

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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

9:00 AM..... August 23, 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] *Not to us, O LORD, | not to us, || but to | your ___ name give | glo- ry. || Praise | the ___ Lord! || We will bless the Lord from this time forth | and for- ev- er- | more.*

Verse 1: **"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my | ho- ly hill." || I will | tell of the de- | cree ___ : || The Lord said to me, "You | are my Son; || today I | have be- got- ten | you.**

Verse 2: *Praise the Lord, all | na- ___ tions! || Ex- | tol him, all you | peo- ples! || For great is his steadfast | love •toward• us, || and the faithfulness of the | Lord endures for- | •ever•.*



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

[Antiphon] Not to us, O LORD, | not to us, || but to | your__ name give | glo- ry. || Praise | the__ Lord! || We will bless the Lord from this time forth | and for- ev- er- | more.

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



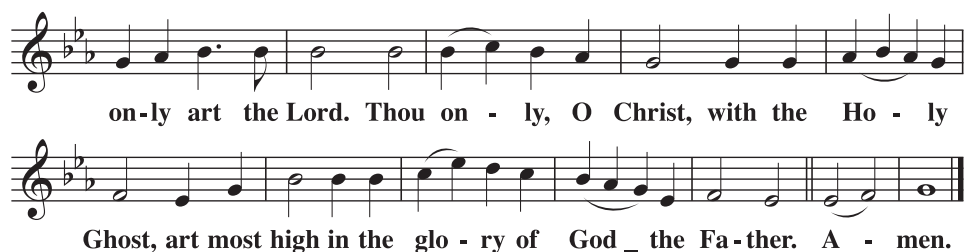
world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



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



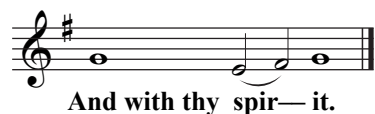
Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou



on-ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: *Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

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

Epistle of the Day Romans 11:33–12:8

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

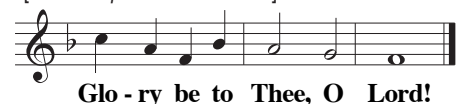
[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! But you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone Alleluia!*



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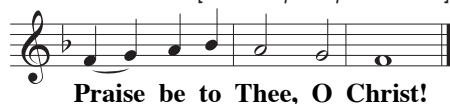
Holy Gospel St. Matthew 16:13-20

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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 Built on the Rock Burgundy Hymn 645

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 O Lord, We Praise Thee **Burgundy Hymn 617**
I Know My Faith Is Founded **Burgundy Hymn 587**
Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's **Burgundy Hymn 647**

[Rise]

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.



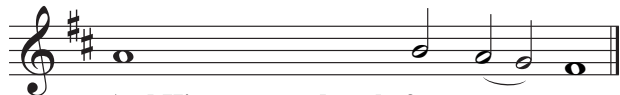
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



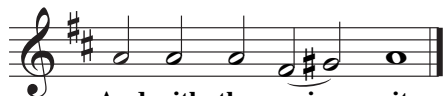
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

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 Christ Is Our Cornerstone Burgundy Hymn 912

Postlude

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Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

The Epistle is Romans 11:33–12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Gospel is Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Hymns for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB645 Built on the Rock

Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtwig

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

LSB617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

German, 14th Century (1); Martin Luther (2-3)

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1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!
2. Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy.

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

LSB587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Erdmann Neumeister

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

LSB647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

Johann Mentzer

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation;
In You she trusts, before You bows, And waits for Your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure

Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

2. O Lord, let this Your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in Your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And Your saving Word
To us, Lord, pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.
3. Help us to serve You evermore With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow;
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
O make us faithful Christians.
4. And for Your Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross, To find in You all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness In joy and distress,
Lest we, Lord, You forsake. Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and gladness.

LSB912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Latin, c. 8th Century

1. Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.
2. Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest
To endless rest Are called away.
3. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song,
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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 16:13-20

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

2 Corinthians 6:1-18

2 Corinthians 7:1-16

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 51:1-6

1 Kings 6:1-7:50

1 Kings 7:51-8:21

1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63

1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13

1 Kings 11:1-26

1 Kings 11: 42-12:19

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray:

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily] **The Our Father**

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

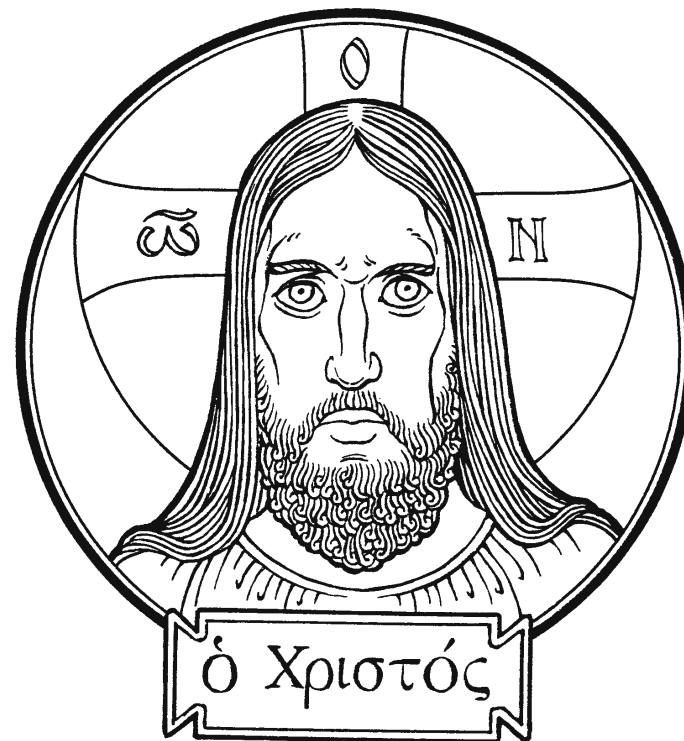
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

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Peter Wagner

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

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John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvina Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + 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, Karl Kostoff, David, Brendon, Jerry, and Elaine Seifert, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Jill Stokes, Dwight Bieberich, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Charlene Young, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie & Rick Meyer, Dick Hollman, Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Pastor & Marge Punke
- + 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 Ora & Alonzo Edmonds
- + 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of Pastor & Marge Punke. The Altar Vase is given in loving memory of Ora & Alonzo Edmonds by Alanza and Frank Jackson. 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 23, 2020 thru August 29, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Bauer Hall
	Tue-Fri	Innovative Concepts Installation of new equipment	Church
WED	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	12 NOON	Drive Thru Diaper Give Away	Parking Lot

August 30, 2020

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	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.

NO PICNIC today.

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 PLEASE: since we are doing a "Drive thru" diaper give away this 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 arrive by 11:30 AM. Please contact TruLaine Starks at 260-441-0753 or DaVanna Seifert at 260-494-0803 to "sign up."

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Indiana still has relatively high numbers as of this writing, but seem to be decreasing. Allen County's 7-day positivity rate has been rather high and increasing. Why is not clear. Certainly the percentage of positives among the 20-29 age group has increased significantly. We can't control what others do; we can do our part and be responsible. 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) for the processions in and out, 2) at the altar for Holy Communion, 3) to distribute Christ's body and blood, and 4) to greet you after Divine Service.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse gives hope in troubled times —Lamentations 3:21-24 "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'" Last week's verse was John 11:25.

RIGHT TO LIFE NORTHEAST INDIANA FALL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

Get your family photos taken Saturday, September 19 by Zion's own local photographer and pro-life advocate Laikyn Muehl of *Juniper and Rye*! Laikyn is offering photography sessions that will serve as a fundraiser for Right to Life of Northeast Indiana. This local talent specializes in maternity, family, newborn, and birth photography. These sessions will take place on Saturday, September 19th scheduled between 2 pm-6:30 pm at Swinney Park, 1600 W Jefferson Blvd. (Meeting at the pavilion). Cost is \$100, with 50% of the proceeds benefiting RLNI. Sessions will be 20 minutes in length, booked back-to-back. Participants must be on time. Sessions will not be rescheduled. To book your session, please email Laikyn at juniperandryephoto@gmail.com.

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What Doctor Luther Says:

About How Christians Are to Relate to One Another

When it is the apostle's purpose [in Gal. 5:14-15] to exhort to love, he adds almost simultaneously in all his letters that they should have the same mind, that they should not be puffed up one against the other by the various gifts bestowed on them. For thus — in Rom. 12:4 ff. and 1 Cor. 12:12 ff. — he presents the picture of the body and its members, the way in which the members are concerned for one another, and how the one serves and does not injure the other. The apostle knows that the Galatians are human and that the more extraordinary the gifts, the more harmful they are if love is lacking. Knowledge puffs up; the exercise of power puffs up; in short, all things puff up except love, which builds up (1 Cor. 8:1). It alone uses all things rightly, because with all the gifts of God it does not try to please itself but renders service to others. Where love is not present, there one finds controversy, strife, and wrangling; and, as Paul says in Rom. 12:3, people do not think with sober judgment but think more of themselves than they should. This, I say, seems to me to be the evil that the apostle is touching on — the evil which offers the most resistance to the service of love. For as long as everyone is puffed up with pride over the gift given to him and does not think of how he may serve someone else with this gift but thinks of how he may be advanced, contention and rivalry inevitably arise, likewise mutual contempt, disparagement, condemnation, rash judgment, anger, envy, shouting, malice, etc.

“... take care that you do not disparage, do not bite one another, do not give in to this kind of temptation. On the contrary, as I have said, serve one another by means of love, everyone with the gift in which he is rich — one in teaching, another in giving,” as Paul says in Rom. 12:3 at greater length.

Luther's Works, 27:359.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED

TLSP Signature Event

THE EVENING OF

THURSDAY ● SEPT 3 ● 5:30pm – 8:00pm

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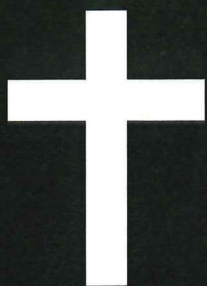
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