Zion Fbangelical Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Lutheran Formula of 1526

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Born July 20, 2020

Reborn into Christ this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2020

Sponsors: Pastor Tyler and Olga LaGrave Zion Lutheran Church, Annandale, MN

All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation; Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation. Through Christ's redemption they will stand Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit. Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit. Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

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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 party gathers 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 the candidate]

 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 bless him with true faith in his spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in him from Adam, and which he himself has added thereto, may be drowned in him and engulfed, and that he 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 he may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord...... Amen!

[To the 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 candidate]
The Lord preserve your	going out and coming in now and forev-
ermore	

+ 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 this candidate cannot answer for himself, 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 this candidate 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.

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."]

[The baptismal party returns 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

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

9:00 AM August 9, 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.

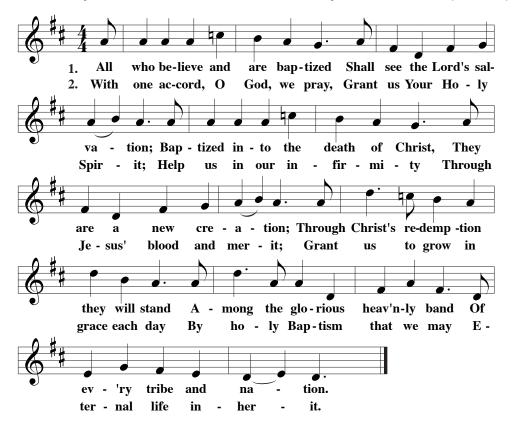
Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one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

H = 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!

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 All Who Believe and Are Baptized (LSB 601)



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

Kyrie



The Lord be with you.



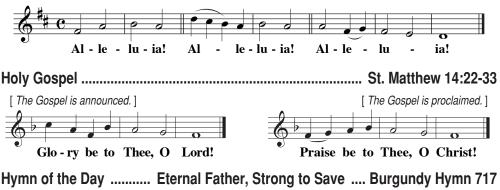
Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[Be Seated]	+ The Office of the Word of (God +
	eading his is the word of the Lord	
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[After the reading] The	his is the word of the Lord	Thanks be to God.

[Rise] Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Alleluia!



[Stanzas 1, *2, *3, and 4]

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: ...

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

Voluntary



Preface

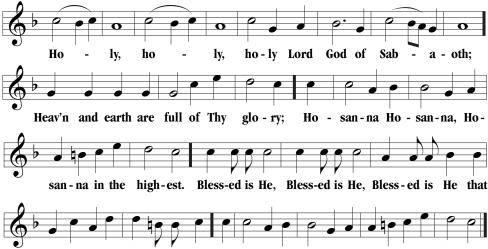


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Common Preface, Sanctus

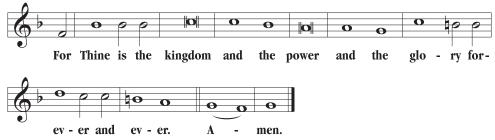
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



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!



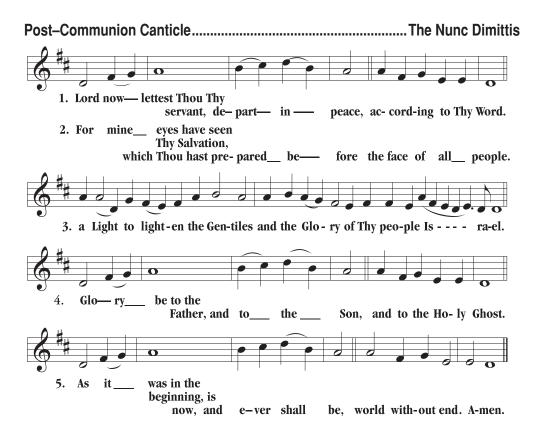
Agnus Dei



God Moves in a Mysterious Way Burgundy Hymn 765

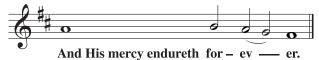
In God, My Faithful God Burgundy Hymn 745

Eucharistic Benediction



Post Communion Rite

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.



Bless we the Lord.

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.



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 Praise the One who Breaks Burgundy Hymn 849 Postlude

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Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Job 38:4-18 [The LORD said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements-surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

The Epistle is Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?"" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?"" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

The Gospel is Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Hymns for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized — See Service Bulletin

LSB717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

William Whiting

- Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave, Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- *2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word, Who walkedst on the foaming deep And calm amid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- *3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude, And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace: O hear us when we when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-soe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

LSB722 Lord Take My Hand

Julie von Hausmann

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 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way; Direct, protect and feed me From day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

- Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near. Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe, For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessèd Friend; So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

LSB765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

William Cowper

- 1. God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.
- 2. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence Faith sees a smiling face.
- 3. His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding ev'ry hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
- 4. Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.
- 5. You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head.

LSB745 In God, My Faithful God Veer schöne nye Geistlike Leder, Lübeck

- In God, my faithful God, I trust when dark my road; Great woes may overtake me, Yet He will not forsake me. My troubles He can alter; His hand lets nothing falter.
- My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not despair. I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock nothing moves me. To Him I will surrender, To Him, my soul's defender.
- If death my portion be, It brings great gain to me; It speeds my life's endeavor To live with Christ forever. He gives me joy in sorrow, Come death now or tomorrow.
- O Jesus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word, You suffered death to save us Because Your love would have us Be heirs of heav'nly gladness When ends this life of sadness.

 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day. Dear Lord, we all adore You, We sing for joy before You. Guide us while here we wander Until we praise You yonder.

LSB849 Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness Rusty Edwards Text © 1987 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

- Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong yet gentle word; Praise the One who drove out demons With a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand; From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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 14:22-33	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:4-18
1 Corinthians 4:1-21	Monday	1 Samuel 25:23-44
1 Corinthians 5:1-13	Tuesday	1 Samuel 27:1-28:2
1 Corinthians 6:1-20	Wednesday	1 Samuel 29:1-30:30
1 Corinthians 7:1-24	Thursday	1 Samuel 31:1-13
1 Corinthians 7:25-40	Friday	2 Samuel 1:1-27
1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Saturday	2 Samuel 5:1-25

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaish 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Matthew 15:21-28

The Tenth 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 Jessica Krause, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Jill Stokes, 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
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed, especially William Bengs
- + 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Altar Vase is given in loving memory of William Bengs by his loving wife Clarann Bengs. 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.

<u>CALENDAR</u>

August 9, 2020 thru August 15, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church	
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall	
MON.	6:00 PM	Diaper Packing with DaVanna	Bauer Hall	
TUES.				
WED		Return to school	LSUS & CLHS	
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church	
THURS.	6:00 PM	Diaper Packing with DaVanna	Bauer Hall	
FRI.				
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church	
August 16, 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.

BAPTISM As I write this, we are preparing for a baptism and praying that we will be able this Sunday to welcome James Daniel Wagner by the washing of water and the word into Christ's kingdom. James was born July 20 to Peter and Rebecca Wagner.

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 MAY BE needed this Monday and Thursday 6 - 8 PM. Please contact TruLaine Starks at 260-441-0753 or DaVanna Seifert at 260-494-0803 to "sign up."

ZION'S ANNUAL PICNIC is ordinarily held in the month of August. This is a fun event, but not a necessary one for the church. Due to COVID concerns and with sadness, Zion's leadership thought it prudent that this year's picnic be cancelled.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: The governor's mask mandate went into effect for the state on July 27, almost two weeks ago. We haven't seen a significant decrease in the number of COVID positive cases, yet. Hopefully, we will soon. Praise God, we have not seen an increase in the number deaths statewide corresponding to the increase in positives. Allen County needs to improve. We have a higher positivity rate than many counties (positives per tests administered). Zion needs to stay vigilant, too. We cannot let down our guard. If you are able to wear a mask in the pews, you should. In the pew is your greatest chance of prolonged exposure. Chancel participants will wear masks (if physically and medically able) as we did last Sunday. That worked pretty well. 1) We will wear masks during the procession in and out; 2) I will wear the mask at the altar for Holy Communion; 3) We will all wear masks (as able) for the distribution of Christ's body and blood. 4) 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 Timothy 1:15 "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." Last week's verse was 1 Thess. 5:16-18.

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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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