

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, February 4, 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

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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#### [ Rise ] **Invocation**

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ Kneel ]

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

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

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

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

## Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *I will sing | to the LORD, || because he has dealt | boun- •tiful- ly with | me.*

Verse 1: **Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God; || light up my eyes, lest I | sleep the sleep of | death,**

Verse 2: *lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | o- ver him," || lest my foes rejoice because | I am sha-\_\_ | ken.*

Verse 3: **But I have trusted in your | stead- fast love; || my heart shall rejoice in | your sal- va-\_\_ | tion.**

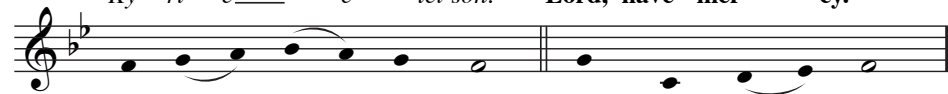
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit; As it was in the be- | •ginning, is now, || and will | be for- •ever. A- | men!**

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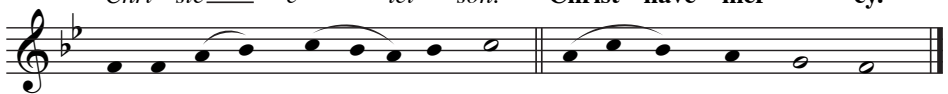
## Kyrie



*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 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 40:21-31**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **1 Corinthians 9:16-27**

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

[ *Rise* ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ *Deacon* ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia!*

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

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Mark 1:29-39**

[ *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..... Hail to the Lord's..... Burgundy Hymn 398

**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.

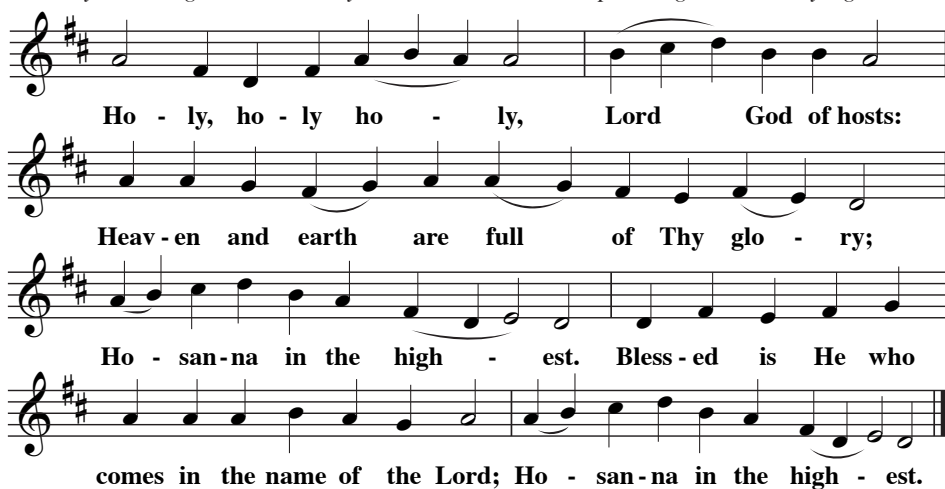
And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface for Epiphany, Sanctus

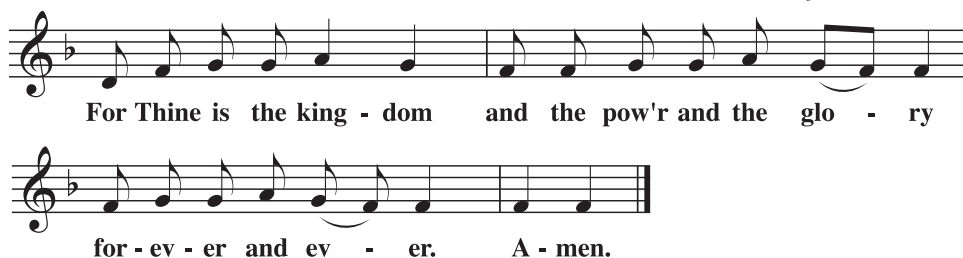
*It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:*



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.

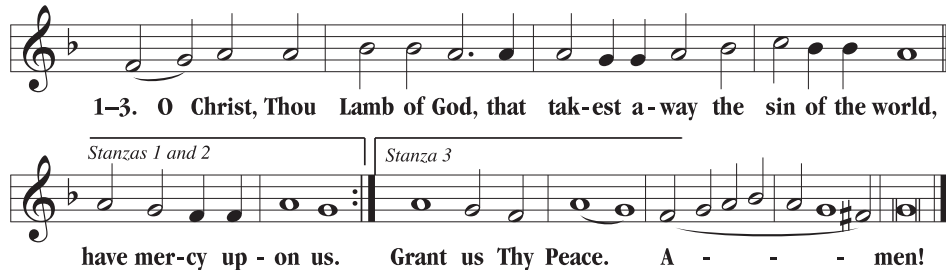
### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*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 ..... Songs of Thankfulness ..... Burgundy Hymn 394

[ All sing stanza 1; Skip Stanza 2; Sing stanzas 3, 4, & 5. ]

### The People That in Darkness ... Burgundy Hymn 412

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

### 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.



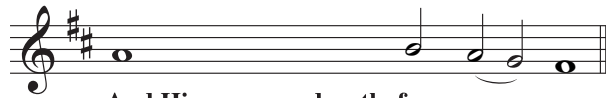
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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 ..... Hail, O Source ..... Burgundy Hymn 409**

**Postlude**

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## Readings for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

who brings princes to nothing,

and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows on them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,

and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

### The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For

if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

### **The Gospel is Mark 1:29-39**

Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.



## Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

### LSB398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression And rule in equity.
2. He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
3. He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever — That name to us is Love.

### LSB394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Christopher Wordsworth

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

### **LSB412 The People That in Darkness Sat**

**John Morison**

1. The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
2. To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come;  
They joy as when the reapers bear  
Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.
- W 3. To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
- M 4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.
5. His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
- △ 6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

### **LSB409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing**

**Basil Woodd**

1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.
2. Once far off but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to Eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love Divine.

3. Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'ings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

# The Fifth 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](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>), John Kuker (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>),  
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, 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, especially Anne Ziegler & Robert Hollman
- + 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
- + 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 celebration of the birthdays of Anne Hollman Ziegler & Robert Hollman by their families. 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

### **February 4, 2024 thru February 10, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	7:30 PM	CLHS A Cappella Choir	CTSFW
<b>MON.</b>	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
		LSA Board Meeting — moved to Feb. 12	
<b>TUES.</b>	2:40 PM	<i>Lutheranism 101</i>	LSUS
	7:00 PM	Every One His Witness	Conference Room
<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>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

### **February 11, 2024 — The Transfiguration**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall. Dr. Voelz is out of town. Pastor Punke will lead today's class. As needed, Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastors Office.

**GET READY FOR LENT:** Time is flying by so fast this year. We are just 10 days away from Lent. Transfiguration is next Sunday and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is February 14<sup>th</sup>, with supper at 5:45 PM and Divine Service with the imposition of ashes at 7:00 PM.

**ZIONS SCRIP PROGRAM:** Do you need a gift card? Are you going to lunch after church? Do you want to support Zion in an easy way? On Sunday mornings, we offer a wide variety of gift cards at the scrip table in the Great Hall. Here's how it works. We buy gift cards at a discount, and you pay face value for them. How easy is that? You get the full value of your card purchase, and Zion gets anywhere from 1.5% to over 15% of the value depending on the merchant. We even carry several local business' gift cards, including Hall's Restaurants (10%), Casa's Restaurants (5%), and Lassus Brothers Oil (4%). We accept cash and checks. From these earnings, we currently transfer \$1,000 a year to the general fund towards our commitment to Christian Education.

**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](http://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](mailto:dramsey@lsusfw.org).

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Philippians 2:5-11—"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, through he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Last week's verse was Isaiah 30:15.

**SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH** is holding its 64<sup>th</sup> annual Fish Fry on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30PM or until the fish runs out. Sub Beth is at 6318 W. California Rd. Meals are \$14 for adults, \$7 for kids age 4-12, FREE for children under 3, and \$16 for carryout.

**CROSS CONNECTIONS COUNSELING MINISTRIES** is currently hiring for a Part-time Receptionist. If you or someone you know is interested, send a resume to [kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.com](mailto:kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.com) or call 260-260-373-0213 ext. 105.

**RLNI: the 2024 LEGISLATIVE FORUM** will be February 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://ichooselife.org). **SECONDLY**, if you have a passion for helping women choose life, join RLNI on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. There is no cost to participate. Snacks provided. Questions? Please send an email to [rlni@ichooselife.org](mailto:rlni@ichooselife.org).

**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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Evening Prayer**

Mark 1:29-39

Isaiah 40:21-31

John 1:19-34

Monday

Job 2:1-3:10

John 1:35-51

Tuesday

Job 3:11-26

John 2:1-12

Wednesday

Job 4:1-21

John 2:13-25

Thursday

Job 5:1-27

John 3:1-21

Friday

Job 6:1-13

John 3:22-4:6

Saturday

Job 6:14-30

**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**

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

Mark 9:2-9



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Where to Run When We Are Fatigued

*He does not faint or grow weary.* This is a wonderful proclamation concerning God, but it seems mad to reason. The prophet is, however, depicting God in terms of our senses, as if he were saying: “We get tired and are worn out by Satan’s plotting and cunning tricks. But you have a God who does not get tired. He will set you free from the incessant stratagems of Satan. Satan and the world are our relentless enemies. They keep after us until at last they exhaust us. Here God consoles those who labor and are wearied: ‘I will not become weary. I have always been active, I am fresh and new. I can help you.’ You, then, may conclude in opposition to what appears: ‘If I am a sinner, Christ is holy, etc.’” Thus a certain nun by the name of Mechtild kept repelling the onslaughts of Satan with one word: “I am a Christian.” So I, too, must say: “I am dead, but Christ lives; I am a sinner, but Christ is righteous, because I believe in Jesus Christ and was baptized in His name.” Thus when we are fatigued, let us run to the fresh and untiring Christ and not remain with ourselves.

*His understanding is unsearchable.* The Hebrew בִּינָה [binah] means understanding, the power and acuteness of wisdom. It is as if He were saying: “Let them be as wise and acute as they wish. I will be more than a match for them and be wise. Just stay with Me. Look at Me as you would at a mirror. In you there is death, sin, despair, destruction. In Me there is life, righteousness, consolation, and deliverance. Since My Word is everlasting, cling to it. Do not dwell on your own thoughts.” It is natural for us who are beset by sins to struggle in our own thoughts. “But you must not give place to them. Instead, drive them out by the Word. Do not pursue your own thoughts in tribulation, because then you will fall into a sea of temptation. Rather, keep thinking of Me, because there is no search of the understanding directed against you. I will be more than a match for them. . . .”  
*Luther’s Works, 17:30.*



# LSUS NOTES

## Praying for You!

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

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|--------|---------------------|
| Ramya  | Tyte'Anna           |
| Jade   | De'Cora             |
| Angel  | Arion               |
| Julie  | Mrs. Stacey Antoine |
| Foreil | Miss Daysha Davis   |
| Lilly  | Miss Shaniqua Swann |



This week we joined thousands of students across the country in celebrating National Lutheran School Week! Each day students participated in fun dress up days (Mismatched Monday, PJ Wednesday, and class colors) and activities. Each class decorated their classroom door to match the theme and created a paper chain of prayer requests! Wednesday the whole school watched The Prince of Egypt together. We also made thank you cards for members of our community and LSUS family. We closed the week with a Pep Rally to encourage our basketball teams in their upcoming tournaments.





## ENROLLING SOON

# LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

### Open House

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

- Tour Our School
- Meet Our Teachers
- Ask Us Questions

- We accept Choice Vouchers!
- We have financial aid & scholarships available!



Join us !!

5401 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN 46807  
www.lsusfw.org  
260 744-0459  
LSUSPhoenix



## 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!

Register with  
QR Code



### 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



# *A Cappella Choir Tour 2024*

Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne - Kramer Chapel  
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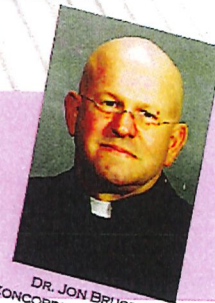
# SHEPHERD OF THE CITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S 16TH ANNUAL



ORGANIST HUNTER KINNISON

## HYMN FEST 2024

### Epiphany: God Manifested for You



DR. JON BRUSS  
CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY

**SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 11 | 4PM**  
**1301 S. ANTHONY BLVD.**  
**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

**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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