

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, November 15, 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.

[Kneel]

*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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *Hear my | •prayer•, O Lord_; || give ear to my | pleas for mer_- | cy! || In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righ- teous- ness_! || for no one living is | •righ- teous• be- fore_ | you.*

Verse 1: **I remember the | days of old_; || I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the | work__ of your | hands. || I stretch out my | hands to you_; || my soul thirsts for you | like a parched__ | land.**

Verse 2: *Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to | you for re- fuge! || Teach | me to do your | will, || for you | are my God_! || Let your good Spirit lead | me on lev- el | ground!*

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

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Kyrie



Ky - ri - e____ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.

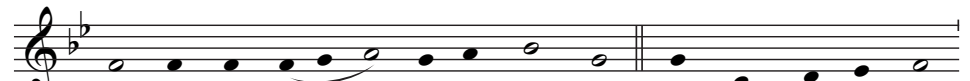


Chri - ste____ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e____ e - lei - son. Lord, ____ have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



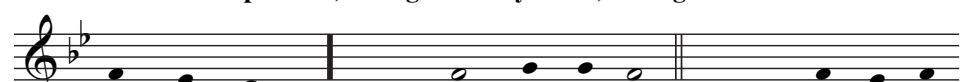
Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,



a - mong men with whom He is pleased. 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-



migh-ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta-kest a-way the



sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Thou who takest a-way the sin of the world,

re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God
the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
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 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: *Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, 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..... Zephaniah 1:7-16

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia!*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia!

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 25:14-30

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

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!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day The Day Is Surely Drawing Burgundy Hymn 508

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

Sermon

Rite of Reception of New Members

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people 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 prayer]:..., one God, now and forever Amen.

[Be Seated] Offerings, Voluntary

[Rise] Offertory Hymn 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 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 hosts:



Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

[Kneel] 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!

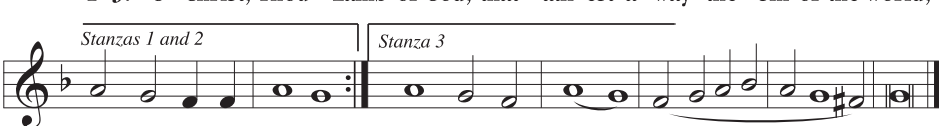


A - men.

Agnus Dei



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,



have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Jesus, Christ, our Burgundy Hymn 627

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3, 5 & 7;
Women sing stanzas 4, 6, & 8; All sing stanzas 9 & 10.]

Creator of the Stars Burgundy Hymn 351

[Rise for stanza 6.]

[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.



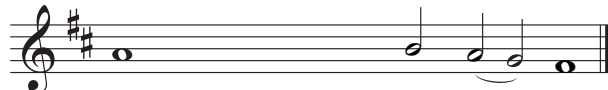
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



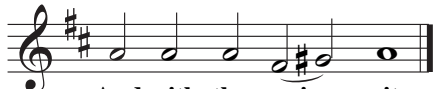
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

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 Surely Coming Burgundy Hymn 509

Postlude

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Readings for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the LORD'S sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

“On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,

‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’

Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.”

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

The Epistle is 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the

breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Gospel is Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said,] “It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Hymns for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Bartholomäus Ringwaldt

1. The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
2. The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.
- M 3. The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.
- W 4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.
- M 5. My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!
- W 6. May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea; Come, mighty judge, and make us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

LSB627 Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior

John Hus; German version, Martin Luther

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1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from evil foe.

2. As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.
- M 3. Jesus here Himself is sharing; Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe, His judgment then you shall receive.
- W4. Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.
- M 5. Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- W6. Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.
- M 7. Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
- W8. "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
9. If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
10. Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

LSB351 Creator of the Stars of Night

Latin, 5th-10 cent.

1. Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting Light:
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all And hear Thy servants when they call.
2. Thou, grieving that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the healing, full of grace, To cure and save our ruined race.
3. Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride, As drew the world to eventide,
The spotless Victim all divine Proceeding from a virgin shrine.
4. At whose dread name, majestic now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things celestial Thee shall own, And things terrestrial, Lord alone.
5. O Thou, whose coming is with dread To judge the living and the dead,
Preserve us from the ancient foe While still we dwell on earth below.
- Δ 6. To God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.

LSB509 Christ Is Surely Coming

Christopher M. Idle

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1. Christ is surely coming Bringing His reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
Root and stem of David, Brilliant Morning Star:
Meet your Judge and Savior, Nations near and far!
2. See the holy city! There they enter in,
All by Christ made holy, Washed from ev'ry sin:
Thirsty ones, desiring All he loves to give,
Come for living water, Freely drink, and live!
3. Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!
Father, Son, and Spirit, Evermore the same;
Hear the certain promise From the eternal home:
"Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

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 25:14-30
Matthew 27:1-10
Matthew 27:11-32
Matthew 27:33-56
Matthew 27:57-66
Matthew 28:1-20
Revelation 18:1-24

DAILY LECTIONARY

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Zephaniah 1:7-16
Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-24
Jeremiah 33:1-22
Jeremiah 37:1-21
Jeremiah 38:1-28
Daniel 1:1-21
Daniel 2:1-23

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!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; 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 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

Twenty-fourth Sunday after the Pentecost



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

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

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Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM
Melvia Culpher

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 Nikki Wideman, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Jill Stokes, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Mike & Rita Davies, Jerry Seifert, Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Lucille Brandt
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially Katie Beth Hollman
- + 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 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Altar Vases are given in recognition of Lucille Brandt's birthday on November 15th by Charlene Young. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the baptism of Katie Beth Hollman by Ardis Behrendt. 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

November 15, 2020 thru November 21, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	10:30 AM	Welcome Cookies for Art & Marie	Bauer Hall
MON.	4:00 PM	Policy Manual Task Force	Zoom
TUES.	1:00 PM	Urban Ministry Task Force	Zoom
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.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

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SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:15 AM	Congregational Assembly	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	3:00 PM	Installation of Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer	Bethlehem

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.

WE WELCOME Rev. Arthur (Art) & Marie Litke to our Zion family today by transfer from Bethel Lutheran Church, Glenshaw, PA. We're glad they've joined us.

A CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY is scheduled for Sunday, November 22, in the nave immediately after Divine Service. The agenda is brief with two items: 1) Elect a representative to the Circuit Forum, which will meet at 7 PM, Tuesday, December 8; and 2) nominate a Circuit Visitor for the upcoming triennium. Plan to stay briefly.

GALA COMMITTEE, MARK THIS DATE: Monday November 23rd at 7:00 PM. There will be a Committee meeting in Bauer Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Clarann Beng at 260-744-1476.

THANKSGIVING DAY is fast approaching. Join us for Thanksgiving prayers on Thursday morning, 9 AM, November 26, before sitting down at your feast.

DECORATING We'll need to decorate for Advent on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Without Don, we will not have the backbone of our decorating crew. Please help. Come at 9 AM.

THANK YOU: Zion was named "food drive superstars" by the Associated Churches for our 600-pound food donation.

ANNUAL RENEWAL: it's that time of year to renew your subscription to Lutheran Witness Indiana Yearly please submit your check for \$19 to Zion Lutheran Church in the memo line add Lutheran Witness by December 1st.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: The state's positives remain high; our county is orange — 2.5. Although statewide and in District 3, we still have good capacity with regard to ICU space and ventilators, hospitalizations are higher than they have been since the pandemic began. Average daily deaths are going up, too. Let's continue to take personal responsibility in loving and serving our neighbors, in church, and generally. It hits hard, if it does affect you. Therefore, be watchful.

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to the installation of their new pastor Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer on Sunday, November 22, 2020, at 3:00PM. There will be a reception after the service.

PLEASE HELP: Now through Wednesday, December 9th, Zion will be accepting your gifts for CTSFW students. Grocery sacks with a list of items on them are on the small table in the Great Hall. Ed & Janice Grim will deliver these items to the Food Bank weekly. In addition to the grocery sacks for food items, there is a small box on the table, in which you may place a gift card or cash, if you prefer that way of giving.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's verse states the good will of the Father and the hope of our faith —John 6:40 "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." Last week's verse was Hebrews 12:1.

DECEMBER 1ST is Giving Tuesday. Look for ways to give to Lutheran RSOs and agencies on this day.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB is selling Christmas trees and wreaths again this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is at 4245 Lake Ave. Sales begin on Sat., Nov. 21st. The lot will be open 2 PM to 8 PM weekdays, 9 AM to 8 PM Sat., and 12 noon to 8 PM Sun. Your patronage would be greatly appreciated.



What Doctor Luther Says:

About What Will Happen on the Last Day

What do we suppose will happen before the Last Day? For now, when the Gospel has been brought to light, so many despise it that it is to be feared that they will shortly predominate and fill the world with their errors, and the Word will be altogether suppressed.

Awe-inspiring indeed are the words of Christ when He says (Luke 18:8): “Do you think that the Son of Man will find faith when He comes?” And in Matt. 24:37 He compares the last times with the times of Noah. These are terrifying statements. But the smug and ungrateful world, the despiser of all the promises and threats of God, abounds with every kind of iniquity and daily becomes more and more corrupt. Now that the rule of the popes, who have ruled the world solely through the fear of punishment, is over, men, through their contempt of the sound doctrine, all but degenerate into brutes and beasts. The number of holy and godly preachers is on the decline. All men yield to their desires. But what will happen is that the Last Day will come upon the world like a thief (1 Thess. 5:2) and will overtake men who in their smugness give free reign to their ambitious desire, tyranny, lusts, greed, and all sorts of vices.

Furthermore, Christ Himself has foretold these developments, and so it is impossible for us to believe that He has lied. But if the first world, which had so large a number of most excellent patriarchs, became so pitifully depraved, how much more should we fear when the feebleness of our nature is so great? Therefore may the Lord grant that in faith and in the confession of His Son Jesus Christ we may as quickly as possible be gathered to those fathers and die within twenty years, so that we may not see those terrible woes and afflictions, both spiritual and physical, of the last time. Amen.

Luther's Works, 1:336.

Zion Stay-Safe Rules

- ✿ If you are sick, GO HOME or to the doctor.
- ✿ *Still, if you are over 65 or immunocompromised, be especially careful. Follow the rules.*
- ✿ You may want to wear a mask for the sake of neighbor.
- ✿ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet); *offset yourselves so you're not directly behind another; use the transepts as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.*
- ✿ Wash your hands often—20 seconds with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. An elbow bump for now, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ *Service bulletin and texts are printed as usual. Take them home afterward or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. We are using hymnals again.*
- ✿ *Still, no offering plates will be passed. You are invited to place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex.*
- ✿ *Holy Communion will continue with stations for now. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.*

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students:

Ivan Martinez	Leilah Tillis
Kenyaale Bryant	Alexander Love
Max Lassen	Jesse Norwood
Olivia Rush	Myante Williams
Makhi Williams	Promise Ackles
Mr. Koch	Mrs. tourney
Mrs. Payne—Emergency Appendectomy	

Pastor Appreciation

Lutheran South Unity is blessed with wonderful pastors that continually serve our school and students. Pastor Punke from Zion, Pastor Whitaker from Mount Calvary, Pastor Mann form Peace and most recently Pastor Alhersmeyer will be installed on November 22 at Bethlehem. We thank God for these men and their calling to serve God. Our students made cards and gifts for each pastor and showed our appreciation to them in their own individual ways.



Virtual Christmas Service Taping

We will be taping our virtual Christmas service this year. Many things are different this year as we all well know but you will not be without a Christmas Program from LSUS. Mrs. Reynolds has worked endlessly preparing a different program to not only showcase our students but to also share the message of Christ and love He has for them. This presentation will be available by the holidays!

LSUS NOTES continued

Let the Children Come

Our annual fundraiser, Let the Children Come is being cancelled this year due to The Covid 19 Code Orange imposed by Allen County. The health of our guests and staff are the most important thing right now and although it was a difficult decision, we feel it was the best decision.

Pumpkin Patch Delivered

When the classrooms can't go on fieldtrips: the fieldtrips come to the classrooms. The Kindergarten, first and second grades were visited by The Pumpkin Patch. Each child had the fun of picking their own pumpkin to take home. They enjoyed their small "harvest" and the time outside with their classmates.



Scriptural Encouragement

In Ecclesiastes, there is the call to plant, to love, and to work and then to enjoy the fruits of one's labors.


"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, a time to die: A time to plant, and time to pluck up that which is planted;"

As the verse continues, it reads:

"A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing:"

We wait until the time to embrace returns.

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-5



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To expedite the check-in process, please provide the information below for bidding purposes.

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____ Yes, we will attend. Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____ which covers reservations for _____ individuals at \$100 per person by November 9 or \$125 thereafter. (If you would like to be seated with someone, please note that on the reserve note.)

____ Yes, we would like to reserve _____ table(s). Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____ (\$1,250 if registered by November 9 or \$1,500 thereafter). Tables seat 10. Full payment required to reserve a table. Please note table guests on reserve side.

☐ I will need a device for auction bidding.

☐ I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to Concordia Lutheran High School.

Online reservations available at www.CadetsinCadence.com

Please contact Wendy Bentz at (260) 483-1102, ext. 234 for more information or about dietary concerns.

I would like to be seated with these people.

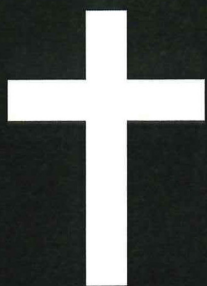
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