



**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 5, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

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Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Fifth Sunday After Epiphany - we are glad you have joined us for worship. Today we are invited to think about how and when light breaks into our world and our lives. Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we lose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ. You are welcome at Christ's table as we celebrate the feast of Holy Communion! Instructions on receiving Holy Communion are included in the service order.

PRELUDE

Jennifer Rosin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

+ Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

+ GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
Refrain
 glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
Refrain
 God; to make all things new.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray: Holy God,

with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord All Nations

Zion Choir

‡ WORD ‡

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING - Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
 and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm - 112:1-9 [10]

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land.
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

4 Light shines in the darkness | for the upright.
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending,
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken.
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors.
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers, and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the

Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+ GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

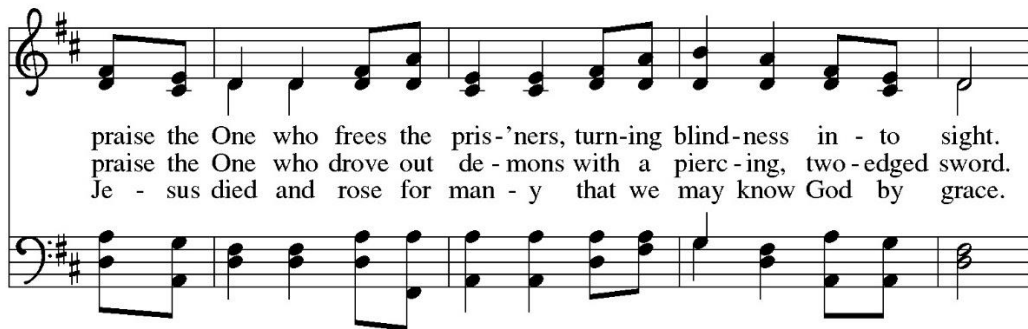
This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON



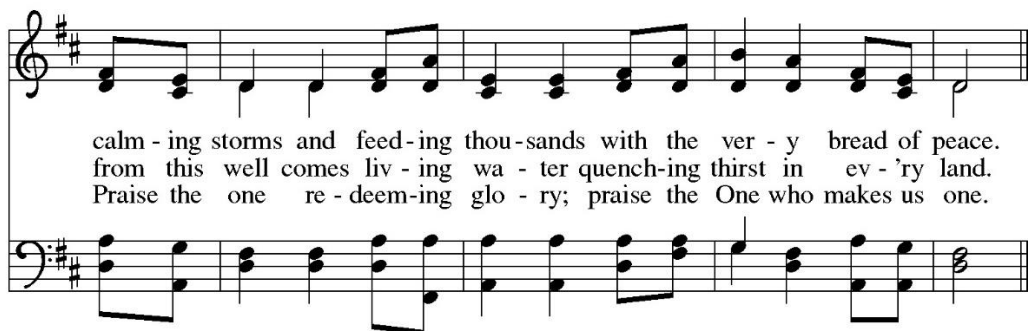
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

+ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy

Congregational response: Hear our prayer

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified and risen.

Amen.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We have online giving options available through Tithe.ly which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.

OFFERTORY

Jennifer Rosin

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

+ DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the Night

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

First Communion for Josephine Gillespie

This morning we will invite Josephine and her family to receive Holy Communion at the beginning of the distribution. We celebrate with her as she receives the body and blood of Christ for the first time!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW 336



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un-til you come a-gain.

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek not the food | that will pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love as the one | who, in love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one | who now dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink of this cup | and de - clare his death; | eat this |

thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing	Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness	of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger	and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you are re - born.

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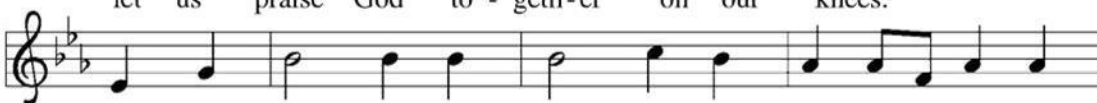
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN*Let Us Break Bread Together***ELW 471**

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN*Eat This Bread (repeat until distribution is complete)***ELW 472**

Refrain
 "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever. Amen

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
 we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
 Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
‡ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

Go, Make Disciples

ELW 540

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Rosin

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‡ Happening This Week ‡

SUN, Feb 5	<p align="right"> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study </p>
WED, Feb 8	<p align="right"> 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 6:00 p.m. FFN 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir </p>
THU, Feb 9	<p align="right"> 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Happy Joe's 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting </p>
SUN, Feb 12	<p align="right"> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30-11 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study </p>

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

DATE	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/22	2/26
ACOLTYES	Dalton Bozarth	Preston Schroeder	Mason Smith	Preston Schroeder	Jackson Evans
A.M./READER	Bob Nicolai AM	Jan Pohl AM	Rev. Bill Dyar AM		Marilyn Brisco Reader from the pew
COMM. ASST.	Shawn Baars	Julie Haage	Peggy Starkweather		Jan Pohl
HOSPITALITY	Senior Choir	Council	Finance/Stewardship		Worship

‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

Altar flowers this week were provided by Sara & David Reusswig.

This Sunday is Bag of Blessings. Please put your donation or check (made out to Zion with "Bag of Blessings" in the memo) or in the offering.

Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37.

First Communion

This morning we will invite Josephine Gillespie and her family to receive Holy Communion at the beginning of the distribution. We celebrate with her as she receives the body and blood of Christ for the first time!

Please Pray for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, Rose Marie Paul, Helen Stange and Billy Rueckert. The family and friends of Elaine Petersen. The family of Rachel Creamer for her Aunt Patricia McCleary.

Please fill out a communion registration card for 2023. Only one card per year needs to be filled out. This record is used to help create the voting roster for congregational meetings. Thank you!

The **Altar Flower Chart for 2023** has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones by dedicating the flowers for that week to them. The current cost is \$42.80 per week and can be paid directly to Hy-Vee or the church office. Sign up now while the dates you want are still available.

The **2022 Annual Giving Statements** have been mailed.

The next **Z book club** meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 5:30 PM at Diamond Dave's. They are reading a book called "The Keeper of Happy Endings" by Barbara Davis.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

Reminder: Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All-American Diner.

Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *The Greatest Story* and participant books are available. You are welcome to join us!

Christians Underground - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

Family Faith Night-Meets at Grace Lutheran Church Every Wednesday beginning with a meal at 6 pm. Groups begin at 6:20 pm with the night concluding at 7:30 pm. You and your family are invited to join as you are able. Talk with Pastor Willie or Tyler Baars to learn more.

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