

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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

9:00 AM..... July 26, 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*

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

[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] *Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name; || make known his | deeds a- mong the | •peoples•! || Sing to him, sing | •praises• to him; || tell of | all his won- drous | works!*

Verse 1: **Glory in his | ho- ly name; || let the hearts of those who | seek the Lord re- | joice! || Seek the Lord | and his strength; || seek his | •presence• con- tin- ual- | ly!**

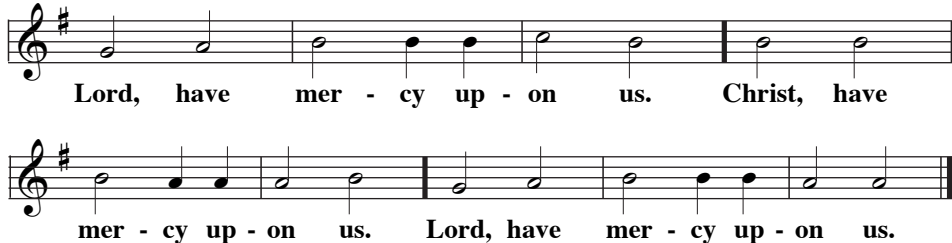


Verse 2: *Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, || his miracles, | and the judgments • he | uttered •, || O offspring of Abra- | ham, his •servant •, || children of | •Jacob •, his cho- sen | ones!*

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

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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 I 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 •



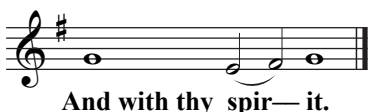
5. That takest away the . . sin • of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on____ us.
6. Thou that takest away the sin • of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our • prayer •
7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the • Father •, have mercy up - - - - - on____ us.



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 I • glory • of God the • Father • A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



A—men!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia!

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

[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: ...

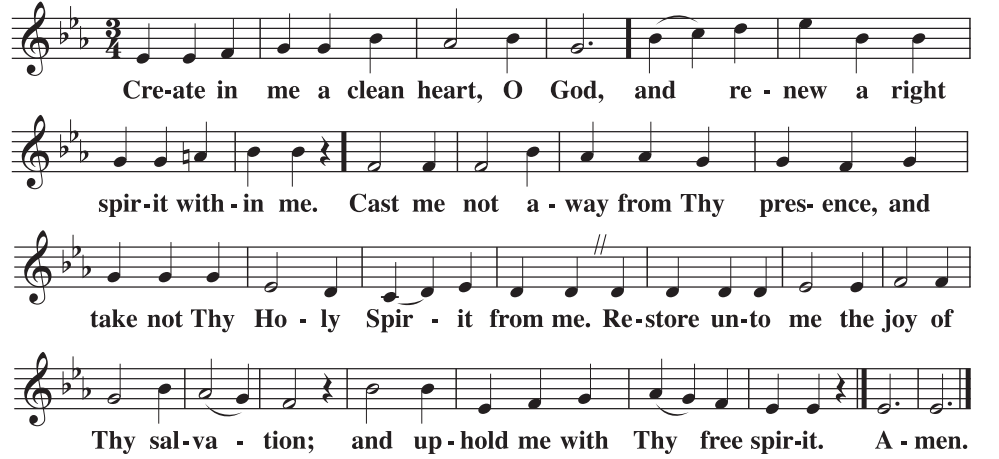
[After each petition]: *Lord, in Your mercy:* **Hear our prayer.**

[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.

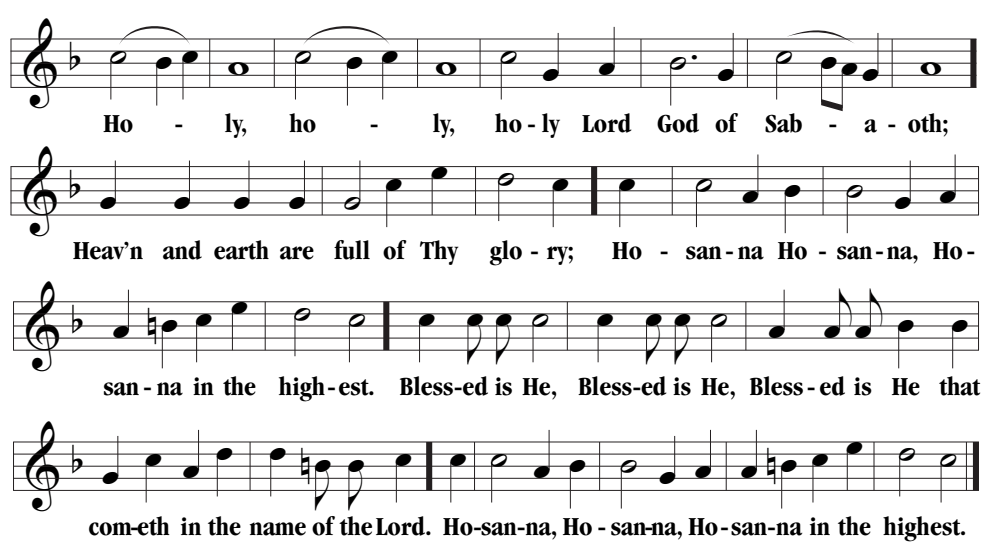
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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.*

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns**Built on the Rock** **Burgundy Hymn 645**
O Jesus, King Most Wonderful **Burgundy Hymn 554**
Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee ... **Burgundy Hymn 573**
[Rise for stanza 3.]

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 Canticle.....**The Nunc Dimittis**

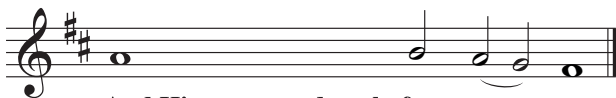
1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre— pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.
3. a Light to light— en the Gen— tiles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - ra-el.
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.



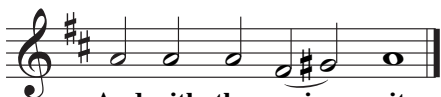
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

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 Father, We Thank Thee Burgundy Hymn 652

Postlude

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Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Deuteronomy 7:6-9

“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

The Epistle is Romans 8:28-39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel is Matthew 13:44-52

[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Hymns for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

Ludwig Hembold

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1. From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.
He stretches out His hand In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning Wherever I may stand.
2. When those whom I regarded As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed, God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.
- W 3. The Lord my life arranges; Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes All sorrows into joy.
So let me then be still My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit According to His will
- M 4. Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure In Jesus Christ, His Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!
- W 5. Praise God with acclamation And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing That will forever last!
- M 6. Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,
And though the day's grow rougher And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine, Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure, Forever shall be mine.
- Δ 7. For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come, To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in One!

LSB645 Built on the Rock

Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtwig

1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
2. Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
3. We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
4. Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
5. Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

LSB554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Bernard of Clairvaux

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:
2. When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.
3. O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
4. May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!
5. Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

LSB573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

Josiah Conder

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.
2. It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
- Δ 3. Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

LSB652 Father, We Thank Thee

Didache

1. Father, we thank Thee Who has planted
Thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,
Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
2. Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save it from evil, guard it still,
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it,
Cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands Thy church be gathered
Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

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 13:44-52

Acts 22:30-23:11

Acts 23:12-35

Acts 24: 1-23

Acts 24:24-25:12

Acts 25:13-27

Acts 26:1-23

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

1 Samuel 12:1-25

1 Samuel 13: 1-18

1 Samuel 14:47-15:9

1 Samuel 15:10-35

1 Samuel 16:1-23

1 Samuel 17:1-19

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!**

[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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-13

Matthew 14:13-21

The Eighth 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

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Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

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Melvia Culpher

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 and Peace Lutheran congregations, calling new pastors
- + 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, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, 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 Mark Hollman, Jill Stokes, Jessica Krause, Shannon Roberson, Dwight Bieberich, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Charlene Young, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie & Rick Meyer, Dick Hollman, Jim Reid, Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, and Claudia Southerland
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially James Daniel Wagner
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially for Mick DeSalvo's 16th baptismal anniversary.
- + 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving to the Lord for his many blessings by George and Lois Lange. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 16th anniversary of Mick DeSalvo's baptism by Ardis Behrendt. 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 26, 2020 thru August 1, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.		NO Administrative Council	I
WED	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

August 2, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	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 1st Peter this Easter season)—but not today. Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the fall with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY TODAY in Bauer Hall after Divine Service—lots of business: reports, budget, elections. All “communicant members in good standing who have reached the legal voting age of the State of Indiana” may vote in the Assembly. “[C]onfirmed members of Zion ... under the legal voting age of the State of Indiana are encouraged to attend” (By-Laws, Article III).

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Rebecca Wagner (and Annika) at the healthy birth of a son James Daniel Wagner, born 2:42 AM Monday. Baptism will be Aug. 2.

LIFETOUCH will be here on August 5 for those members who haven't had their pictures taken yet for the church directory. DaVanna & David Seifert will be in the Great Hall after service to sign you up. The available times are 2 PM – 7 PM.

THANKS to everyone who has donated diapers. We're nearing our goal. We still need newborn, 4, 5, and 6 sizes. If you would like to help with getting them bagged and ready, help is needed on August 4th & 6th, noon – 2:00 PM, and August 10th & 13th, 6 – 8 PM. Please contact TruLaine Starks at 260-441-0753 or DaVanna Seifert at 260-494-0803 to “sign up.”

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Positive cases in Indiana are still high. We recorded the second highest one-day total of positives recently (913 on 7/18) and our moving daily average is higher now (763) than back around May 1 when we were in lockdown. We've not had any issues at Zion; people are working hard at doing the right thing; that's good. Nevertheless, it has been on my mind that some might think that I'm not leading by example by not wearing a mask myself as I serve you. I meant and mean no harm. I have decided that, at certain times in the chancel, the assistants and I will start wearing masks. For example, we will don masks when we serve you the Lord's Supper. We will don masks when we are in close proximity to one another in the chancel (e.g., at the altar, but not at the lectern or in the pulpit). I will don a mask when I greet you after service, etc. I hope this decision is received as it is intended: for our good; and I hope you will think about doing the same.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse seems especially appropriate in troubled times — John 16:33—“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Last week's verse was Rom. 10:17.

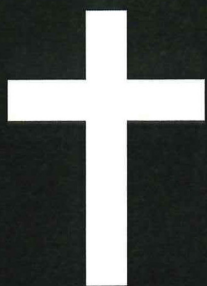
CROSS CONNECTION'S Spring Thing Event Is Now Going Virtual! They say: “We just want everyone to stay safe. We are still super excited to have Darryl Strawberry, MLB Star, as our guest speaker at our Virtual Event, **Tuesday July 28th at 7 pm!** Mark your calendars and plan to join us online from the comfort of your homes!” Join in on their YouTube channel (search for “cross connections spring thing”). They will also have a LIVE Auction! Bidding will begin on Monday, July 27th and will be open through Wednesday, August 5th. Go to <https://crosscon2020.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse> to browse auction items and bid.

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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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