

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Witness Always

**Search me, God, and know my heart...
Lead me in the way everlasting!**



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Prayer Before Worship *Dear Father in heaven, you reveal your will, that we be brought to you, freed from the power of sin, and belong to you forever. In all things draw us closer to you, growing in faith, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

This Week's Prayer List We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...James and Angie Block; Rodney, Ann, and Kaydra Boelke; Krianna Boelke; Karrington Boelke; Kenson Boelke; Lorraine Boelke; Robert and Evelyn Boltmann. We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy, for all difficulties meeting obligations, and a strong faith for every need.

Life is Important. Christians are pro-life and speak for human life and speak for the life the weak and powerless. Pray for our children and families and for those who struggle with life. Strengthen the weak, speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

A Door Offering will be taken to support Lutherans for Life, an organization which campaigns actively for pro-life causes. Support as you are able.

Prayer Request – Tanner Olson will have major surgery on his leg on Tuesday; following that, he will have a six-month recovery. We pray for the surgeons and staff at Gillette Children's hospital, in thanks for the corrective surgery, via their knowledge and skillful hands; we pray for a successful surgery and the months of healing; for comfort and strength for the family (Ronnie & Tiffany, Whitney, Tanner, and Mava), and for those who surround them with love and care; for God's goodness, despite life's troubles and anguish. In all things, we glorify God, in soul, mind, and body.

Kindergarten/Preschool Round-up will not be held as usual due to covid. Instead, if you or someone you know is interested please reach out to the office at 952-466-3379 or office@zion-cologne.org to answer any questions you may have or set up a tour. Letters will go out to members that have a kindergarten or preschool aged child.

- P** In the name of the Father + Son + Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P “I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C And you forgave the iniquity of my sin” (Psalm 32:5)
P “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9)
P You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
C You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
P You discern my going out and my lying down;
C You are familiar with all my ways.
P Before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
C You surround me: behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
C Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
P If I go up to the heavens,
C You are there!
P If I make my bed in the depths,
C You are there!
P If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
C Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me securely.
P If I say, Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,
C Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

*Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring # 823
Our songs of adoration. To Him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, power & praise Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.*

- P** For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.
- C** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- P** My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the womb: Your eyes saw my unformed body;
- C** All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
- P** How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
- C** Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; when I awake, I am still with you....
- P** Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- C** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.*

*He bought His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood, And as His Bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union And communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.*

P: Reflecting upon our transgressions, we pray...

Heavenly Father, as we cannot hide from your presence, so our sins are not hidden from your sight. We confess our sins and offenses, for we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from all sin. For you give us refuge and strength, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- P** God is faithful and just and he will forgive all who call upon him in truth. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I say your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Let your hearts not be troubled: Go in peace.

*Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing,
For our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought. Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.*

Collect of the Day Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Your servant listens* **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to you, O God.

*Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!*

Epistle Reading *Glorify God, bodily* **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to you, O God.

*Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.*

P Our Gospel Reading is from St. Mark, chapter 1.

C Praise be to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading *Jesus gathers and calls disciples* **Mark 1:21-28**

P This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C** Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!*

Children's Message

*As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.*

Sermon

The Blessed Choice

1 Corinthians 6:12

Some choices are easy, others are not, but...

1. Thank God for choices that clearly B_____.
2. Trust God for the ones that cause D_____.
3. In God Christians will find their R_____.

Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and ... give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Closing – Doxology

Finances

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2020)	-\$49,498.96
YTD Income	\$508,439.71
YTD Expenses	-\$441,158.06
Current Balance (12/31)	\$17,782.69

Missions:

Year to date total (12/31)	\$5,535.00
Budgeted	\$5,535.00
Non-budgeted	\$0
2020 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2020 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (12/31)	\$25,657.66
2020 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

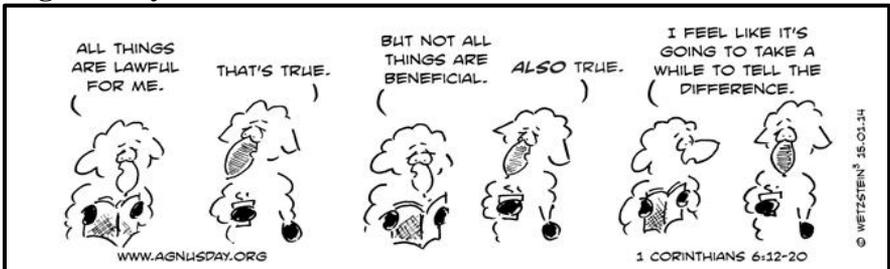
Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (12/31)	\$3,487.18
Suggested household contribution	\$550.00

Financial Giving Reports are available in the narthex (lobby). Please pick up your own statement as an official copy of your giving in 2020. Be sure to call if there are any questions or observations. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing in this ministry together.

Agnus Day

1 Corinthians 6:12-20



January 17th – 23rd

Sun, Jan. 17th
Mon, Jan. 18th
Wed, Jan. 20th
Fri, Jan. 22nd

Sunday Service 9:30
Council Meeting 8pm
Confirmation 6:15
Chapel 8:10

January 24th – 30th

Sun, Jan. 24th
Mon, Jan. 25th
Wed, Jan. 27th
Fri, Jan. 29th

Sunday Service Communion 9:30
Lutheran Schools Week
ZEL Meeting 6:30
Voter's Meeting 8pm
Confirmation 6:15
Chapel 8:10

Attendance for January 10th was 89 and 62 for communion.

Sermon Answers

1. Bless 2. Distress 3. Rest

Agnus Day

John 1:43-51



Lutheran Schools Week is coming up January 24th – 30th. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to educate our youth in an environment that nurtures in faith and Christian living. Thank you for your support which makes it possible.

Cook Position Available – Our wonderful cook, Betty, (one in a long line of wonderful cooks) is retiring at the end of this school year. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Mr. M at office@zion-cologne.org or 952-649-1717.