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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ February 17, 2019

Psalm:

Psalm 1

Old Testament:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Epistle Reading:

1st Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel Reading:

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: "The Gospel of Faith" Luke 6:17-26 Rev. Gerald Schwanke

8:00 AM Hymns:

"You Are the Way; Through You Alone" LSB 526 [Hymn of the Month]

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" LSB 684

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LSB 904

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" LSB 923

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod belief about the Sacrament of the Altar:

(also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion)

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ [in, with, and] under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. *(Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

These words “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words.

Who receives the sacrament worthily?

The person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe. *(Martin Luther, Small Catechism).*

“We must never regard the sacrament as a harmful thing from which we should flee, but as a pure, wholesome, soothing medicine that aids you and gives life in both soul and body. For where the soul is healed, the body is helped as well. Why, then, do we act as if the sacrament were a poison that would kill us if we ate of it? Of course, it is true that those who despise the sacrament and lead unchristian lives receive it to their damnation... But those who feel their weakness, who are anxious to be rid of it and desire help, should regard and use the sacrament as a precious antidote against the poison in their systems. For here in the sacrament you are to receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and brings with it God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power against death, the devil, and every trouble.” *Martin Luther Large Catechism*

FOR OUR GUESTS...

We are delighted to have all guests and visitors with us today! As we celebrate Holy Communion, if you have not yet been instructed in the faith, or if you hold to a faith different than the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, it is out of love that we would, for the moment, invite you to refrain from partaking of this meal until we have had a chance to talk with you about our beliefs and practices. If you desire to learn more about our practice of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to be a part of Zion's *Welcome to Worship* class which is held twice a year. In the meantime, please feel free to come forward for a blessing, placing your arms across your chest to let the pastor know you would like to receive that blessing. As our pastors desire to faithfully love and care for you, please respect our position of love on this matter. In addition to the individual cups, we also offer the **Common Cup** during the administration of the Lord's Supper. **Non-Alcoholic White Wine** is also available in the center portion of each communion tray. **Gluten free wafers** are available. Please request a gluten-free wafer from the pastor.

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:

- *Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins*
- *Also for Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, Arlys Honebrink, David Roy, Lorraine Thaemert, Dick Krahn, James Hagen, Carol Carlson, Lucille Farniok, Edna Ernst, Dolores Hoese, Kathy Ecklund, Myron Schuette, Harvey Ziermann, Lynn Zellman, Barb Grimm, Eldoras Schuette, Loren Splettstoesz, Barb Splettstoesz.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 17– Noah Luecke, Barry Uecker; 18– Kathy Franke; 19– Scott Theisen; 22– Grace Knutson, Greta Knutson; 22– Darin Bjerke, Cooper Eveslage, Marcy Gongoll, Bonnie Grimm, Ellie Lommel, Todd Stauffer, Hannah Thaemert.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: None this week*
- *Our missionaries: Todd Roeske and family (Alaska & Philippines), Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa). Seminarian Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne)*
- *Please remember Zion's call committee in your prayers as the call process continues.*



PRAYER MINISTRY– Zion's Prayer Chain is available for your use! To initiate a prayer, please call one of the following contact persons: Arleen Hoese (657-1049), Marlene Jopp (657-2398), or Sharon Buckentin (657-2549). You may also use prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers from prayer chain or during Sunday worship.

INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—We welcome children in the worship service! Worship Bags for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They're located at the balcony stairs.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$13,732.50; Debt Reduction: \$166; Help A Neighbor: \$150; Building Fund (Maintenance): \$20.00; Doxology: \$100.00 *Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first fruits of all your income. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10.*

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February 17 – Epiphany VI – Blessed are the pretty? Blessed are the popular, the prosperous, the powerful? The Author of Life does not evaluate according to productivity. Blessed are the poor (Luke 6:20ff.)! Blessed are the hungry, the weeping, the excluded and reviled ones among humankind! Blessed are the embryos, the elderly, and the incapacitated persons on account of the Son of Man who brings forth life where the world writes it off.

Sunday Adult Bible Class - "Back to the Basics"

With anything in life, we always seem to be going back to the basics. The fundamentals we may have learned years ago are just as vital now as they were back then. We rely upon what we learned in the past. We build upon what we learned in the past. We grow from what we learned in the past. Our learning of the Christian faith is no different. Though we may have been confirmed years ago, the basic building blocks, the six chief parts of the Catechism, are just as important now as they were back when we were confirmed. This class aims to provide both a review of the basics as well as practical faith learning that we can apply to the here and now of our lives. Join us for "Back to the Basics" in between services in the church basement on the Sundays through March 3. This will be taught by Pastor Gless.

Small Group Sunday Bible Study: Challenge of Islam. Join us as we use the Lutheran Hour video study on Islam to unravel their belief system as it relates to Christians. Between services at Christ Corner.

Lent Schedule:

March 6—Ash Wednesday 7:00 service with Holy Communion

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 - 7:00 services

April 14– Palm Sunday

April 18– Maundy Thursday 7:00 service with Holy Communion

April 19– Good Friday 7:00 service

April 21– Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise at Zion, 9:00 with Holy Communion at Mayer Lutheran High School

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Zion Church Directories— For those individuals/families that got their pictures taken or submitted photographs, your free directory is located in the narthex. If you did not have your photographs taken or submit a picture for the directory, but would like one, directories can be purchased from the church office for \$6.50 each. We have limited quantities of directories available.

Zion Mayer Dartball team: Our next game is Feb 26 at young America. Zion remains in first place after winning two out of three games against Hollywood. Whether you are interested in playing or have questions please contact Jason Hoesel at 952-334-9559 or 952-955-2331.



F.A.I.T.H. Sledding Event—Our next F.A.I.T.H. event is sledding at the Watertown Mayer Primary school! The event will be February 17th from 2pm-4pm. The gym will be available for keeping warm and snacks! This event will be canceled in the event that there is bad weather. We hope you will join us!

Please join us for Friendship Sunday, March 3rd. To celebrate the upcoming Ash Wednesday Service, we will be serving Southern biscuits (a sausage and cheese breakfast sandwich). Feel free to bring a friend March 3rd or, even any Sunday, to share in the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Financial Peace University—Begins March 3rd. Please sign up for the class by contacting the office or emailing zionfpu@gmail.com This will be a 9 session class! Financial Peace University is a program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth, and keep your own economy thriving. During this life-changing course, you will learn: To put together a monthly spending plan that really works, The step-by-step process for getting out of debt for good!, How to set financial goals and really communicate about money, And much more!

Lenten Suppers Join our Mission Board and Senior Youth as they serve Lenten Suppers before services March 6-April 10 beginning at 5:15 in the church basement. Free will donations.

Today is Food Shelf Sunday– Friends for Life in Watertown thank us for our abundant donation of 85 pounds of groceries that Helen delivered in January, plus \$70 and all the boxes of cereal Zion school students donated. Thank you for loving our neighbors.

Volunteers work at Bethesda Thrift store in Minnetonka Tuesday, Feb 19. If you can help out there, volunteers are needed. If you have items to donate, please place them in the NE corner of that narthex.

February Lutheran Witness turns its attention toward “mercy” as it explores how Lutherans show God’s love by working to meet the physical and spiritual needs around them. A copy of the February Lutheran Witness is in the narthex for you to take a look at. Subscriptions will be renewed within the next few months. Be sure to watch for updates here in the bulletin.

Luke 6:20-21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.” The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness. If you are poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there’s an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us peace and courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

Pork Chop Dinner—Sponsored by Carver County Lutheran Laymans League and Orphan Grain Train. March 10th from 11:00am-1:00pm. At Mayer Lutheran High School, free will offering. This fundraiser supports scholarships, Orphan Grain Train, and Lutheran Hour Ministries.

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"...

Zion's website www.zionmayer.org

Chapel offerings for second quarter go towards 363 Days (363days.org)

SALT SALES – If you are in need of salt, please use the salt sheets in the narthex, or call the school office, 952-657-2339. Thank you for your support!

Preschool and Kindergarten enrollment is now open to the public. If you have not turned in enrollment forms, please send the form and registration fee (\$85 preschool/\$100 kindergarten) to the office as soon as possible. This is a great time of year to be talking with others in our community about our school. Please have them call the school office or email Mr. Baumann (jbaumann.zion@gmail.com)



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during the week of February 17

Today:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
Monday:	No School ~ Office Open 8am-12pm & 1pm-3:30 PM	
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
	Volunteers at Bethesda	10:00 AM-3:00 PM
	Zone LWML Delegate Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday:	*March Newsletter/Calendar Items Due	
	Chapel	8:30 AM
	Midweek Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Midweek Catechesis	3:45 PM
	Ladies Bible Class	7:15 PM
Thursday:	Parent/Teacher Conf	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
	All Boards	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Senior Youth Group	4:00 PM

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless/Rev. Gerald Schwanke

Elder: Dale Kovar

Greeters: **Early:** Curt & Peggy Lundeen, Brian Grimm, Eugene Grimm, Boersma Family

Late: Leon & Joleen Guetzkow, Matt & Kristen Guse, Larry & Cathy Michaletz, Scott & Yvonne Hoes

Organist: Wanda Honebrink

Acolytes: Chloe Maetzold Jada Zajicek

Isaiah Wasser Ava Turner

Powerpoint: Austin Maetzold Duane/Tammy Smith