

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 am Sunday, December 3, 2023

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!*

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]

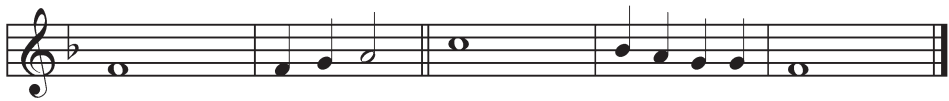
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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!

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



[Antiphon] *Behold, your king is | •coming• to you; || righteous and | •having• sal- va-__ | tion.*

Verse 1: **To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul. || O my | God, in you I | trust;**

Verse 2: *let me not be | put to shame; || let not my enemies | ex- ult ov- er | me.*

Verse 3: **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; || they shall be ashamed who are | wan- •tonly• treach- er- | ous.**

Gloria: **Glorify 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!**

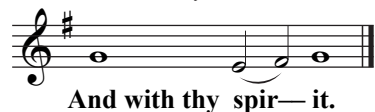
[Antiphon] *Behold, your king is | •coming• to you; || righteous and | •having• sal- va-__ | tion.*

Kyrie



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the First Sunday in Advent: *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



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

Old Testament Reading..... **Isaiah 64:1-9**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

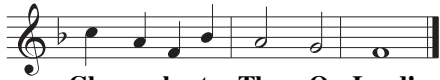
[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia!*



Holy Gospel St. Mark 11:1-10

[*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 Savior of the Nations, Come Burgundy Hymn 332

[*All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanzas 3 & 5; Men sing stanzas 4 & 6;*

All sing stanzas 7 & 8; Rise for Stanza 8.]

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 un - 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.

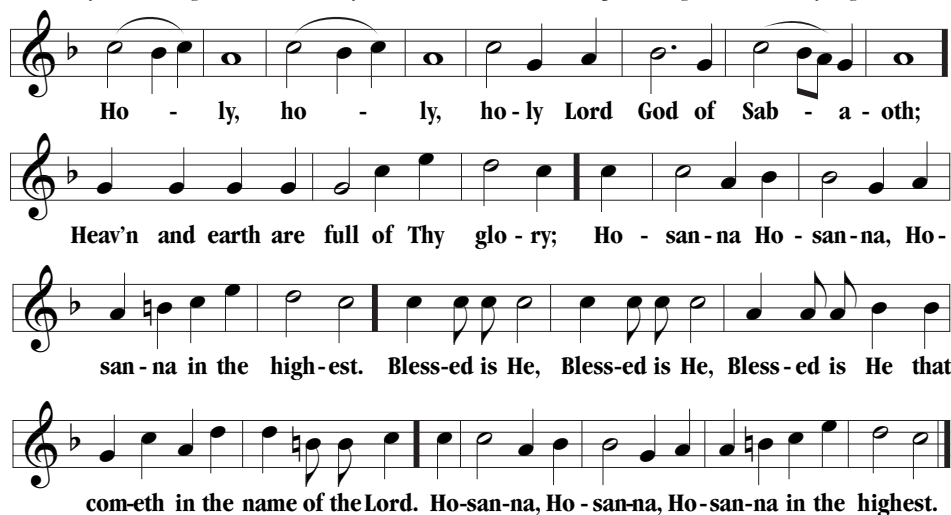
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

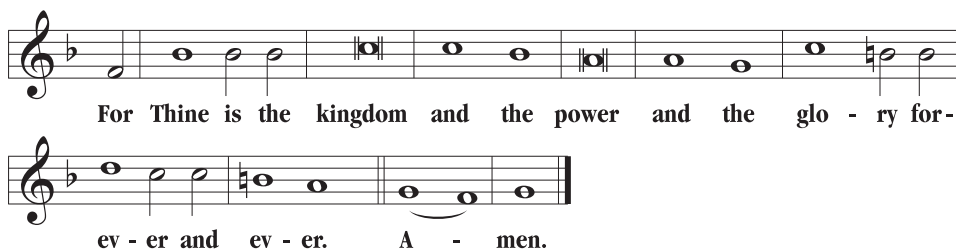
Proper Preface for Advent, Sanctus

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that
 com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer** [Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art ... but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the kingdom and the power 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,
 Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3
 have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns ... O Lord, How Shall I Meet You Burgundy Hymn 334

Come, Thou Precious Ransom ... Burgundy Hymn 350

[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.

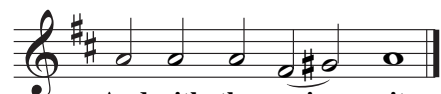
Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.



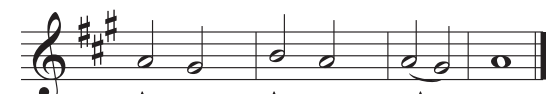
And with thy spir — rit.



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 Bride of Christ, Rejoice Burgundy Hymn 335

Postlude

Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly!

**Come join us at Zion Lutheran Church
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.**

- Advent Services, Wednesdays at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ
Prelude begins at 6:30pm • Service begins at 7pm
- Christmas Day Festival Service
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ
Prelude begins at 8:45am • Service begins at 9am



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Readings for the First Sunday in Advent

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony

about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel is Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” “And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Hymns for the First Sunday in Advent

LSB332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Ambrose of Milan

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1. Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—Woman's offspring pure and fresh.
- W3. Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.
- M4. Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.
- W5. God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
- M6. For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.
7. From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- △ 8. Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

LSB334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Paul Gerhardt

1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.
2. Your Zion strews before You Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never Withhold the honor due.
3. I lay in fetters, groaning; You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning; You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me, A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me As earthly riches fly.

4. Love caused Your incarnation; Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
Oh, love behind all telling, That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.
5. Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing Eternal life in heav'n.
6. He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.

LSB350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come Johann Gottfried Olearius

1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.
2. Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my guest divine!
3. My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
4. Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

LSB335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

Danish, c. 1600

1. O bride of Christ, rejoice; Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.

2. Let shouts of gladness rise Triumphant to the skies.
Now comes the King most glorious To reign o'er all victorious.
Refrain

3. A humble beast He rides, Yet as a King presides;
Though not arrayed in splendor, He makes the grave surrender.

Refrain

4. The weak and timid find How meek He is and kind;
To them He gives a treasure Of bliss beyond all measure.

Refrain

5. Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him And honor and adore Him.

Refrain

The First Sunday in Advent



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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: Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th, ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), John Kuker (4th),
Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st),
Karen Koehlert (K-A), Rachel Wiegman (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music),
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

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
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Paul Mroczenski and Matthew Harrison
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall; especially at this perilous time in our world
- + 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, including Bryce Shull and Kenneth Raber.
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Jason Kaiser, Connie Houser, Ron Silvers, Janice Grim, Karen Coleman, Sarah Hollman, Debra Busche, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Bob Ockree, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Dwight Johnson, Sue Doepner, Geraldine Woods, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, and 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 Carolyn Wallschlaeger and family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Bill Wallschlaeger
- + 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 First Sunday in Advent. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Bill Wallschlaeger by all his friends and family here at Zion. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Bill Wallschlaeger by his wife Carolyn Wallschlaeger. 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

December 3, 2023 thru December 9, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	LSA Meeting	LSUS
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Advent Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Advent Service	Church
THURS.	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	4:00 PM	Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer	Kramer Chapel

December 10, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	CLHS Christmas at the Embassy	Embassy Theatre

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR with Dr. Voelz's in-depth teaching on the Gospel according to St. Mark continues today in Bauer Hall. As needed Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

DON'T FORGET, the last day for collecting food items for CTSFW students and families is December 5th. Bags and a list of suggested items are on the table in the Great Hall. Once a week, the food will be dropped off at the Seminary Food Coop.

NEXT YEAR'S OFFERING ENVELOPES are on tables in the Great Hall. Please stop and pick yours up.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS: For the last couple of years we have had an anonymous donor that gifted the *Lutheran Witness* to Zion members. That gift is not continuing. Therefore, if you would like to continue receiving the Lutheran Witness, please submit a check in the amount of \$19 to Zion by December 31st.

SHUT IN HOLIDAY BAGS: Melvia is looking for help on December 16th at 12 Noon to help assemble the goody bags for our shut in people so that they can be distributed on Sunday December 17th for delivery. If you would like to donate cookies and fruit for them please have them at the church by Dec 16th. Call the office if you can help.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT is here, with Christmas on its heels. Advent is all about "comings" and preparation. So, pick up an Advent devotional booklet in the narthex and spend more time in God's word. Also, plan to come to the Advent midweek Evening Prayer services starting December 6, 7 PM; Advent suppers are at 5:45 PM. Come and prepare your hearts for Christ's coming in humility, in glory, in the flesh. And start to make plans now for December 24. The morning will be the Fourth Sunday in Advent; the evening will be Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols.

ADVENT is a time to think about those less fortunate than we, have compassion on them, and contribute to their needs, perhaps through the Cup of Kindness in the Narthex.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Jeremiah 23:5-6—"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch ... In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'" Last week's verse was Romans 8:38-39.

LIFE DEFENDERS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: College-aged and high school students are invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We leave the evening of January 17th and return home early morning on Saturday, January 20th. We want YOU on the bus with us for this life-changing experience! Learn more at www.ichooselife.org/dc or call our office at 260-471-1849.

THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB will once again be selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, November 18th. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays.

EMMAUS COOKIE FAIR: Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Cookie Fair at Emmaus Lutheran Church, School & Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. A wonderful variety of homemade Christmas cookies and other favorites (including gluten free) will be sold for \$8.00 per pound. These homemade goodies make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your last minute "Christmas baking!" Rada cutlery, delicious homemade jams, and kitchen hand towels will also be available to purchase. Free decorative tins will be available to make "gift wrapping" easy!

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

Mark 11:1-10
2 Peter 1:1-21
2 Peter 2:1-22
2 Peter 3:1-18
1 John 1:1-2:14
1 John 2:15-29
1 John 3:1-24

DAILY LECTIONARY

The First Sunday in Advent

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 64:1-9
Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34
Isaiah 11:1-12:6
Isaiah 14:1-23
Isaiah 24:1-13
Isaiah 24:14-25:12
Isaiah 26:1-19

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 Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Elements of Christian Life

The preachers are to proclaim and explain the Ten Commandments often and earnestly, yet not only the commandments but also how God will punish those who do not keep them and how he often has inflicted temporal punishment. ...

The people are thus to be urged and exhorted to fear God, to repent and show contrition, lest their ease and life of false security be punished. ...

Then it is important that faith be preached. Whoever experiences grief and contrition over his sins should believe that his sins are forgiven, not on account of his merits, but on account of Christ. ...

These two are the first elements of Christian life: Repentance or contrition and grief, and faith through which we receive the forgiveness of sins and are righteous before God. Both should grow and increase in us. The third element of Christian life is the doing of good works: To be chaste, to love and help the neighbor, to refrain from lying, from deceit, from stealing, from murder, from vengefulness, and avenging oneself, etc.

Therefore again and again the Ten Commandments are to be assiduously taught, for all good works are therein comprehended.

They are called good works not only because they are done for the welfare of our neighbors, but because God has commanded them, and so they also are well pleasing to God. God has no delight in those who do not obey the commandments, as is stated in Mic. 6 [:8]: "O man, I will show you what is good and what God requires of you, namely, to do justice. Yea, do justice, delight to do good to your neighbor, and walk humbly before God."

The first commandment teaches us to fear God. For God threatens those who do not reverence him. It teaches us also to believe in and trust God, for God promises to do good to those who love him, that is, look to him for blessings, as we read in Isa. 64 [:4]

Luther's Works, 40:276-7.



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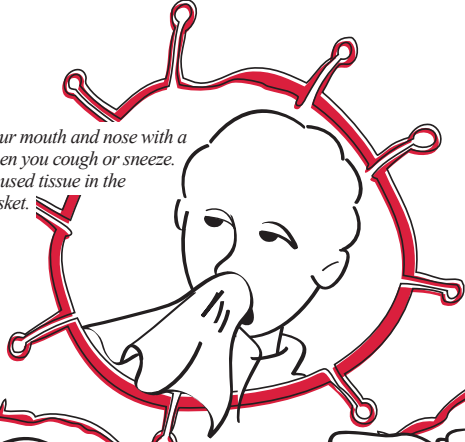
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Preventing the Spread of Respiratory Viruses

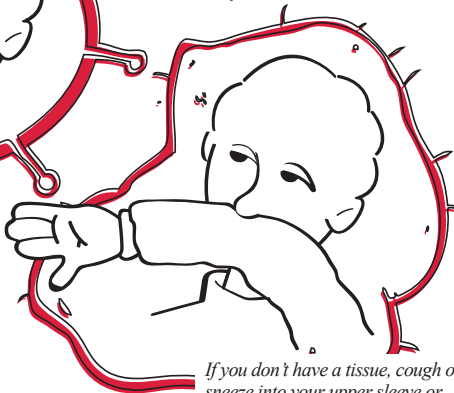
It's that time of the year again: influenza, colds, RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), and perhaps COVID are spreading. We've been through this before; we know what to do to help slow the spread: 1) if sick, stay home and get treatment as necessary; 2) cover your cough — see below; 3) wash your hands often and well (20 sec with soap and water) or use hand sanitizer, especially after shaking hands . . . no fist bumps at Zion yet; 4) eat well and sleep well; 5) get your vaccinations as appropriate and recommended by your doctor.

Cover Cough


— Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick! —



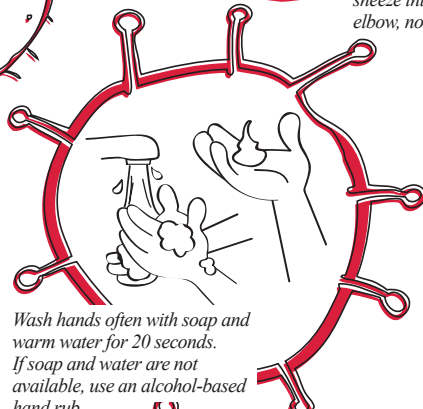
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your used tissue in the waste basket.



If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.



You may be asked to put on a facemask to protect others.



Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.





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Life Newsbytes

Every year, Lutherans For Life/Y4Life participates in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. On November 14, the March for Life Education and Defense Fund announced the theme for the 51st annual March for Life: “Pro-Life: With Every Woman, For Every Child.” Since *Roe v. Wade* was first enacted, over 65 million lives have been lost to the horrors of abortion. Tragically, polling shows that many of these lives could have been saved if more women were aware of the vast network of pro-life resources across the nation that have lovingly supported women and children for over 50 years. “This year’s theme is at the heart of the pro-life movement, but it is a story often untold,” said Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund. “For the past 51 years, the March for Life has powerfully witnessed to the tragedy of abortion while calling for stronger protections for women and the unborn. Yet nowhere is the beauty and importance of our work more powerfully embodied than in the day-to-day service of pregnancy support and maternity care organizations across the nation, which lovingly walk with women and their children, reminding them that they are never alone. This year’s theme celebrates the heroic work of these organizations while offering a roadmap to how we will truly achieve a life-affirming culture that respects the inherent dignity of all human life.” The 51st March for Life will be held on January 19, 2024. (*LifeNews.com*, 11/14/23)

Speaking up For Life

“Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth. Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads shower on their children by saying yes to life—sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Regardless of the challenges, God has a perfect plan for each life that He brings into the world, and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-shine any ornament.” *Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute*

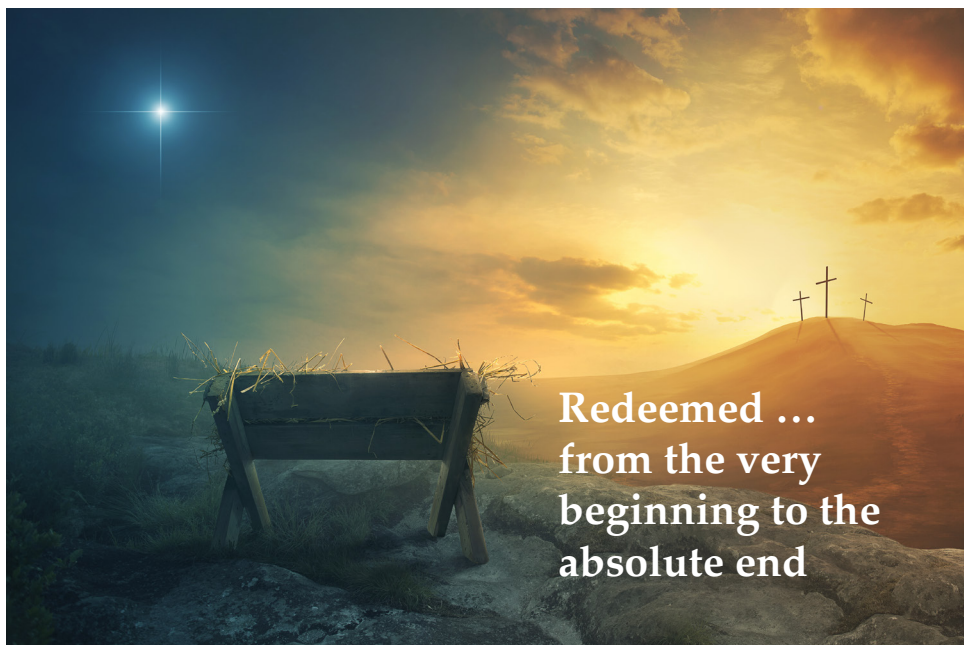
“As sure as Christmas will come again on December 25, our Lord will come again. As we look forward to the Last Day, let’s dress for the occasion, putting on godliness and repentance. Let’s celebrate everything He did the first time He came to assure us of our home of righteousness. Let’s be spiritually awake and alert for His coming again, knowing that we will enjoy God’s perfect paradise, our eternal home.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

“There is no more clear-pointed, rest-giving demonstration of the love of God for you than the gift of His Son.” *Paul Tripp, pastor, author, and conference speaker*

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He calls us that all might endure forever as His own precious treasures in everlasting family, no matter our origins, experiences, or durations. His gracious reigning even incorporates surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses.

Our Savior's coming in human nature proclaims and performs the sanctity of human life. We have the privilege to courageously declare and compassionately demonstrate the same:

Life is never a sentence. Life is always a whole story!



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2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

JANUARY 26-28, 2024

(SATURDAY ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE)

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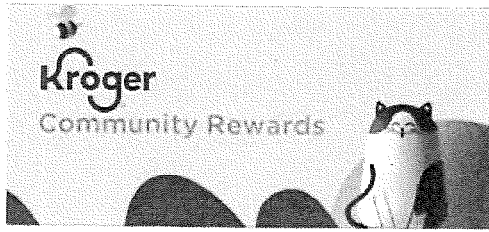
The retreat theme, **FAITH ON FIRE: WOMEN LIVING FOR CHRIST**, comes from Luke 1:45, "*Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!*" Throughout the weekend retreat guests will dive into what it looks like to live out our faith as women of God.

Keynote presenter, Sara Scheiwe, is captivated by people and God's handiwork in creating them each uniquely. Her passion for living life to the fullest and helping others do the same gives her great joy as she navigates this life as a woman living for Christ!

A pastor's wife, Sara, her husband Logan, and teenage daughter Bella reside in Napoleon, OH where they serve the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

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

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



Hello, friends of Zion Lutheran Church!

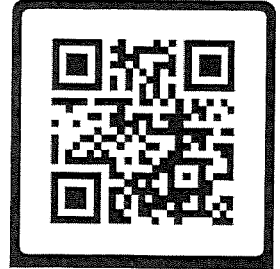
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