

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 28, 2024

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.

[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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *Many are the sorrows | of the •wicked•, || but steadfast love surrounds the one who | trusts__ in the | LORD. || Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righ__ teous, || and shout for joy, all | you up- right in | heart!*

Verse 1: **Blessed is the one whose transgression | is for- •given•, || whose | sin is co__ | vered. || Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no i- | ni- qui- ty, || and in whose spirit | there is no de- | ceit.**

Verse 2: *I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my i- | ni- qui- ty; || I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the i- | •niqui- ty of my | sin. || You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trou__ ble; || you surround me with shouts | of de- li- ver- | ance.*

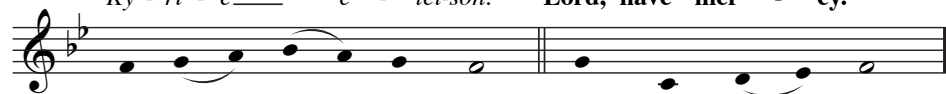
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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Kyrie



Ky - ri - e__ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chri - ste__ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e__ e - lei-son. Lord, __ have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,



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



we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for



Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa - ther Al -



migh-ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



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



sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,

re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God
 the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly
 art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - - - - - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: *Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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..... **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority." Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Mark 1:21-28**

[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..... Son of God Burgundy Hymn 842

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.

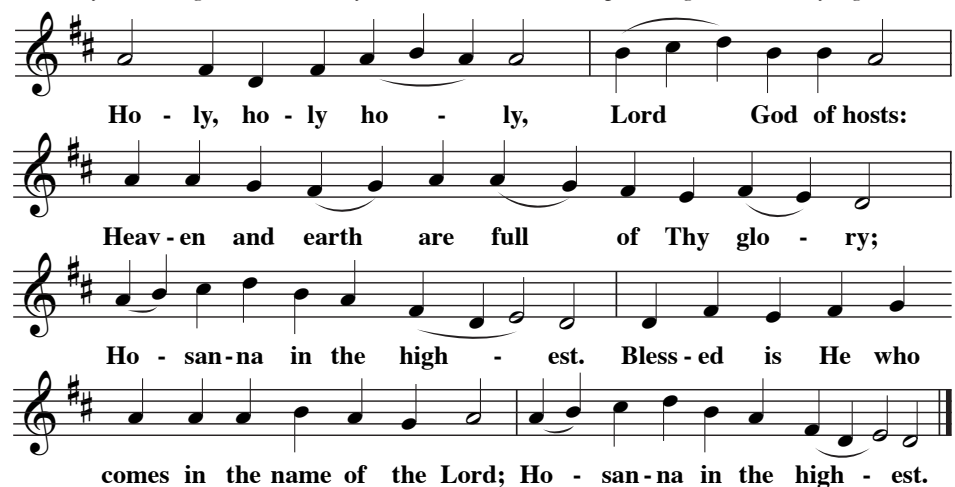
And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus

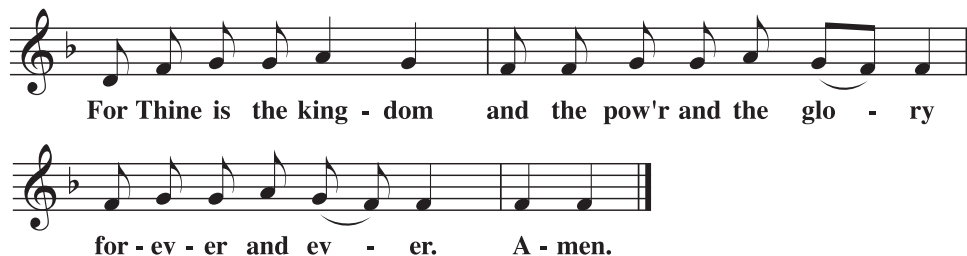
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



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.

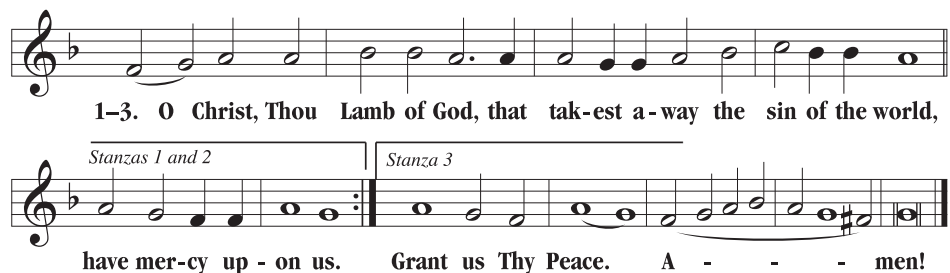
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

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 O God of God Burgundy Hymn 810

Hope of the World Burgundy Hymn 690

[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.



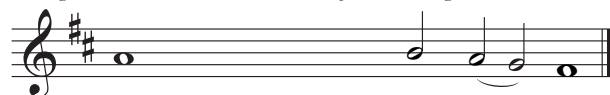
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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 Praise the One Burgundy Hymn 849

Postlude

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Readings for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Deuteronomy 18:15-20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

The Gospel is Mark 1:21-28

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Somerset T. C. Lowry

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
2. As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of Love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition; Here on earth Your will be done.

LSB810 O God of God, O Light of Light

John Julian

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

3. That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

LSB690 Hope of the World

Georgia Harkness

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1. Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life.
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.
3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.
4. Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

LSB849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

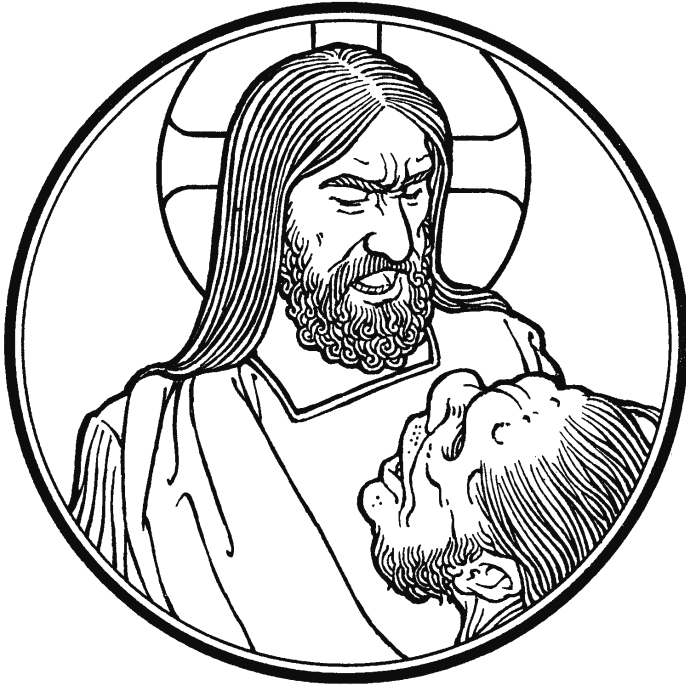
Rusty Edwards

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1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3. Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

The Fourth 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:

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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Sarah Hollman, Jessica Krause, Connie Houser, Bill Weinrich, Susan Kaiser, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, 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, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby, and Trooper Azariah Keith
- + 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 Rex Bohner and the family of Shirley Bohner
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Shirley Bohner
- + 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given in remembrance of the babies killed by abortion. Please also complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

January 28, 2024 thru February 3, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
MON.	1:00 PM	Funeral Service for Shirley Bohner	Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, St. Joe Rd
	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Everyone His Witness	Bauer Hall
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

February 4, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall with Dr. Voelz teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark. As needed, Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastors Office.

THANK YOU to Rev. Michael Bahr who is preaching today. Thanks to Rev. Bahr also for filling in for Pastor Punke at the Divine Service this past Wednesday.

LSUS is looking for club leaders! Spring clubs will run for 6 weeks. They will take place the weeks of Feb 19-23, Feb 26-Mar 1, Mar 4-8, Mar 11-15, Mar 18-22, and Mar 25-29. If you are interested in hosting an after school club, you can choose the day of the week, topic, age level, and number of kids. More information can be found on the sign up link here: bit.ly/LSUSclubs. If you're interested in doing a club, fill out the sign up no later than Feb 9. Questions should be emailed to Danielle Ramsey at dramsey@lsusfw.org.

MISSION TRIP: I mentioned it last Sunday. Brother Lewis Ostermeyer (he's a law student at IU now) is looking to go on a mission trip to the Czech Republic this spring (during Spring Break). He is hoping that Zion members might support this effort. If you would like to help Lewis, write a check or put cash in an envelope and write on it "Lewis Ostermeyer Mission Trip." Dave will write a check to University Lutheran Church for Lewis. He thanks you in advance.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Isaiah 30:15 —“For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” Last week's verse was 1 Timothy 2:5-6

SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH: 64th annual Fish Fry Saturday, February 10th, 4:30-7:30PM or until the fish runs out. At 6318 W. California Rd., \$14 for adults \$7 kids age 4-12, Under 3 FREE, and \$16 Carryout.

CROSS CONNECTIONS COUNSELING MINISTRIES is currently hiring for Part Time Receptionists. Responsibilities will include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, minor bookkeeping, general hospitality and miscellaneous clerical duties 20-28 hours a week, weekday hours. Pay varies based on experience. Knowledge of QuickBooks, accounts payable & receivable a plus. Send resume to kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213 ext. 105.

RLNI: the **2024 LEGISLATIVE FORUM** will be February 17th. Doors open at 9:00a with the event running from 9:30a-11:30a at the Historic Woman's Club at 402 W Wayne St, Fort Wayne. There will be an all-new format. You will hear from legislators and organizations on where we stand on LIFE in Indiana. Breakfast is being served at a cost of \$5. Register for the Legislative Forum at ichooselife.org. **SECONDLY**, if you have a passion for helping women choose life, join RLNI on Thursday, February 22nd for Sidewalk Advocate Training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana. The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place at the RLNI Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am-noon. Learn how to approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly, and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. There is no cost to participate. Snacks provided. Questions? Please send an email to rlni@ichooselife.org.

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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
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Evening Prayer

Mark 1:21-28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2 Timothy 1:1-18

Monday

Zechariah 8:1-23

2 Timothy 2:1-26

Tuesday

Zechariah 9:1-17

2 Timothy 3:1-17

Wednesday

Zechariah 10:1-11:3

2 Timothy 4:1-18

Thursday

Zechariah 11:4-17

Titus 1:1-2:6

Friday

Zechariah 12:1-13:9

Titus 2:7-3:15

Saturday

Zechariah 14:1-21

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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 1:29-39



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Kingly and Priestly Offices of Christ

4. *The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.*

Up to this point the prophet has made impressive predictions regarding the kingdom of Christ, who was to be his Son as well as the true Lord and God, and about Christ's people. But it is not enough for David to have Christ as King and Lord of all things. He proceeds to make a priest and pope of Him, if I may be pardoned for this last term in reference to this Person. We have heard previously that this King is to have a new kind of people, which in turn demands a corresponding priestly office, so that He will be in a position to direct their consciences toward God. After all, a kingdom made up of God's people requires a priesthood and divine services so that the people receive the interpretation of God's Word and will. A priesthood functions as the mediator between God and people. Now the prophet assigns both offices to Christ: He is to be the everlasting King and Priest. ...

[W]hen God selected David from the tribe of Judah (1 Sam. 16:1), He made a covenant with him to maintain the kingdom for a member of his family down to Christ (2 Sam. 7:16). ... But from the very beginning God separated and ordained the tribe of Levi, particularly the house or family of Aaron, for the priesthood and spiritual government (Num. 8:16). Furthermore, God so guided the development of history that the family of Aaron always retained the priesthood, so that no one else presumed to seize the office, not even David himself.

But now David proceeds to reach for the priestly office too when he says that this promised Son of his — Christ — is not to be King only (an office which properly belongs to Him, according to God's ordinance) but also a Priest at the same time

Luther's Works, 13:304-5.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, January 4, 2024
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

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

Elders absent: T. Muehl, B. Scott.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

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

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on matters of health and other issues of members and friends of Zion, as well as items of interest from Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and the Saint Peter/Zion Project.

The elders looked briefly at Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting October 1, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by Dec. 31, 2023." Pastor Punke reported that cards were sent in December to five families who have not attended in person since the COVID pandemic; he needs yet to determine what the response to the cards was.

The elders considered Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In the fall of 2023, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." The elders reviewed the preparations made for the "Every One His Witness" workshop to begin on January 9. Everything is in place for beginning; several people will still be specifically invited to participate in the training.

Frank Jackson reported that the AEDs authorized at the last meeting have been ordered. Plans for training in their use will follow their installation.

The meeting was concluded with Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur E. Litke, secretary

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Olive	Montray
Jessiah	Cynthia
Anastasia	Yaronna
Skylar	Ms. Mandi Hart
Ivan	Mrs. Jamie Davis
Seneca	Mrs. Theresa Jackson
Shar	



JOHN 15:1-5 2024 CONNECTED NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

We joined thousands of students across the country in celebrating National Lutheran School! This year's theme, "Connected" is inspired by John 15:1-5. The theme emphasizes the importance of staying connected to God and to one another when we face challenges and difficulties and when we share in joys and triumphs! It encourages Lutheran schools to continue to cultivate an environment of faith, love and fellowship, where students can learn, grow, and thrive. Here at LSUS, we celebrated by participating in different activities throughout the week and with fun dress up days!

Kindergarten ROUNDUP

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024
@ 6 PM**

This event is for parents interested in enrolling in their student in Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024. (They must be 5 years old by October 1st, 2024)

- Meet the teacher and principal.
- Hear what a day in kindergarten looks like.
- You will be learning about school expectations.
- Participate in a scavenger hunt!

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Open House

Tuesday, February 6th, 2024
5:00pm - 7:00pm

- Tour Our School
- Meet Our Teachers
- Ask Us Questions
- We accept Choice Vouchers!
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Join us !!

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ENROLLING SOON

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open to the public February 1st. Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll!
260-744-0459

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. —John 15:5

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



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Epiphany: God Manifested for You

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF 16 YEARS OF HYMNODY IN FORT WAYNE & 54 YEARS OF SHEPHERD OF THE CITY.

Please Join us as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event, which celebrates both 16 years of hymnody and the 54th Anniversary of Shepherd of the City. Hunter Kinnison, a first-year seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, studied Parish Music at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW), where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Parish Music in 2023. At CUW, he studied organ under Dr. James Freese and Dr. Craig Sproat focusing most of his study on service playing and the use and development of hymnody in the Lutheran church.

Dr. Jon Bruss is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and is considered an authority on the history of the Christian church.

- A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.
- THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF OUR HISTORIC SANCTUARY.



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