# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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

9:00 AM ...... Sunday, October 11, 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!

#### [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 +

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.

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.



[Antiphon] Praise | the\_\_ Lord! || Praise the | Lord,\_\_ O my | soul!\_\_ || I will praise the Lord as long | as I live; || I will sing praises to my God | while I have my | •being•.

Verse 1: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult | in my God, || for he has clothed me with the | gar- ments of sal- | va- tion; || he has



covered me with the robe of | right- eous- ness, || as a bride adorns | her- self with her | •jewels•.

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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*The Lord be with you.* 



**Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9
[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord	Thanks be to God.
Epistle of the Day	Philippians 4:4-13
[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.

#### [Rise]

[Be Seated]

#### Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia!



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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen!

Hymn of the Day ..... A Multitude Comes ..... Burgundy Hymn 510

#### 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

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



#### + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

#### Preface





[ Be Seated ]

Distribution Hymns ...... Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense ..... Burgundy Hymn 741

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8.]

At the Lamb's High Feast ...... Burgundy Hymn 633

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8. ]

#### **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!				
Post-Communion Canticle				
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				
<i>Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.</i>				



And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

**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 ...... In Thee Is Gladness ...... Burgundy Hymn 818 Postlude

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#### **Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth. for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

#### The Epistle is Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

#### The Gospel is Matthew 22:1-14

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

#### Hymns for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### LSB510 A Multitude Comes

**Magnus Brostrup Landstad** 

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!

#### LSB741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

#### Otto Von Schwerin

- 1. Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living! Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given, Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.
- Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken. He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken? Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3. No, too closely am I bound By my hope to Christ forever; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never; Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4. I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken; But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.

- 5. Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded; In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded; In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6. Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish. Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they shall never perish; For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble; He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble. They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8. O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow; Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow. As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

#### LSB633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Latin, c. 5<sup>th</sup>-10 cent.

- 1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His Body for the feast — Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

∆ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

#### LSB818 In Thee Is Gladness

#### Johann Lindemann

- In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

#### 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.

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	DAILY LECTIONARY	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Matthew 22:1-14	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pente	cost Isaiah 25:6-9
Matthew 12:1-21	Monday	Deuteronomy 11:1-25
Matthew 12:22-37	Tuesday	Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12
Matthew 12:38-50	Wednesday	Deuteronomy 12:13-32
Matthew 13:1-23	Thursday	Deuteronomy 13:1-18
Matthew 13:24-43	Friday	Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28–15:15
Matthew 13:44-58	Saturday	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22

#### THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

Let us pray:

[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

#### The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Hvangelical Autheran Church

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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 PastorRev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)Field Workers:Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

#### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459) Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan, Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

#### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager:

Teachers:

Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher

**TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY** The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

#### **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, racial strife, and natural disaster; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers; as we prepare for elections
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary all back at school,
- + 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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including, Stan Goeglein, Karen Coleman, Jessica Krause, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Jill Stokes, Dwight Bieberich, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Jerry Seifert, Jodi Garretson (daughter of Carol Lepper), Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, and Pastor Jim Keller
- + 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, especially the family of Donald Ganaway, Sr.
- + For the faithful departed, including Donald Ganaway, Sr. & Helen Pickett
- + 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Helen Pickett by her daughter Karen Coleman and family. 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**

#### October 11, 2020 thru October 17, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church	
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall	
	10:45 AM	Open House — Susan	Mount Calvary	
		Mittelstaedt Retirement	-	
	3:00 PM	Installation of Kevin Mann	Peace	
MON.	5:30 PM	NIRL Banquet	Ceruti Event Center	
TUES.		·		
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Bauer Hall	
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church	
THURS.	10:30 AM	Confessions Study	Bauer Hall	
FRI.	8 AM-8 PM	40 Days Right for Life	In front of 2930 Lake Ave	
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church	
October 18, 2020				
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church	
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall	
	2:00 PM	CTSFW Lecture Series	CTSFW	

#### **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR**: As we continue to gather in Bauer Hall with an appropriate amount of distancing, we welcome back Dr. Voelz who is picking things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark. Don't be shy. Dr. Voelz is an engaging teacher.

**FYI:** Pastor will be in Indianapolis October 19-21 at a Pastors' Conference. If you need any spiritual care, please call the office, and Melvia will direct your needs to an elder.

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** We're in Stage 5. That doesn't affect us in church. Otherwise, everything in the state and county is about the same. Let us take individual responsibility in loving and serving our neighbors, distancing and wearing masks as able, especially in the pews. 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.

**VOLUTEERS NEEDED** Do you have a couple of hours a month to help keep Zion's buildings and grounds beautiful? If so, please consider joining a rotating roster of weekend volunteers who clean and do other chores as necessary. Contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896 if you can help.

**IDLC:** The staff of the Indiana District meets for prayer and bible study on Monday mornings, at that time they will pray for the congregations and schools of the district. This week our congregation will be specially named in their prayers. Continue to remember the District office in your prayers as they walk with us to carry out the work of the kingdom.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Our day is this Friday, October 16. Please sign up and pray for life. There is a sign-up sheet and other materials in the Great Hall. If you are not able to attend in person, still sign up for an hour and note that it will be in-home. Multiple people can sign up for the same slot, although we'd love to have all hours covered if possible. Contact Rachel or Laikyn Muehl at <u>rachelsowles@gmail.com</u> or <u>laikyn.muehl@gmail.com</u> with questions.

**ASSOCIATED CHURCHES** needs our help with foodstuffs. Since COVID-19 began, keeping food on their shelves has been a hard thing to do. So this month we are asking Zion members to help pitch in and help them restock the shelves. You can bring non-perishable goods to the church and place them in the box to be delivered to them. An insert lists the things they desire to have on their shelves.

**LSEM** (Lutheran Special Education Ministry) is looking for a full-time resource room teacher to fill a position at Central Lutheran School in New Haven, Indiana. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at <u>rschumacher@luthsped.org</u>.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse points us ahead to Reformation — Romans 3:23-24 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Last week's verse was Psalm 91:11-12.

**CTSFW175<sup>TH</sup> LECTURE SERIES** "Why CTSFW was formed and why it is needed more than ever today" will be presented by President Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr., on Sunday, October 18, 2020, 2:00 PM in Sihler Auditorium. Refreshments will follow at 3:30 PM, and aChoral Vespers: Festival of St. Luke at 4:00 PM in Kramer Chapel

**NIRL BANQUET:** annual fundraising banquet; When: Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> — doors open 5:30 pm; Where: Ceruti's Banquet and Event Center, 6325 Illinois Rd.



# What Doctor Luther Says:

About Putting Our Trust in God Even under Crosses

Here Moses reveals his true reason for presenting such a detailed account of this war [of Chedorlaomer king of Elam and others against Bera king of Sodom and others in which Abraham's nephew Lot is taken captive], namely, in order to impress on us the great miracle that follows, Abraham's glorious victory.

This passage is too rich and too lofty for me to be able to explain all its sections as they deserve. The main point and chief content of the lesson is to have you see this: God places His own under the cross; and although He delays their deliverance, nevertheless in the end He gloriously snatches them out of their dangers and makes them victors, but only after they have first been greatly vexed and have been wearied to despair by sundry conflicts.

To be aware of this divine procedure with which God rules us is profitable and necessary. Thus we learn to show patience in adversity, to trust in God's goodness, and to hope for salvation, but in prosperity to humble ourselves and give the glory to God. For it is His custom to do both: to bring down to hell and to bring back, to afflict and to comfort, to kill and to make alive.

This is the game, with its continual changes, that He plays with His saints. For there is no perfect joy in this life, as there will be in the life to come. Sometimes, like an angry father, He inflicts punishments; sometimes, like an affectionate father, He fosters and comforts His children.

We must learn this carefully in order to be ready for every event, as Paul says about himself in Phil. 4:11-13: "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

Luther's Works, 2:369-70.

#### Welcome Erik and Katie Saunders

We welcome Erik Saunders as Zion's newest fieldworker and his wife Katie. Erik will begin by observing for a couple months and then steppng into the chancel to assist. Zion welcomes you warmly.

Here's a little information about them.

Erik David Saunders is 33 years old and the oldest child of Stephen and Ruth Saunders. He grew up in the suburbs of Milwaukee, WI. He studied music extensively as a child and played in various bands and orchestras. He also excelled in mathematics. He attend-



ed the University of Wisconsin-Madison and earned a bachelor's degree in piano performance. After college, he used his music skills in churches, choirs, jazz ensembles, and pit orchestras. He used his math skills as treasurer of his home congregation, Our Father's in Milwaukee, where he helped the parochial school enter the WI School Choice program. Two and a half years ago he left that position and took a job in construction and landscaping in northern Minnesota.

Katherine Lynn Saunders is 31 years old and the youngest child of Thomas and Debra Olson. She grew up in Decatur, IN, where her father served as pastor of St. John's at Bingen. Katie attended Hillsdale College and earned a bachelor's degree in history. She taught for five years at Mt. Hope Lutheran School, a classical school in Casper, WY.

Erik and Katie met in Casper in 2018 and married on February 15, 2019. Shortly after that Erik began making plans to attend seminary. Today, Katie teaches at Redeemer Classical School in Fort Wayne, and Erik sings in the Kantorei. They hope to put their love of education and the liberal arts to good use in Erik's future ministry.

### Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- Let's stay vigilant. Let's keep one another safe.
- \* If you are sick, GO HOME or to the doctor.
- If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, be especially careful. Follow the protocol.
- Masks are optional in Back on Track Stage 4.5, but they are recommended in the pews because of prolonged exposure. "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 available 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.

# Theology in the Parish Lectures

Zion Lutheran Church presents

An Introduction to the Gospel according to St. Mark

by

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