

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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

9:00 AM..... August 16, 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] *The LORD is the strength | of his •people•; || he is the saving refuge | of__ his a- | noint- ed. || Oh, save your people and bless your | her- i- tage! || Be their shepherd and | car- ry them for- | •ever•.*

Verse 1: **To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me, || lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who | go down to the | pit__ . || Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help, || when I lift up my hands toward your most | ho- ly sanc- tu- | •ary•.**



Verse 2: *Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my | pleas for •mercy•. || The LORD is my | strength__ and my | shield__ ; || in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped; || my heart exults, and with my song | I give thanks to | him..*

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

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Kyrie



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



Lord__ have mer - cy up - on__ us.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God _ the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



O Lord, the on-ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



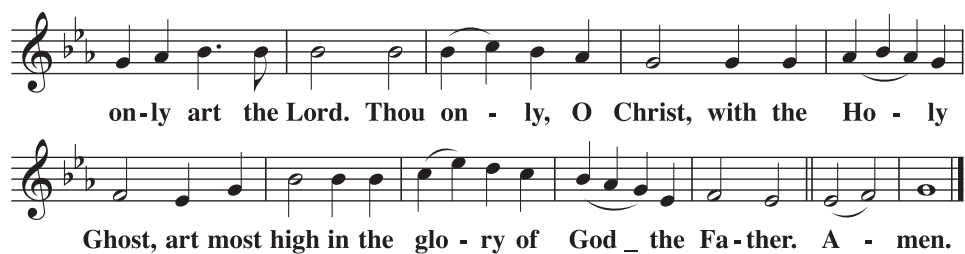
world, have mer-cy up - on__ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the

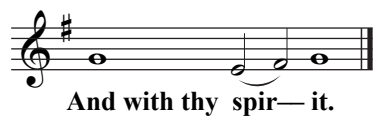


Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on__ us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: *Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 +

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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

Epistle of the Day Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

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

[Rise]

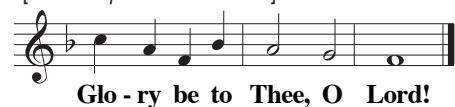
Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia!*

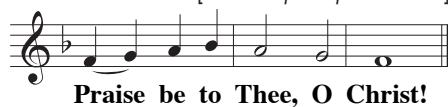


Holy Gospel St. Matthew 13:44-52

[The Gospel is announced.]



[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with

glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen!

Hymn of the Day When In The Hour Burgundy Hymn 615

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

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

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

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

Voluntary

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

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

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

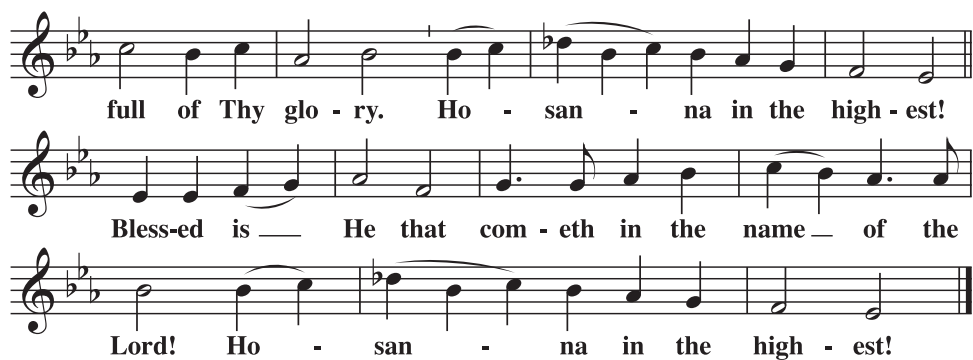
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

Common Preface, Sanctus

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

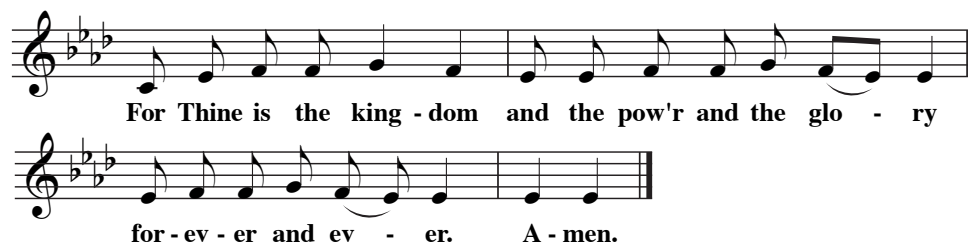
Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are



full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless-ed is — He that com - eth in the name — of the
 Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[Kneel] **The Lord's Prayer**

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



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry
 for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

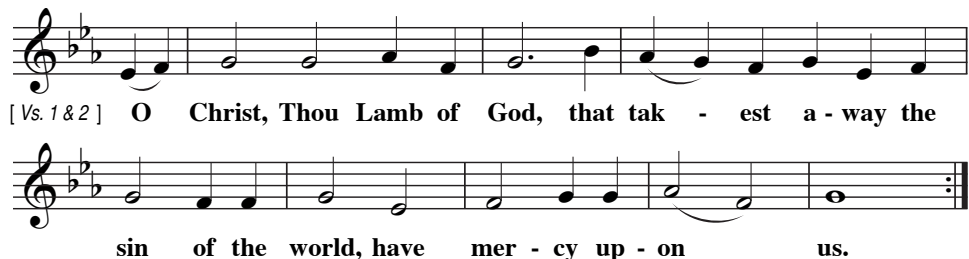
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

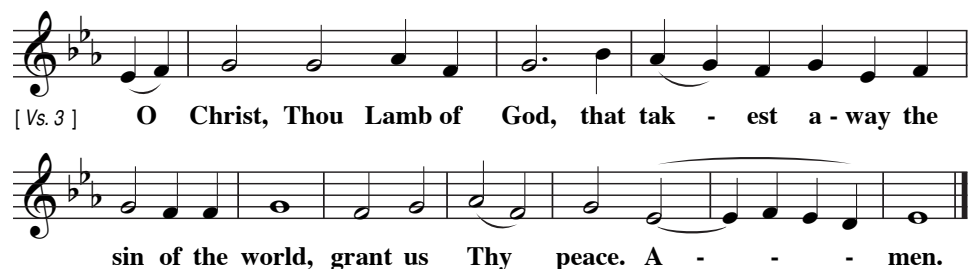


A - men

Agnus Dei



[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
 sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
 sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Entrust Your Days and Burdens ... Burgundy Hymn 754

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4;
 All sing stanzas 5 & 6; Sung to the hymn tune, "Herzlich tut mich verlangen".]

A Multitude Comes Burgundy Hymn 510

May God Bestow on Us Burgundy Hymn 823

[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.



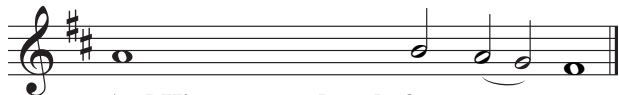
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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 Come, My Soul, with Burgundy Hymn 779

Postlude

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Reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

The Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ...

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

The Gospel is Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hymns for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

LSB615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

Paul Eber

1. When in the hour of deepest need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
No help or counsel yet have brought.
2. Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue from our misery.
3. For You have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.
4. And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.
5. O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
6. So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

LSB754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

Paul Gerhardt

(tune Herzlich tut mich verlangen)

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1. Entrust your days and burdens To God's most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land.
For He who guides the tempests Along their thund'rous ways
Will find for you a pathway And guide you all your days.

2. Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure.
Make His work your foundation That your work may endure.
No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care
Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.
- W 3. Take heart, have hope, my spirit, And do not be dismayed;
God helps in ev'ry trial And makes you unafraid.
Await His time with patience Through darkest hours of night
Until the sun you hoped for Delights your eager sight.
- M 4. Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping, With wonder-working pow'rs
Will banish from your spirit What gave you troubled hours.
5. O blessed heir of heaven You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.
6. Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

LSB510 A Multitude Comes from the East ... Magnus Brostrup Landstad

1. A multitude comes from the east and the west
To sit at the feast of salvation
With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest,
Obeying the Lord's invitation.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
2. O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call
In accents persuasive and tender,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
And find Him, our mighty Defender.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
3. All trials shall be like a dream that is past,
Forgotten all trouble and mourning.
All questions and doubts have been answered at last,
When rises the light of that morning.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

4. The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand
Than ever on earth was recorded.
The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand
The crown to the victors awarded.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

LSB823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Martin Luther

1. May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.
2. Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.
- Δ 3. O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

LSB779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

John Newton

1. Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.
2. Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.
3. With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.
4. Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.
5. While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.
6. Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death..

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 15:21-28

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

1 Corinthians 12:14-31

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

2 Samuel 7:1-17

2 Samuel 7:18-29

2 Samuel 11:1-27

2 Samuel 12:1-25

1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35

1 Kings 2:1-27

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

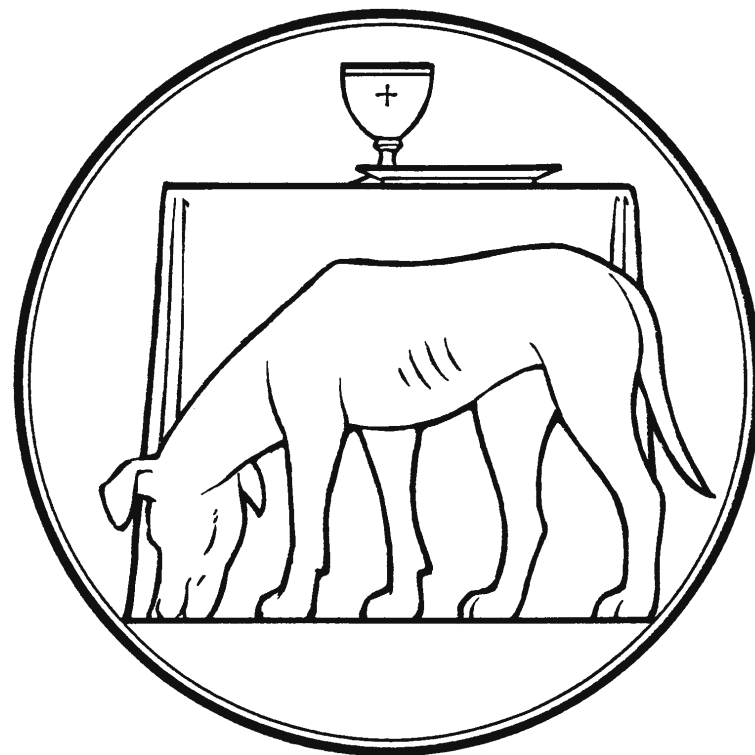
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Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 11:33-12:8

Matthew 16:13-20

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor

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The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

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; Peace called Rev. Kevin Mann of Henning, MN, and Bethlehem has called Rev. Dr. Christopher Jackson of Forestville, WI
- + 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, especially Celesta Kaiser
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + 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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 14th birthday of Celesta Kaiser by her grandparents Janeen and David Kaiser. 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 16, 2020 thru August 22, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.			
WED	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	10:30 AM	Confessions Study	Bauer Hall
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

August 23, 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). Today Seminarian Peter Wagner will begin to lead us into 1 Peter, chapter 2. Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the fall with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark.

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.

HELP: since we are doing a "Drive thru" diaper give away on Saturday, August 29th, noon until 3, we are asking for some of the young people to step up and be car runners. Masks are required. 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.

SCHOOL has begun in most area schools. Be mindful of that as you drive around. Things are a little different at LSUS right now. For now, devotions are being done by YouTube video. Access to the school is being limited in order to reduce the danger of others bringing the coronavirus into the school.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: A "contact tracer" informed your pastor on Tuesday that he had come in contact with a staff member of a nursing home who later tested positive to COVID-19. It had been a week since this momentary encounter. His doctor asked him to self-quarantine for four additional days (these days, ten days of quarantine are sufficient). He worked from home through the end of the week monitoring his general health. So far, so good. Indiana still has relatively high numbers, but hopefully they will decrease soon. Let's do our part; let's show individual responsibility. 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 continue to wear masks (if physically and medically able) as appropriate. 1) We will wear masks during the procession in and out; 2) Pastor will wear a 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) Pastor will still wear a mask to greet you after Divine Service.

HOPE CENTER: this Saturday, August 22nd, Strides of Hope is A Hope Center's Annual Walkathon to raise funds and walk as a united group to support the mothers, fathers, and babies that A Hope Center serves. It will be held in the beautiful Morsches Park in Columbia City.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse also seems especially appropriate in these times — John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'" Last week's verse was 1 Timothy 1:15.

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What Doctor Luther Says:

About Relying on the Promises of God

Now when a man has learned through the commandments to recognize his helplessness and is distressed about how he might satisfy the law—since the law must be fulfilled so that not a jot or tittle shall be lost, otherwise man will be condemned without hope—then, being truly humbled and reduced to nothing in his own eyes, he finds in himself nothing whereby he may be justified and saved. Here the second part of Scripture comes to our aid, namely, the promises of God which declare the glory of God, saying, “If you wish to fulfil the law and not covet, as the law demands, come, believe in Christ in whom grace, righteousness, peace, liberty, and all things are promised you. If you believe, you shall have all things; if you do not believe, you shall lack all things.” That which is impossible for you to accomplish by trying to fulfil all the works of the law—many and useless as they all are—you will accomplish quickly and easily through faith. God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing. “For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all,” as it is stated in Rom. 11 [32]. Thus the promises of God give what the commandments of God demand and fulfil what the law prescribes so that all things may be God’s alone, both the commandments and the fulfilling of the commandments. He alone commands, he alone fulfils. Therefore the promises of God belong to the New Testament. Indeed, they are the New Testament.

Luther’s Works, 31:348-9.

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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TLSP Signature Event

THE EVENING OF

THURSDAY ● SEPT 3 ● 5:30pm – 8:00pm

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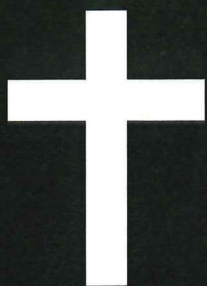
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