to this date.**
- Please consider saving money now to include the FSTC in your 2027 giving plan!

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The Lutheran SGO will be ready to  
manage the FSTC when it goes live  
on January 1, 2027!

### For More Information, Contact:

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812) 344-4724

# Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday, we heard from the prophet Micah how the LORD “has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (6:9) And this Sunday, Jesus exhorts us, “let your light shine before others...” (Matt. 5:16).

A house fire has tragically afflicted a family at LSUS, the Hernandez family with children Yanuel in 2nd grade, Emeraude in 7th grade, and Evoleth a sophomore in high school.

Praise God, the family is safe, and they have a place to stay. However, to manage in the short term and to recover, they will need food and other necessities, and clothes for the family. Principal Amber Bahr has asked the Association churches if they can help the family. Surely, Zion will answer the call.

If you want to shop for clothes, this is the information supplied for that: “Yanuell size 10-12, Emeraude xtra small or small in women’s, and Evoleth medium-large and uniform.” No information for mom or dad.

Otherwise, cash or check may be best; we’ll have a free will offering for this purpose after Divine Service today. Make your check out to Zion for the Hernandez family. Melvia will consolidate everything for the family, and we’ll write them a check.

Thank you for your kindness and love; thank you for your generosity.



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KOJI OTSUKI, *Artistic Director*

Presents:

**Concert II**

He puts down the mighty and exalts the humble

February 15, 2026

4:00 PM

***Our first performance at Indiana Tech!***

Multi-Flex Theater, Snyder Academic Center  
1600 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

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J. S. BACH

Cantatas 105, 47, 10

IGOR STRAVINSKY, AND SERGE RACHMANINOFF  
Russian a capella settings of *Bogoroditse Devo (Ave Maria)*



# FEBRUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE | INSTAGRAM: THEBRIDGE2030

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## BRIDGE BOWLING BASH

7 PM GEORGETOWN BOWLING  
6770 E STATE BLVD FT WAYNE  
\$10/PERSON INCLUDES SHOE  
RENTAL & 3 HRS OF BOWLING

10  
FEB 2026

## MEETUP - COUNTRY HERITAGE SINGO SOCIAL

TAYLOR & FRIENDS AND WOMEN OF R&B  
5:45 PM 0185 COUNTRY ROAD 68 LAOTTO

17  
FEB 2026

## THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

7 PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER  
3420 N ANTHONY BLVD

24  
FEB 2026

## LENTEN EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR CHAD

7 PM THE GREENHAUS  
3504 N. ANTHONY BLVD  
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP &  
FUN!

**WORSHIP ANEW ENGAGES AND  
EQUIPS AGING ADULTS WITH  
RESOURCES TO LIVE A FULL AND  
ABUNDANT LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST.**



## How does our ministry support

## Aging Adults?

### *Our Worship Program*

Worship Anew provides a weekly traditional service that is available all over the country on television stations, as well as online (through our website, TV app, and YouTube) and via DVD subscription, allowing viewers to watch their favorite sermons again. Our regular rotation of Lutheran pastors allows viewers to hear a message centered on God's Word and personalized for their stage of life.

### *Care Ministry*

Our Care Ministry puts love into action. Our care package program provides an opportunity to do something for aging adults who are hurting, as well as those who are caring for them. By providing physical and spiritual resources, these care packages remind them they are loved and not suffering alone.

### *Hope-Full Living Devotion*

Hope-Full Living is a daily devotion written for seniors, by seniors. The devotion is released quarterly. Every devotional is large print. You can also read or listen to the daily devotions on our app or online.

## More ministry opportunities include:

Broadcaster Magazine

Website & App

Scan to watch a  
video about our  
ministry

**Watch Worship Anew locally on  
WPTA 21.2 (NBC) at 7:00 AM Sundays &  
WPTA 21.3 (MyNet) at 8:00 AM Sundays**

**Learn more at [WorshipAnew.org](http://WorshipAnew.org)**





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Bethlehem  
Lutheran's  
66th Annual



# Fish Fry

&  
Bake  
Sale



**Saturday Feb. 14**

6318 West California Road

Fort Wayne, IN

Enter door 10

4:00 PM - 7:00PM

**\$15**

Adult

**\$7**

Children  
4-12  
years

**Free**

Children  
3 & Under

*Dinner includes :  
all you can eat fish,  
potato salad, baked  
beans, and dinner  
rolls with a drink*

**You may also  
purchase  
carry-out.**

The Bach Institute AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2026 OUTREACH TOUR

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHORALE & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



March 6, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. Concert | Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School  
3425 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne  
with Concordia Lutheran High School A Cappella and Holy Cross Angelis & Junior Choirs  
Free and open to the public.