Zion Fbangelical Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Lutheran Hormula of 1526

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Son of Peter and Rebecca Wagner
Born July 20, 2020

Reborn into Christ this Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2020

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To His disciples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'ry nation, And bring to them the Living Word And this My invitation: Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission And heav'nly bliss inherit."

All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it. Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit. For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing; The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing, Assuring his own pardon.

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MARTIN LUTHER'S ADMONITION TO THE BAPTISMAL PARTY AND THE CONGREGATION

"In all Christian earnestness I would ask all those who administer baptism, who hold the children, or witness it, to take this wonderful work to heart in all its seriousness. For here, in the words of these prayers, you hear how meekly and earnestly the Christian church concerns herself about the little child and how he confesses before God in plain undoubting words that he is possessed by the devil and is a child of sin and wrath, and prays very diligently for aid and grace through baptism that he becomes a child of God. Remember, therefore, that it is no joke to take sides against the devil and not only to drive him away from the little child, but to burden the child with such a mighty and lifelong enemy. Remember, too, that it is very necessary to aid the poor child with all your heart and strong faith, earnestly to intercede for him that God, in accordance with this prayer, would not only free him from the power of the devil, but also strengthen him, so that he may nobly resist the devil in life and death.

I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal. . . . See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God's Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, "Let us pray," he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God, . . . carrying the little child's need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper . . . to treat the matter with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil's tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God's own children, and brethren of Christ.

Ah, dear Christians, let us not value and administer this unspeakable gift so indolently and indifferently; for baptism is our only comfort and admits to every blessing of God and to the communion of all the saints. To this may God help us! Amen!"

+ THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

[The baptismal parties gather at the baptismal font during the Processional Hymn]

+ THE EXORCISM +

[The Lutheran Church retained The Exorcism from the historic baptismal rite because of the Biblical doctrine of original sin. "It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God."]

[To each candidate]

[To the congregation]

Let us pray: O Almighty eternal God, who according to Your righteous judgment did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood; and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family; and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of your baptism; and who through the baptism of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away for sins: We pray through Your same boundless mercy that You will graciously behold this James Daniel Wagner and this Elias Mark Nelson, and bless them with true faith in their spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in them from Adam, and which they themselves have added thereto, may be drowned in them and engulfed, and that they may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom, and serve Your name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers they may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise;

[To each candidate]

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

[God does bring blessings to those who are baptized, including infants: "It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him."]

The Holy Gospel of St. Mark......Glory be to You, O Lord!

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, he shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them [Mark 10:13-16].

This is the Gospel of the Lord! Praise be to You, O Christ!

+ THE OUR FATHER and THE BLESSING +

[In Holy Baptism, God is at work. It is a Sacrament, a divine activity, through which He gives His blessing: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."]

[We pray together for God's blessing on the candidates]
Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen!

[To the candidates]

+ THE CONFESSION OF THE FAITH +

[Baptism is based on the command and promise of Christ, who causes Baptism to bring saving grace to the candidates by the power of the Word: "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."

[To the sponsors, the parents, and the congregation]

Because these candidates cannot answer for themselves, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows upon these candidates in and through Baptism:

Do you renounce the devil? I do renounce him! and all his works? I do renounce them! and all his ways? I do renounce them!

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

[To each candidate]

Do you desire to be a baptized and forgiven person?...... I do!

+ THE BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY TRINITY +

[Through Holy Baptism poor sinners are adopted into God's family in the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: "Without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."]

James Daniel Wagner | Elias Mark Nelson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! .. Amen!

[The baptismal parties return to the pews]

+ A FINAL NOTE FOR BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS +

"What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

[Explanatory notes contain quotations from two primary statements of what Lutherans believe, teach and confess: The Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.]

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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.

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

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.

Entrance Hymn To Jordan Came the Christ (LSB 406: st. 5 & 7)



- 1. To His dis ci ples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev' ry na tion,
- 2. All that the mor tal eye be holds Is wa ter as we pour it.



And bring to them the liv - ing Word And this my in - vi - ta - tion:

Be - fore the eye of faith un-folds The pow'r of Je - sus' mer - it.



Let ev'-ry one a - ban - don sin And come in true con - tri - tion For here it sees the crim - son flood To all our ills bring heal - ing:



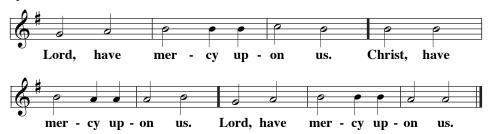
To be bap-tized and there-by win Full par-don and re-mis - sion The won-ders of His pre-cious blood The love of God re-veal - ing,

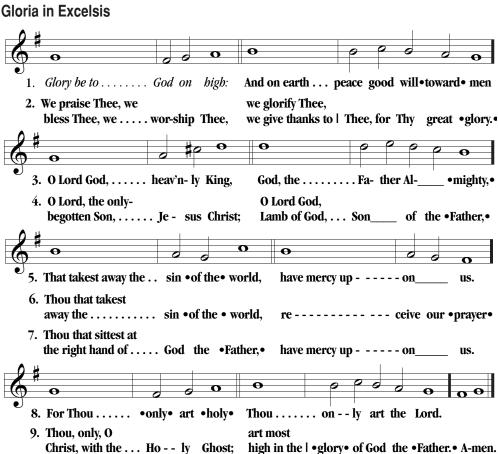


As - sur - ing his own par - don.

The Rite of Holy Baptism (The Lutheran Formula of 1526)...... Insert







Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though* we do not deserve Your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your bene ts, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ The Office of the Word of God + [Be Seated]

..... Isaiah 55:1-5 Old Testament Reading Epistle of the Day Romans 9:1-13 [After the reading] This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. + Page 2 +

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia!



Holy Gospel St. Matthew 14:13-21



Hymn of the Day O Living Bread from Heaven Burgundy Hymn 642

Sermon

Installation of Officers

[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



+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

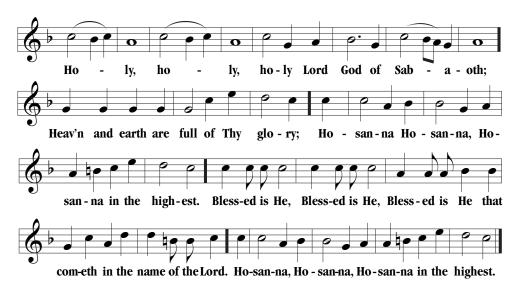


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



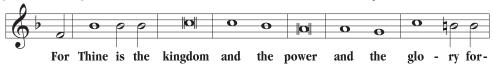
Common Preface, Sanctus

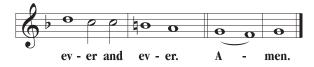
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



[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]

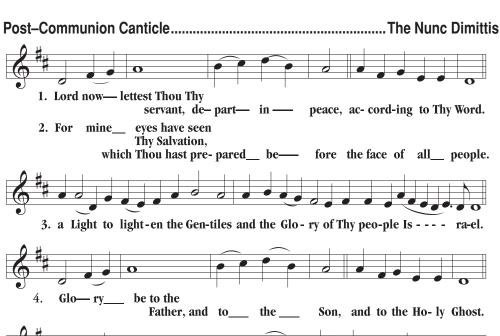
Distribution Hymns Soul, Adorn Yourself Burgundy Hymn 636

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanzas 3 & 5;

Men alone sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8.]

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread .. Burgundy Hymn 625

Eucharistic Benediction

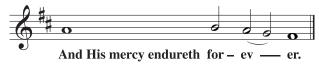




5. As it ___ was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

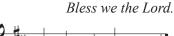
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.







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 Φ give you peace.



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 Now Thank We All Our God Burgundy Hymn 895 Postlude



Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;

my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

The Epistle is Romans 9:1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: "About this

time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

The Gospel is Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men. besides women and children.

Hymns for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB406 To Jordan Came the Christ our Lord (sts. 5 & 7) — See Service Bulletin

LSB642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Johann Rist

- 1. O Living Bread from heaven, How well You feed Your guest! The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
- 2. My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
- 3. You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
 And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
 My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
 And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.
- 4. Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear. And when You call my spirit To leave this world below, I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

LSB636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with GladnessText (sts. 1, 4-5) © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship* Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
 And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 for with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
 Open wide the gates before Him,
 Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.
- W 3. He who craves a precious treasure
 Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
 Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
 None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ's true body, for you riven,
 And His blood, for you once given.
- M 4. Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it fees are countless:
 With the choicest wine of heaven
 Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- W 5. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

- M 6. Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessèd food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
 - 7. Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish.
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
 - 8. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

LSB625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Johann Rist

- Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving Bread, May I in grace possess You.
 Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.
 Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored, Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2. To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me; Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me. Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.
- 3. O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition. Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily, Assured of Your full pardon.

4. I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me; In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me. In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously, O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

LSB895 Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinckart

- Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- 3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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	DAILY LECTIONARY	Evening Prayer
Matthew 14:13-21	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5
Acts 27:9-26	Monday	1 Samuel 17:48-18:9
Acts 27:27-44	Tuesday	1 Samuel 18:10-30
Acts 28:1-15	Wednesday	1 Samuel 19:1-24
Acts 28:16-31	Thursday	1 Samuel 20:1-23
1 Corinthians 1:1-25	Friday	1 Samuel 20:24-42
1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16	Saturday	1 Samuel 24:1-22

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:

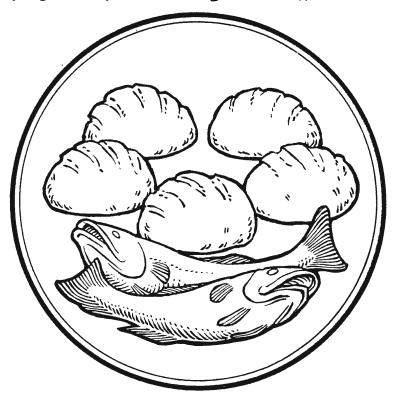
- [M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy,hear our prayer. Amen!
- [T] For the tempted; for the addicted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

- [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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:4-18 Romans 10:5-17 Matthew 14:22-33

The Ninth 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.

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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 who prepare to return 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 Hadley Schumacher, 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, especially Ed & Janice Grim.
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially for Alyssa Seifert and Elias Mark Nelson
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially James Daniel Wagner and Elias Mark Nelson
- + 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 63rd wedding anniversary of Ed & Janice Grim. The Altar Vase is given in celebration of the 19th birthday of Alyssa Seifert by her parents David & DaVanna Seifert. 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

August 2, 2020 thru August 8, 2020

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SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church	
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall	
MON.		•		
TUES.	NOON	Diaper Packing with TruLaine	Bauer Hall	
	7:00 PM	Council of Elders	Conference Room	
WED	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church	
THURS.	NOON	Diaper Packing with TruLaine	Bauer Hall	
	6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS	
FRI.				
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church	
August 9, 2020				
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church	
55.4.	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.

CONGRATULATIONS this week to Kyle and Stephanie Nelson (and Maria) at the healthy birth of a son Elias Mark Nelson, born 5:17 AM Monday. Today we welcome both Elias and James Daniel Wagner, born last Monday, into Christ's eternal kingdom by Holy Baptism, the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

INSTALLATION of new officers is today after the sermon.

LIFETOUCH changed the date on us. They will now be here on September 15 for those members who haven't had their pictures taken yet for the church directory. Please see David or Davanna Seifert to sign up.

THANKS to everyone who donated diapers. We hit our goal and more. Now we need help with getting them bagged and ready to give away. Help is needed this Tuesday and Thursday, noon -2:00 PM, and August 10^{th} & 13^{th} , 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: The curve for positive cases is bending back down a little after hitting highs in Indiana last weekend. That's good. And Allen County has stayed pretty constant. Moreover, deaths have not seen a corresponding rise as yet. That's good too. The state is under the governor's mask mandate, but churches are exempt. Nevertheless, we'll continue to do our part at Zion to be safe. Last Sunday, the participants in the chancel wore masks (if physically and medically able). We'll continue that for now, but with some adjustments. 1) We will wear masks during the procession in and out; 2) Deacon and Sub-deacon will move to the side (in choir) right away to distance—no masks; 3) I will wear the mask at the altar for Holy Communion; 4) We will all wear masks for the distribution of Christ's body and blood. 5) I will still wear a mask to greet you after Divine Service.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse also seems especially appropriate in these times —1 Thess. 5:16-18—"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Last week's verse was John 16:33.

THE FORT WAYNE LUTHERAN is looking for an editor who can take the reins on January 1, 2021. Requirements for the new editor are in The Fort Wayne Lutheran newspaper, or go to myfwl.org. Those interested may send a resume to Donna Volmerding at fwlutheran@comcast.net or Mark Dolde at treasurer@myfwl.org.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Head Softball Coach. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

FORT WAYNE LWML THREE ZONE RALLY will be held Saturday, September 19, 2020, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 3705 S. Anthony Blvd. Registration and breakfast are at 8:30 am. Registration fee is \$6.00.

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Zion Stay-Safe Rules

- If you are sick, GO HOME or to the doctor.
- Still, if you are over 65 or immunocompromised, be especially careful. Follow the rules.
- You may want to wear a mask for the sake of neighbor.
- Please 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. We are using hymnals again.
- Still, no offering plates will be passed. You are invited to place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex.
- * Holy Communion will continue with stations for now. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.

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.