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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany ~ 01/19/2020

Divine Service Setting One, pg. 151

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-5
Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7
Epistle Reading: 1st Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42a

Sermon: "Called to be Saints Together (United with Each Other)" 1st Corinthians 1:1-9 Pastor Gless

8:00 AM Hymns:

"Shepherd of Tender Youth" LSB 864
"O God, My Faithful God" Vs. 1-3
"Filled With Joy, In Grace Abounding" [January Hymn of the Month]
"O God, My Faithful God" Vs. 4-6
"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

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, Lorraine Thaemert, Dick Krahn, Janice Krahn, James Hagen, Carol Carlson, Lucille Farniok, Edna Ernst, Dolores Hoese, Myron Schuette, Eldoras Schuette, Barb Spletstoeszer, Ralph Unglaub, Pastor Dean Mahlum, Jackie Mahlum, Joan Schwartz, Bruce Boettcher, Peggy Uecker, Pastor Dan Heuer, Lyle Hartwig, Liz Beiersdorf.**
- Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: **20-Roseanne Malberg, Tim Schuette; 21-Henry Quaas; 23-Nicole Baumann, Lauren Erdman, Shannon Gordon, Molly Hagen, Shelly Kahl, Amanda Rogtozke; 24-Marlene Magnuson, Marilyn McPadden; 25-Ryann Hoese, Andrew Lauseng**
- Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: none this week
- Our missionaries: **Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa), Nader Alaraj and Family (POBLO Ministries International), Seminarian Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne), Seminarian Dale Krienke (Fort Wayne).**

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$14,346; Help A Neighbor: \$100; Zion School: \$30; Building Fund: \$40; Debt Reduction: \$210.

GIVING OPTIONS



Offering Envelopes



Online Giving



Mobile Giving

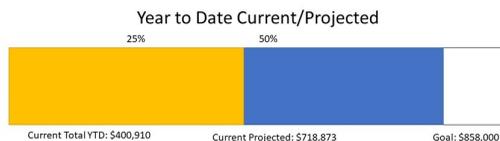
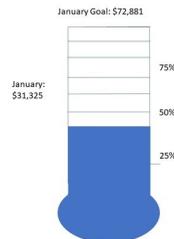


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Looking for more?

Sunday Large Adult Bible Class: January 19th will be a Seminar presented by Matthew Stener from the LCMS Foundation. There is no Bible class on January 26th due to National Lutheran Schools Week.

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class: We are finishing our current study.

Wednesday Morning Bible class meets at 10:00am in the church basement. Topic will be the lectionary readings for each week. Currently taught by Joel Landskroener.

Weekly Wisdoms

Life Thoughts of the Church Year-January 19 – Epiphany II – Did God really say, “Called me from the womb” (Isaiah 49:1)? Did God really say, “A light for the nations” (Isaiah 49:6) – all ages, appearances, and abilities? He is a God Who speaks, and His every Word gives human lives worth and purpose. Has He not also made our mouths like sharp swords (Isaiah 49:2), proclaiming the glad news of the Lamb whose sacrifice delivers (Psalm 40:9) from any surrender to death?

Stewardship Corner- John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’ ” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? Did they understand that God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never outgive God, for all that we have is His.

STEWARDSHIP IS INCLUSIVE, DEMANDING, AND JOYFUL! IT IS A WHOLE WAY OF LIFE!

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).

Stewardship is living out our commitment to Christ.



ZION EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Office—Annual reports are available in the narthex, via email, and on our website. Check out the new format! Please pick one up before the January Voters' meeting on January 23. All members over 18 are encouraged to attend. All February Newsletter/Calendar items are due to the office January 22nd.

Zion Dartball — last week, Zion Mayer won 2 out of 3 games against St. John's Hollywood. Zion Mayer and St. Mark New Germany remain tied in first place in the standings.

United in Christ - Zion's Stewardship Initiative through February 5, our congregation will be taking a deeper look into what it means to be privileged to serve as stewards of God's gifts given to us. During these four Sundays, there will be sermons, presentations, and special programs during the Bible Class hour that will help us to rejoice in the ways that God unites us as His people to both Himself and each other so that we may serve God's kingdom with the gifts He has given to us. Join us for what will be a joyous time of reflection upon the ministry God has given us now, while at the same time we look ahead to what God may have in store for us as we remain United to Christ while Sharing Hope and Teaching Christ.

Donations needed- The mission board will be collecting twin sheets & pillow cases for new students that will be arriving the end of this month at Lutheran School of Theology in Kenya. We will have a box in the back for your donations. Please bring sheet sets in new or good condition to the church or office by January 27.

Kenya Servant Support Breakfast-The mission board will be sponsoring a waffle breakfast for those individuals going to Kenya in February. It will be held in the school gym from 9:30am - 1:00 pm. Come support Lutherans In Africa along with Duane and Tammy Smith and Lyle Honebrink who will be working. More info to follow.

Finding Our Feet- Our next 0-5 evening class will be February 5th from 6:15-7:15pm at Zion School. Please find the registration link on our website. If less than three families register by Sunday Feb 1, we will cancel for the month. Come make new friends!

COMMUNITY EVENTS & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Peter and Kathy Meier of Mayer are leading a custom designed, unique “Biblical Study and Hiking Tour” of Israel, January 10-21, 2021. That seems like a long way off, but it’s time to start the planning! Besides, there are “early bird” savings you can take advantage of, so we want to make as many people aware of the opportunity as soon as possible. You are invited to join us on Sunday, January 19 - 7pm, at our home in Mayer (2439 Big Oak Lane, Mayer) for a gathering of interested people. We’ll talk about the trip and answer your questions as we begin to focus our plans for it. Please also invite any others to come who you would like to travel with! If you can join us on Sunday, January 19, please RSVP by email (kathy.meier@cui.edu) or call or text (952-994-7021) Kathy. If you are interested, but cannot make it to this gathering, please send an email letting us know of your interest. We would love to have you join us on this spiritual adventure!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is today, Jan 19. Our Life Sunday theme is based on Genesis 3 and John 6:68 “Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’” Our LFL-Lifelines chapter has a display in the narthex today. Stop by and check out our ministry. Over 100 attended our seminar last Saturday, to hear MN SO. District President Lucas Woodford speak on all the life issues, and how we can be involved in this Life Ministry. If you would like to support Lutherans for Life, please use the LFL envelope in your offering packet.

Pro-Life Breakfast– a joint fundraiser sponsored by Trinity Lutheran and Saint Joseph Catholic Churches in Waconia is Today at St. Joe’s School, serving from 8am-1pm. Free will offering. Pancakes, French toast, and more is on the menu!

Winter Indoor Walking–Mayer Lutheran High School is opening its fieldhouse on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for individuals to come in from the cold and get in some walking exercise. Fieldhouse doors will be open 6:30am-8:00am. Following your walk, feel free to stay for a cup of coffee and a treat by the fireplace!

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

“Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!”...

Zion’s website www.zionmayer.org ~ Chapel Offerings for the second quarter go to: **363days.org**. Chapel this week is Wednesday, January 22nd and will be lead by Pastor LaPlant.



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!



National Lutheran Schools Week January 26-31, 2020

Sunday—NLSW Joint Service @ Mayer Lutheran High School 9:00 AM

Join us for devotions every morning during the week in the school gym!

Monday-Lunch with your child/grandchild

Special dress days each day!

Chapel on Friday @ 2:00 PM

Bring a box of cereal for the Watertown Food Shelf

SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

Happening at Zion during the week of Jan 19, 2020

Today: Food Shelf Sunday & Life Sunday
 Worship/Holy Communion 8:00 AM
 Bible Class 9:15 AM
 Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Catechesis Meeting 11:45 AM
 Monday: No School/Office Open 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Tuesday: Quilters 9:00 AM
 Wednesday: February 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: Voters' Meeting 7:00 PM
 Next Sunday: NLSW Service @ MLHS 9:00 AM
 NO BIBLE CLASS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Ryan Schuette

Greeters: **Early:** Gary & Kathy Hoese, Scott Theisen, Dale Hoese, Mark & Pam Gutzke

Late: Ralph & Karen Unglaub, Bob & Robin Carlson, Dave & Heidi Olsen

Organist: Mrs. Helen Bunge

Acolytes: Noah Luecke Adam Erdman
 Ava Turner

Powerpoint: Wally Buckentin Duane/Tammy Smith

Join us next week, January 26th at 9:00 AM at Mayer Lutheran High School