

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE (LSB 184) FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM..... July 12, 2020

## RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*  
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

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**Greeting and Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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### [ Rise ] Invocation

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

### + The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution +

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord ..... Who made heaven and earth.*

*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. .... And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*O almighty God, merciful Father; ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.*

### Introit



[ Antiphon ] *The Lord is merciful and | gra-\_\_ cious, || slow to anger and a- | •bounding  
in stead-fast | love \_\_. || For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth, ||  
so great is his steadfast love toward | those who fear \_\_ | him.*

Verse 1: **As for man, his days | are like grass; || he flourishes like a | flow- er of  
the | field \_\_; || for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone, || and its |  
place knows it no | more.**

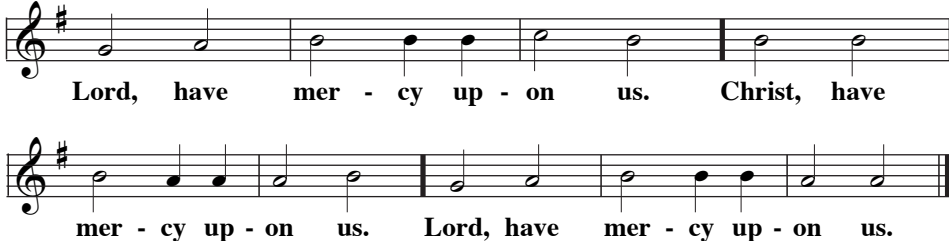


Verse 2: *But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on | those who •fear him•, || and his righteous- | ness to child- ren's | child- ren, || to those who keep his | co- ve- nant || and remember | to do his com- | •mand-ments•.*

Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | Spir- it; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever• A- | men!**

[ *Antiphon* ] **The Lord is merciful and | gra-\_\_ cious, || slow to anger and a- | •bound- ing• in stead-fast | love\_\_ . || For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth, || so great is his steadfast love toward | those who fear\_\_ | him.**

## Kyrie



## Gloria in Excelsis



1. *Glory be to . . . . . God on high: And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men*
2. *We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,  
bless Thee, we . . . . wor-ship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•.*



3. *O Lord God, . . . . . heav'n- ly King, God, the . . . . . Fa- ther Al-\_\_ •mighty,•*
4. *O Lord, the only- O Lord God,  
begotten Son, . . . . . Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son\_\_ of the •Father,•*



5. *That takest away the . . sin •of the• world, have mercy up - - - - - on\_\_ us.*
6. *Thou that takest away the . . . . . sin •of the• world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•*
7. *Thou that sittest at the right hand of . . . . . God the •Father,• have mercy up - - - - - on\_\_ us.*



8. *For Thou . . . . . •only• art •holy• Thou . . . . . on - - - ly art the Lord.*
9. *Thou, only, O art most  
Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father,• A-men.*

## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



A musical staff with a treble clef. It contains five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F#4, and a half note on E4. A slur is placed under the first four notes. The staff ends with a double bar line. Below the staff, the text "A ——— men!" is written, with a line connecting the "A" to the "men!".

**+ The Office of the Word of God +**

[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

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## Alleluia Sequence

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have

[ *The Gospel is announced.* ]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[ *The Gospel is proclaimed.* ]

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

[ Bow ] **And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen!**

**Hymn of the Day ..... Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast .. Burgundy Hymn 577**

## Sermon

[ Rise ] **Prayer of the Church**

*Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: ...*

[ After each petition ]: *Lord, in Your mercy:* ..... **Hear our prayer.**

[ After the final petition ]: *..., one God, now and forever* ..... **Amen.**

[ Be Seated ] **Offering** (please continue your regular tithes and offerings by mail, drop off, or online banking)

**Voluntary**

[ Rise ] **Offertory** ..... **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of  
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

**Preface**

*The Lord be with you.* *Lift up your hearts.*

And with thy spir-it. We lift \_ them up un-to \_ the Lord.

*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

It is meet \_\_\_ and right so \_\_\_ to do. \_

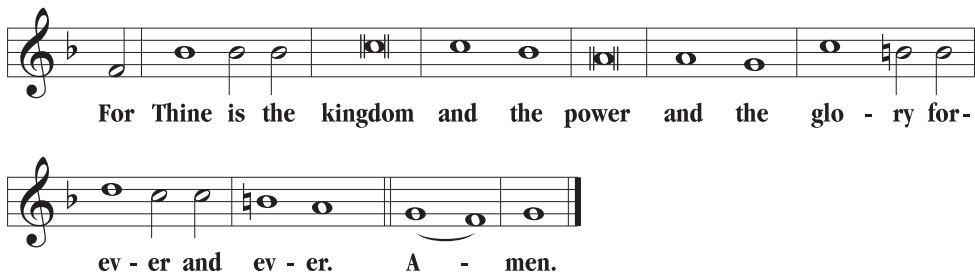
**Common Preface, Sanctus**

*It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that  
com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

## [ Kneel ] The Lord's Prayer

[ Pastor chants: ] *Our Father who art in heaven; ... but deliver us from evil.*

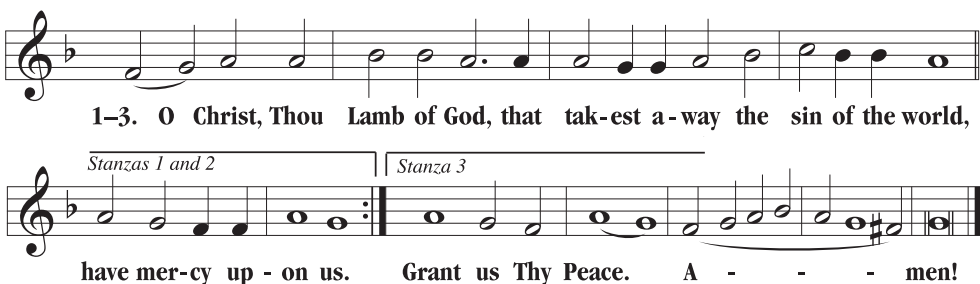


## Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



## Agnus Dei



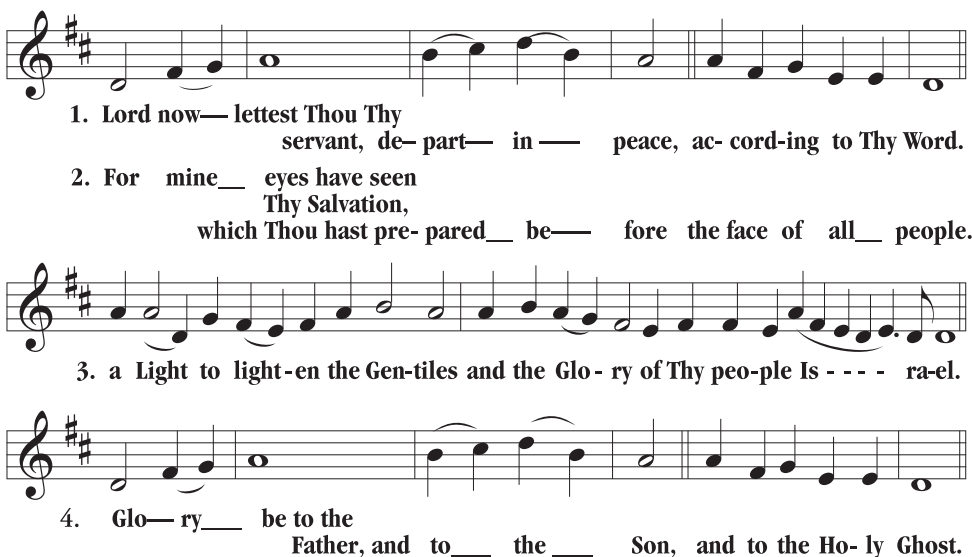
[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **Word of God, Come Down** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 545**  
**O Word of God Incarnate** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 523**  
**Almighty Father, Bless** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 923**

## Eucharistic Benediction

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

## Post-Communion Cantic..... The Nunc Dimittis

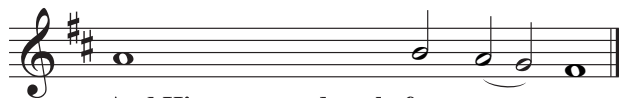




5. As it — was in the  
beginning, is  
now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Post Communion Rite

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A-men, A-men, A - men.

*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

## Recessional Hymn .....On What Has Now Been Sown ..... Burgundy Hymn 921

## Postlude

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## Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

### The Epistle is Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### The Gospel is Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much

soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” ...

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



## Hymns for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

1. Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
3. Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.
4. So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

### LSB545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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1. Word of God, come down on earth,  
Living rain from heaven descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty we revere You;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
2. Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav'n to die,  
Crucified for our salvation,  
Saving Word, the world restoring,  
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
Deaf we are: our healer be;  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken;  
Heal the world, by sin now broken.
4. Word that speaks God's tender love,  
One with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

## **LSB523 O Word of God Incarnate**

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.
2. The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
3. O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

## **LSB923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

1. Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
2. We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.
- △ 3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **LSB921 On What Has Now Been Sown**

1. On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
2. To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3. O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

## For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

### Morning Prayer

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Galatians 2:1-21

Galatians 3:1-22

Galatians 3:23-4:11

Galatians 4:12-31

Galatians 5:1-26

Galatians 6:1-18

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Isaiah 55:10-13

Judges 13:1-25

Judges 14:1-20

Judges 15:1-16:3

Judges 17:1-21:25

1 Samuel 1:1-20

1 Samuel 1:21-2:17

### THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of the Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

**The Our Father**

### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Kyle Nelson, Peter Wagner

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)

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Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,

Danielle Ramsey, Susan Mittelstaedt, Merideth Tournay,

Dawn Gill, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpner

## PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world; for the leaders, pastors, church workers, for those preparing for the Holy Ministry, and for Bethlehem Lutheran, calling a new Senior Pastor
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19 and racial strife, for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School on summer break and Concordia Theological Seminary in summer session, especially the new Greek students
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death, including Irene Nichols
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Shannon Roberson, Dwight Bieberich, Juanita Moore, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Charlene Young, Lucille Brandt, Shirley Bohner, Everett Beck, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Jill Stokes, Connie & Rick Meyer, Dick Hollman, Jim Reid, Joey Harrison, John Weber, Maurice King, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, and Claudia Southerland
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Virginia & Richard Hollman
- + For the gift of life for length of days, especially Carolyn Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, including Zackary Albersmeyer
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

## IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of Carolyn Wallschlaeger's birthday by her family. With the love, joy, & blessings of the Lord, the Altar Vases are given in celebration of the 61 years of marriage of Virginia & Richard Hollman since their wedding July 18, 1959. The Bud Vase is given by grandparents Rosie & Carl Albersmeyer in thankfulness for our heavenly Father's many blessings, especially for the gift of life of Zackary Albersmeyer on his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## CALENDAR

### July 12, 2020 thru July 18, 2020

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Pastor Punke to Peace for Voter's Meeting	Peace Lutheran
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### July 19, 2020

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** We continue to gather in Bauer Hall with an appropriate amount of distancing to continue the study of the Epistles of St. Peter (we had read through much of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter this Easter season). Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the fall with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark.

**FYI** Semi-annual giving statements are ready. You may pick them up at Julie Ganaway's Scrip table.

**LIFETOUCH** will be here on August 5 for those members who haven't had their pictures taken yet for the church directory. Times will be announced soon.

**THANKS** to everyone who has donated diapers. So far we have collected 2,200 diapers. We are still in need of newborn, and sizes 2, 5, and 6. If you would like to help with getting them bagged and ready, help is needed on August 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> from noon–2:00 p.m. Please contact TruLaine Starks at 260-441-0753 to "sign up."

**AROUND THE NATION** COVID-19 is still troubling many states. As of this writing, I don't know if we'll be able to move to Stage 5 on July 5<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. Regardless, let us continue to use caution as we gather; we must continue to love our neighbors. 1) Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should adhere to social distancing guidelines and remain cautious at work and in their communities; 2) Face coverings are optional, although *the Governor is promoting "Mask Up, Hoosiers!"*; 3) *Maintain social distancing guidelines in social settings — we're doing this still in church; try to offset yourselves* 4) social gatherings permitted in groups greater than 250. 5) Nursing homes visitation continues to be evaluated; K-12 schools operations to be determined.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY** We're working on filling important positions on councils and producing the budget. If asked to serve, please prayerfully consider it. And please continue to offer up your gifts to the Lord regularly and cheerfully. The Assembly is being planned for July 26 — lots of business.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's challenge verse is part of our funeral liturgy — Rom 6:3-4—"Do you know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Last week's verse was Matt 11:28.

**UPDATE FROM SHEILA:** Maurice was released from the hospital after 73 days. He had been on a ventilator for a month, in the ICU for a month, and in rehab most recently. He had been unable to walk at all and even now can stand with a walker for only 10 minutes at a time. He had just about every major organ except his heart and hearing affected. His appendix, gallbladder, and eyesight were all affected. His right hand at this point isn't working well, and he was to start therapy on his hand this week. His address is: Maurice King, 376 Quell Ct, 46845.

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# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Christian's Response to Sonship*

St. Paul, as was his custom, taught first the great chief articles of Christian doctrine—the law, sin, and faith, how we are to be justified before God and live eternally. As you have often heard and still hear every day, namely, that there are two points to be taught and preached: first we must see to it that faith in Christ is rightly preached, and second, that the fruits and good works are rightly taught and practiced.

Faith requires that we know what sin is, what the law is, what death is, and what it does, and also how we return to life and abide in it. This is the way Paul teaches in all his epistles; first concerning faith in Christ. First he plants the good tree, just as anybody who wants to have a good garden must have good trees. This is what Paul does; first he sets out the wild trees [cf. Rom. 11:24] and teaches how we should become good trees, that is, how we are to believe and be saved.

This he has been describing up to this point in the twelfth chapter. From here to the end of the epistle he teaches the fruits of faith, in order that we may not be false Christians, who have only the name of Christian, but rather real, true believers. This is the preaching concerning good works, which God commands . . . Here he is teaching concerning the works of Christians. Now, he is saying, now that we have been made rich through Christ the Lord, transferred from the dominion of the devil and the world to his kingdom [cf. Col. 1:13], that is, into the church of Christ; now that we have the Word and the sacraments, now that we have been baptized, now that we are sons and heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ the Son of God [cf. Rom. 8:17], who has given us eternal life, now it is necessary that we look to and really devote ourselves to the glorious calling and gifts.

*Luther's Works*, 51:372-3.

## **Zion Stay-Safe Rules**

- ✿ If you are sick, GO HOME or to the doctor.
- ✿ *If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, be especially careful. Still follow the rules.*
- ✿ Masks are optional in Back on Track Stage 4.5, but *they are recommended in the pews* because of prolonged exposure. The Governor is promoting “Mask Up, Hoosiers!”
- ✿ Continue to spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet); *offset yourselves so you’re not directly behind another*; use the transepts as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ Wash your hands often—20 seconds with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. An elbow bump for now, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Service bulletin and texts are printed as usual. Take them home afterward or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ *No offering plates are being passed.* You are invited to place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don’t forget your bank’s automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.

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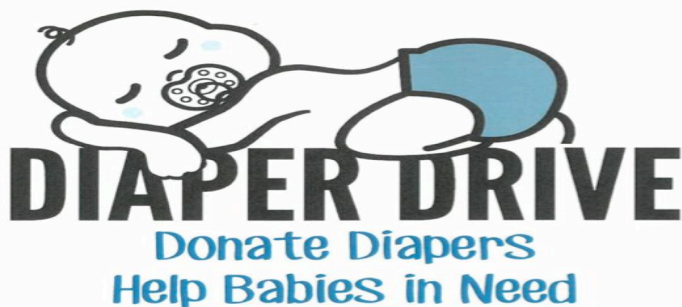


# **FAITH** IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

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As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.





**FACT:**

Households experiencing diaper need are an average  
of 19 diapers short a month

Zion is collecting diapers for the  
community diaper give-a-way event on August 29th.

ALL size diapers  
are needed, just bring your diapers to the church and place  
them into the  
bassinet. Last day to bring diapers will be July 31st.

\*Last year Zion Lutheran Church gave away locally 2652  
diapers which was 202 packages of diapers. But then, a  
crisis happened and the remaining diapers were shipped off  
to the needy families.

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