



Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

Holy Spirit,
purify our wills
by helping us
surrender to the
greater will of
God. Intervene
in our lives,
expel Satan, and
fill us with the
way of Christ,
who taught us to
pray, “Thy will
be done.” Amen.

Richard F. Bansemer,
We Believe, P. 81

If you yourself are seriously searching for the specific way which you must walk to follow Jesus, then I beg you not to do so on your own, but within a Eucharistic community. I feel more and more certain that the way of Jesus can't be found outside the community of those who believe in Jesus and make their belief visible by coming together around the Eucharistic table. The Eucharist is the heart and center of being-the-church. Without it there is no people of God, no community of faith, no church. Often enough, you see that people who abandon the church have trouble in holding on to Jesus. This becomes understandable when you consider that the church is the Eucharistic community in which Jesus gives us his body and blood as gifts that come to us from heaven and help us to find the way of love in our own lives.

Henri J. H. Nouwen, *Letters to
Marc About Jesus*, p. 93.

January 16, 2022 † 10:00 A.M.

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *bold text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.
- Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

Old Testament Reading

Amos 9:11-15

The Old Testament Reading for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany is from the Amos, the ninth chapter.

“In that day I will raise up
the booth of David that is fallen
and repair its breaches,
and raise up its ruins
and rebuild it as in the days of old,
that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations who are called by my name,”
declares the LORD who does this.
“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,”
says the LORD your God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 107:20-21

P He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.

C Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Epistle

Romans 12:6-16

The Epistle Reading is from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

The Only Son from Heaven

LSB 402

Sermon

Water into Wine: What's the Sign?

John 2:1-11

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

First Communion Before Confirmation - Alivia Waldo

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.



[Jesus Christ], by His own will, once changed water into wine at Cana in Galilee. So why should we not believe that He can change wine into blood?

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface

LSB 194

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

Distribution

We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis before communing. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?

Those communing this day are invited to pray the following:

Prayer Before Receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has done for me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the Distribution of the Sacrament

The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessings. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *LSB 621*

Communion Hymn

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us *LSB 514*

Rise

Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 200</i>
Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 201</i>
Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction	
<i>Sit</i>	
Recessional Hymn	<i>Alleluia! Let Praises Ring</i> <i>LSB 822</i>

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Turkey
China
Ethiopia
Tajikistan
Indonesia

Partner Church

China Evangelical Lutheran
Church

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Ryan Stripling (*brother of Kim Schroeder*)
Landell Aday (*friend of Greg Kremers*)
Jeff White (*friend of Tanya Schroeder*)
Cristi Evans (*friend of Tanya Schroeder*)
Tami Robinson (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)
Molly Wiley (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)
Mildred Greathouse (*grandmother of Tony
Waldo*)
Ruby Sheely (*mother of Linda Shott*)
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Toby Baldwin
Kabria Dorn
Patti Ward
Rick Shott
Earl Schrock
Keith Olson (*nephew of Linda Shott*)
Beverly Lynch (*friend of Susan Colles*)

Lilly Snody (*friend of Alivia Waldo*)
Diane Caple (*sister-in-law of Eunice Lamar*)
Mike Shumake (*son-in-law of the Choates*)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Betty Bocksnick
Nettie Grant
Gwen Hale
Tom Harms
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Helen Riek
Glenda Schrock

Catechumens

Emmett Schlittenhart
Gavin Rion
Tatum Rion
Alison Waldo
Alivia Waldo
Chance Paylor

Serving in the armed forces

Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Dale Ozment
Hunter Greenfield
Abigail Manuel

**When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution,
contact Pastor Ralston anytime at 501-454-0581.**

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Serving in the Divine Service

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

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USHERS

Rusty Dorn, Dave Boswell, Robert Sims

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ELDER

Jeff Schlittenhart

TRUSTEE

Tony Waldo

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Randy LaMar, Tanya Schroeder,
Phyllis Campbell, Chuck Campbell

ZION Life Together



Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 16, 2022

The Fruits of Our Faith 01/09/2022

Worship Attendance: 57

Adult Sunday School: 9

Children's Sunday School: 9

High School: 4

General Fund: \$ 3,200.50

Food Pantry: \$ 1,350.00

Weekly Need: \$ 2,870.00

Adult Sunday School Class

Power is something for which sinners always seem to be grasping. Nothing has changed since God walked on the earth. Christ is our King, and we Christians are a part of His Kingdom. Discover what this means as we study the book of Matthew. We're still reviewing the first few chapters, so it would be a great opportunity to jump in and make it a part of your monthly habit! Come and join the class as we dig into the Word of God!

Church Information Update

Please get your green form with your updated information back to either Pastor or Phyllis as soon as possible! If you have misplaced your form, there are more in the Narthex.

Short Voters Meeting Next Sunday

Please plan on staying for a short voters meeting next Sunday (January 23rd) after the Divine Service. The meeting will be about expanding the cemetery.

Next Sunday is "Quarter Sunday"!

Check your pockets, couch cushions, and car consoles this week for quarters to contribute to the LWML's January service project! LWML is collecting quarters and laundry supplies for The Russ Bus, a local ministry that helps the homeless in our area.

Next Sunday, LWML will collect laundry pods (no liquid or powder detergent), dryer sheets and quarters for the Russ Bus clients to use for laundry. Please be generous and help with this worthy project.

Children's Sunday School Take Home Paper

Parents, don't forget to pick up a Sunday School paper in the Narthex. It is a great way to reinforce what your child learned in Sunday School!

Pastor Out of Town

Pastor will be at a Conference this week as a part of his Continuing Education program with Synod. He will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For pastoral emergencies, let Pastor know.



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Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

Congregational Membership

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

Pastoral Consultation

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 9:00 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held every Sunday in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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