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*Sharing Hope ~ Teaching Christ.*

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## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany ~ 2/20/22

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**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3-15**

**Epistle Reading: 1st Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38**

**Sermon:** "Grace To Be Kind To Yourself" Luke 6:27-38 Rev. Gerald Schwanke

**Hymns:**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" LSB 851

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LSB 398 [February Hymn of the Month]

"O Love, How Deep" LSB 544

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" LSB 706

## **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, James Hagen, Lucille Farniok, Edna Ernst, Dolores Hoese, Eldoras Schuette, Pastor Dean Mahlum, Jackie Mahlum, Joan Schwartz, Peggy Uecker, Pastor Dan Heuer, Lennon Ludwig, Marge Hoese, Connie Dulas, Connie Rikke, Arlene Steinborn, Mary Hilgers, Ed Gless, Jenny Maetzold, Laura Guetzkow, Curt Lundeen, Ken Quaas, Brian Rademacher.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 21-Grace Knutson, Greta Knutson; 22-Darin Bjerke, Cooper Eveslage, Marcy Gongoll, Bonnie Grimm, Todd Stauffer, Hannah Thaemert; 25-Liv Dewald, Chuck Maetzold; 26-Barb Grimm, Luke Vanderlinde,*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 20-Brad & Theresa Quaas (1); 26-Aron & Melissa Peters (17).*
- *Our missionaries: Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa), Seminarian Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne), Seminarian Dale Krienke (Fort Wayne), Seminarian Mark Esser & his wife Paige (St. Louis).*



**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): General Fund: \$12583; Help A Neighbor: \$100; New Building Fund: \$830.

## **GIVING OPTIONS**



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## *Looking for more?*

**Sunday Adult Bible Class:** in between services in the church basement.

**Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class**—“Be Still and Know-A Study of Rest and Refuge” based on Psalm 46. Please contact Carol Sue with any questions 612-710-2143.

**Connected in Christ**—Join us as we read through the Bible. Contact the office to be added to the email list. You will receive two emails a week; one with the weekly reading list and a weekly video devotion. Plus a Facebook group to keep us connected.

Connected in Christ



**Wednesday AM Bible Class**- It's back! For those looking into diving into the word during the week as we focus on the upcoming Scripture readings for the next Sunday, you are welcome to join us. Class runs from 10-11am in the church basement.

## *Weekly Wisdom*

**Life Thought in the Church Year —February 20 - Epiphany VII** - The Lord Jesus Christ means to destroy all that threatens any human life (1 Corinthians 15:26). This absolutely includes those who participate in abortion. Almighty God finds their lives just as precious as the ones that were lost. His Fatherly love removes their transgressions just as far as ours (Psalm 103:12-13). What better way to bless them (Luke 6:27-31) than to speak of it courageously and compassionately?

**Stewardship Corner—Luke 6:30-31** - “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus, and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

## ZION EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Outreach** board will be collecting Kleenex boxes and paper towels for the food shelf. These items will be delivered the month of Easter. If we could collect monetary donations it would go towards milk and eggs, that they would purchase. The box will be in the narthex.

**VBS Action Team** members needed! Please prayerfully consider sitting on the VBS action Team. The team consists of 5 members that work together to coordinate and facilitate our week long VBS program in June. If you are interested in being a part of this please connect the Church office or the Congregational Ministry team.

**Outreach Board** will be hosting a Friendship Sunday on Feb 27th after each service. A sausage breakfast sandwich (with or without cheese) will be served. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives to help pack the pews!

**F.A.I.T.H. Sledding Event**—Our next F.A.I.T.H. event is sledding at the Watertown Mayer Primary school sledding hill! The event will be February 27th from 2pm-4pm. Please join us for this annual event!

**Zion's Outreach Ministry and Senior Youth** attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston (July 2022) are hosting 6 Lenten Suppers at Zion. Supper will be served from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. which will give you time to get to the 7:00 p.m. Lenten Services. Each meal will be served with side dishes, milk, water, coffee, and dessert. Please come and support our ministries here at Zion! Wednesday, March 2 - Chicken Wild Rice Soup (Vegetable Beef Soup will also be available)



**Do you play an instrument?** Zion is looking to create a database of instrumentalists in the congregation who would be willing to play in the Divine Worship Services. If you play an instrument, and you are willing to share that gift with us at Zion, please contact the congregational office and provide your name, the instrument(s) you play, and your contact information. Thank you!



**Zion Sunday School Lesson** —This week’s Bible lesson is “A Shepherd Loves.” Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes “other sheep” (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David’s familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, “When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?”

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LWML-Mighty Mites** continue to work for God’s Kingdom. Today you will find the LWML mite box set out in the narthex for our “Love Offerings”.

**Today is Food Shelf Sunday.** Zion LWML coordinates the delivery of groceries to the Friends for Life Food shelf each month. They thank Zion for the 35lbs of groceries , quilts, and a cash donation in January.

**Lutherans for Life**—Our 2022 Annual Poster Contest for grades 4-8 will end Feb. 18, in our local Lutheran Schools. Each school may enter two posters from each grade. Carver Lifelines will meet Monday, Feb 21st at 1:00pm at the Trinity Lutheran Chapel room in Waconia to gather all the posters submitted. Posters will be judged in March.

## **ZION SCHOOL NEWS...**

***"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"...***

Zion's website [www.zionmayer.org](http://www.zionmayer.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!

**Registration** for Preschool and Kindergarten is now open. If you know of any families with children entering preschool or kindergarten, please invite them to take a look at Zion. Our open enrollment for new students in grades 1-8 will start on February 28. If you know of any families that are interested in Zion, please pass their information on to me. Space is limited!

**Zion's Scrip Program** is offering a special SALE on **KWIK TRIP** gift cards! Double your rebate through the month of February on all Kwik Trip physical cards purchased through the office. Stock up and earn a 10% rebate!

**Zion Lutheran School's seventh annual Auction for Education** is on Saturday, May 7, 2022. In order to make this evening a success, the auction committee is currently accepting donated items for the live and silent auction. There is a giving tree in the narthex with some ideas for donations. If you are so moved, you can take one of the leaves, purchase the item, and bring them to the school office. There are also donation and sponsorship forms at the table as well. Thank you for your support!

**Order your Zion Lutheran School Cookbook today!** The Cookbook features over 200 taste-tempting favorite recipes from Zion Lutheran School's students and staff. Orders can now be placed - \$20 for 1 book; additional books are \$15. These can make great gifts. The order form is in the back of church. Books will be available in May.

## SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

Happening at Zion during the week of February 20



Today:	Food Shelf Sunday	
	Worship	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM
Monday:	No School– Office Open 8-12 & 1-4:	3:30 PM
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 AM
	Adult Choir	7:30 PM
	Dartball	8:00 PM
Wednesday:	Chapel (Mussell)	8:30 AM
	Weekday Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Midweek Catechesis	3:45 PM
	Ladies Bible Study	7:15 PM
Thursday:	March Newsletter/Calendar Items Due	
Next Sunday:	Friendship Sunday	
	Worship	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM
	F.A.I.T.H. Sledding Event	2:00 PM-4:00 PM

### SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

**Worship Leader/Preacher:** Rev. Andrew Mussell (8am), Rev Adam Gless (10:30)/Rev. Gerald Schwanke

**Elder:** Wally Buckentin

**Ushers:** Early: Curt Lundeen, Boersma Family  
Late: Leon & Joleen Guetzkow, Guse Family, Larry & Cathy  
Michaletz, Scott & Yvonne Hoese

**Organist:** Autumn Staples

**Acolytes:** Braylin Stahlke                      Ellie Shipler  
Christopher Gless                      Carson Wasser

**PowerPoint:** Chris Farniok    Hailey Lauseng

**Livestream Operator:**

**Next Weeks Readings:** Deut. 34:1-12, Heb. 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36