

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

9:00 am Sunday, November 22, 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] *But according | to his pro- mise || we | are__ wait-__ | ing || for new heavens and | a new earth__ || in | which__ •righteous•- ness | dwells.*

Verse 1: **“O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days__ ; || let me | know how •fleeing• I | am! || Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as | •nothing• be- fore you. || Surely all mankind | stands as a mere | breath!**

Verse 2: *“And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait __? || My | hope__ is in | you. || Deliver me from all | my trans- gres- sions. || Do not make me the | scorn__ of the | fool!*

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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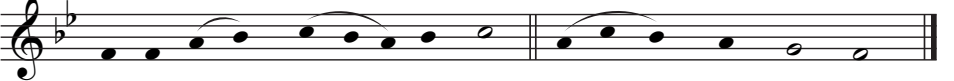
Kyrie



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 ta - kest 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 Last Sunday of the Church Year: *Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as Judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through 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..... Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

[Rise] Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 25:31-46

[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 Head that Once Burgundy Hymn 532

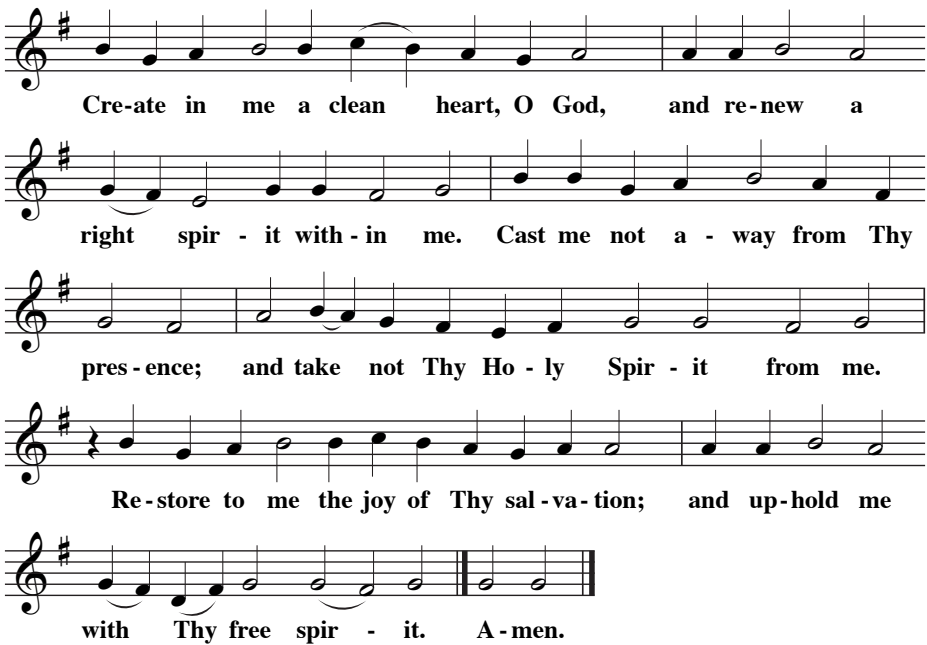
Sermon

[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



+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



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 O Savior, Rend Burgundy Hymn 355

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

The King Shall Come Burgundy Hymn 348

Let All Mortal Flesh Burgundy Hymn 621

[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.



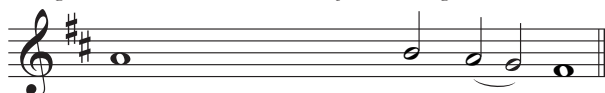
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.

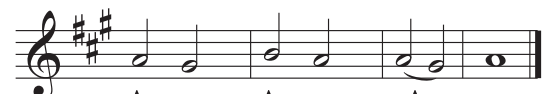
Bless we the Lord.



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 Lo! He Comes Burgundy Hymn 336

Postlude

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Readings for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ...

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that

he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The Gospel is Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said,] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hymns for the Last Sunday in the Church Year

LSB532 The Head that Once Was Crowned

Thomas Kelly

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heav'n affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's eternal Light;
3. The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
5. They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
6. The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

LSB355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

Friedrich von Spee

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1. O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.
2. O Father, light from heaven send;
As morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;
To Jacob's line rain down the King.
3. O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen;
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare,
Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.
4. O Fount of hope, how long, low long?
When will You come with comfort strong?
O come, O come, Your throne forego;
Console us in our vale of woe.

5. O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.
6. Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.
7. There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

LSB348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns John Brownlie

1. The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.
2. Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.
3. Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious rose
And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.
4. Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see His face.
5. The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

LSB621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
2. King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.

4. At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

LSB336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Charles Wesley

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev’ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Ev’ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

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 25:31-46

Revelation 20:1-15

Revelation 21:1-8

Revelation 21:9-27

Revelation 22:1-21

1 Peter 1:1-12

1 Peter 1:13-25

DAILY LECTIONARY

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Daniel 3:1-30

Daniel 4:1-37

Daniel 5:1-30

Daniel 6:1-28

Isaiah 1:1-28

Isaiah 2:1-22

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:

[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

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 11:1-10

Last Sunday of the Church Year



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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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Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

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, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + 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 Jill Stokes, Ralph Beck, William Scott, Nikki Wideman, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, 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
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed, especially Lloyd & Ruth Grim.
- + 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 Last Sunday of the church year. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Lloyd & Ruth Grim by Ed and Janice Grim. 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 22, 2020 thru November 28, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:15 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	3:00 PM	Installation of Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer	Bethlehem
MON.			
TUES.	12:00 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Bauer Hall
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Matins	Church
FRI.	9:00 AM	Christmas Decorating	Church
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

November 29, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

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.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY is today 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. Please stay.

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.

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

A NOTE FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE: You will see on the Christmas flower order insert that we are not getting the 10" poinsettia plants this year. Also we cannot be sure of access to nursing homes to deliver plants after Christmas. Please place your orders or consider a general donation to the decorating fund. The cost of flowers will be covered first with any left over general donations going toward other decoration expenses. Thank you!

WE ARE DECORATING for Advent this Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. Without Don, we will not have the backbone of our decorating crew. Please help. Come at 9 AM.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: The governor has issued a new executive order and the AC Health Commissioner has issued an order also. We're in the red. We need to stop community spread. Let's do our part. Churches may be exempt from the restrictions on numbers, but we cannot let our guard down. Let's be responsible in loving and serving our neighbors, in church and around town.

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to the installation of their new pastor Rev. Ben Ahlersmeyer today 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? The resurrection is in view in this week's verse – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." Last week's verse was John 6:40.

CLHS: Aloha! And thank you for your support of Concordia's Cadets in Cadence Auction! We are writing to announce that we are shifting our annual auction to an interactive online party. Contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com or (260) 483-1102, ext. 298 for more information. We have a great event planned for December 5, and we will be sharing those details with you in the coming weeks. Hope to "see" you there.

BOTT RADIO NETWORK airs the Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 9 am on FM 100.1 and at 3:30 pm on AM 1090 & FM 93.7.



What Doctor Luther Says:

Like Christ We Shall Be Raised a Spiritual Body

Through His suffering Christ was taken from the life which is flesh and blood just like a human being on earth, who lives in flesh and blood, walks and stands, eats, drinks, sleeps, is awake, sees, hears, touches and feels, and, in short, does what the body does. This is transitory. To it Christ died. St. Paul calls it the *corpus animale*, the “physical body” (1 Cor. 15:44), that is, life like that of an animal. In the flesh, not according to the flesh, that is, in the natural functions of the body. To this life he has died, so that this life has ceased with Him, and He has now been transferred into another life, has been made alive according to the spirit, and has entered into a spiritual and supernatural life which embraces the whole life that Christ now has in body and soul. Consequently, He no longer has a physical body but has a body that is spiritual. ...

This is how St. Paul speaks about the subject in 1 Cor. 15:45: “The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.” And he adds: “Just as we have borne the image of the natural man, so we shall also bear the image of the spiritual man (cf. v. 49). From Adam we, like irrational animals, have inherited all the natural functions according to the five senses. But Christ is spiritual flesh and blood, not according to the external senses. He does not sleep and does not wake. Yet He knows everything and is everywhere. This is how we, too, shall be. He is the First Fruits, the Beginning, and the First-born of the spiritual life, as St. Paul says (1 Cor. 15:20, Col. 1:18); that is, He is the first who rose and entered into a spiritual life. Thus Christ now lives according to the spirit; that is, He is true man, but He has a spiritual body. Therefore here the words should not be referred to the way spirit and flesh are differentiated. No, they mean that the body and the flesh are spiritual and that the spirit is in the body and with the body.

Luther's Works, 30:111-12.

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Indiana positive cases are the highest they've been since the pandemic began. Let's do our part to keep each other healthy – you know how.
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Staged responses in the state are over; now it's county by county.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
 - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
 - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ Continue to wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. Fist bumps or forearm bumps, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin and texts home after service or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. 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.



Order Your Poinsettia Plants for Christmas 2020



PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

DEDICATION _____

___ 8 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$38 each \$ _____

___ 6 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$15 each \$ _____

___ 4 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$6 each \$ _____

___ General Donation \$ _____

___ Pick up plant after Dec 31

Return this form to the church office by **December 20th**
to have your dedication
printed in the bulletin.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

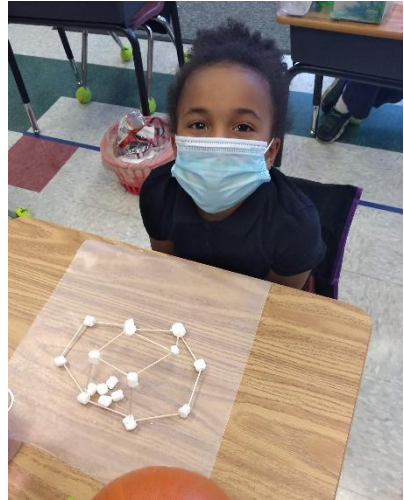
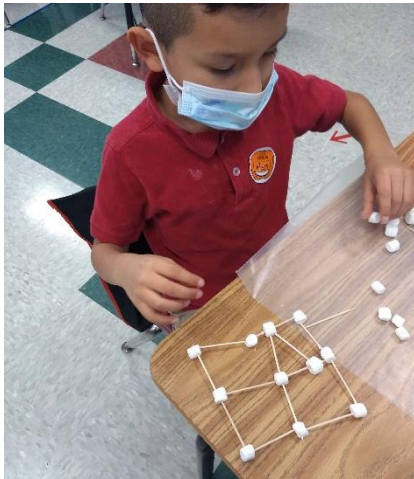


Please pray for these students:

Than Noe	Owynn Cassell
TraShawn Jones	Pyae Kyaw
Camren Rangel	Ray Webb-Arnold
Mayzon Win	Makhi Williams
Jovan Antoine	Denver Zarate-Garcia

Kindergarten Hands On

In Kindergarten we read "Creepy Carrots" and then, using marshmallows and toothpicks, we built a fence just like Jasper Rabbit.



Virtual Christmas Service

We taped our virtual Christmas service for 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.

Middle School Students Science

Students below left are trying to float a paper clip and in the other two pictures on the right the students are attempting to 'Flink' which is where they are trying to not float or sink the objects but suspend it in the middle.



Scriptural Encouragement

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ~ Matthew 5:3-12



Pray for

REV. DR. GERALD AND HEIDI PAUL
PASTOR AND CHURCH PLANTER

SERVING THE LORD IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald works with local church leaders at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church to reach out to the people of the Cayman Islands — both locals and expats — with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gerald also seeks to serve the Cuban refugee population on Grand Cayman, and he supports

Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic as an adjunct professor. In her role, Heidi supports the mission efforts and is exploring the possibility of starting a preschool for local children.

Gerald was born in Piet Retief, South Africa. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and received his Master of Divinity degree and Ph.D. in Missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

Before becoming a career missionary, he was senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Falls, Mont. Prior to that, he served parishes in South Africa and Wyoming. Heidi was born in Port Shepstone, South Africa. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, and a master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont. She was a teacher before heading to the mission field. Gerald and Heidi both enjoy camping, hiking and running.

Please pray for Gerald and Heidi as they serve the Lord in the Cayman Islands and throughout the Caribbean. Let us give thanks that they are ministering to God's children in this part of the world.



- **BIRTHDAYS:** Gerald — April 19, Heidi — Nov. 28
- **ANNIVERSARY:** July 4 • **HOME DISTRICT:** Montana

- **Pray daily for the Pauls** — and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/gerald.paul
- **Learn about LCMS international work** at lcms.org/international
- **Support and adopt an international worker.** Call 888-930-4438.



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MY SUPPORT OF THE LCMS THROUGH THE WORK OF:

Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul

Give securely online at lcms.org/gerald.paul or fill out the form below:

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(Please choose a payment method below.)

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Write **Paul-Cayman Islands Support** on memo line.

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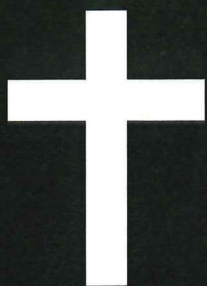
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Zion Lutheran Church—Congregational Assembly
November 22, 2020
Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening prayer/Devotion
- III. Message to the Assembly
 - The Congregational Assembly shall consist of the collective body of “Assembly Members” as defined in the Bylaws.
 - Under the authority of God’s Word and in accordance with the Confessional Standard of Article III, the Congregational Assembly shall have operative authority over the internal and external administration and management of all congregational business; its operative authority shall usually be exercised through the Council of Elders (Article IX.A) the Administrative Council (Article IX. B) and the Education Council (Article IX.C). Any congregational member may appeal to the Congregational Assembly in any matter relating to the government of the congregation (see Bylaws) and the decision of the Congregational Assembly shall be final and binding. The congregation, through its Assembly and Councils, shall never be empowered to decide anything contrary to the Word of God and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Article III) and any such decision shall be null and void. The right of calling pastors and professional church workers shall be vested in the Congregational Assembly and shall not be delegated to a smaller group or to an individual.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Elect Representative for Circuit Forum to be held Dec. 8,
7 PM, at Zion
 - B. Nominate Circuit Visitor for the next triennium (selected at the Circuit Forum; ratified at the District Convention — June 17-18, 2021)
 - Recommendation: Rev. Roy Olsen, Emmaus
- V. Announcements
- VI. Adjournment

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FAITH IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

JOHN T. PLESS | JACOB CORZINE

As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.