Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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;
- 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!

In the name of the Father and of the $+$ Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen:
+ The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution +
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord
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

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.

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Introit

[Rise] Invocation



[Antiphon] May God be gracious to us and | bless__ us || and make his face to | shine up- on__ | us. || Let the peoples praise | you, O God; || let all the | peo- ples praise__ | you!

Verse 1: Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy, || for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the | •nations• up- on__ | earth. || Let the peoples praise | you, O God; || let all the | peo- ples praise__ | you!

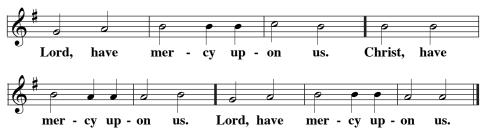


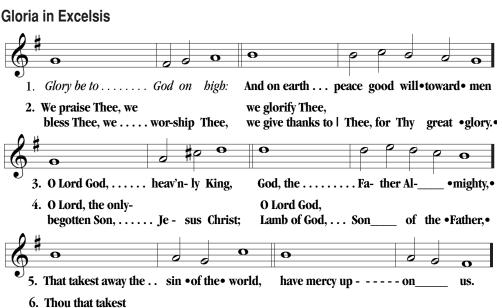
The earth has yielded its | in - crease; | God, our | God, shall bless | us. || Verse 2: God shall | bless us; || let all the ends of the | earth fear

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

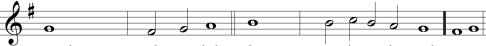
May God be gracious to us and | bless__ us || and make his face to | [Antiphon] shine up- on | us. || Let the peoples praise | you, O God; || let all the | peo- ples praise | you!

Kyrie





- away the sin •of the world, -- -- ceive our •prayer•
- 7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the •Father,• have mercy up - ---- on



- 8. For Thou only• art holy• Thou..... on -- ly art the Lord.
- 9. Thou, only, O art most Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father.• A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Second Sunday after Pentecost: Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

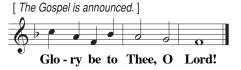
[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Alleluia!



Holy Gospel St. Matthew 9:35–10:20





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.

[Rise for stanza 6.]

Sermon

Rite of Confirmation

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

[After each petition]: Lord, in Your mercy: Hear our prayer. [After the final petition]:..., one God, now and forever Amen.

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

Voluntary

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



+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

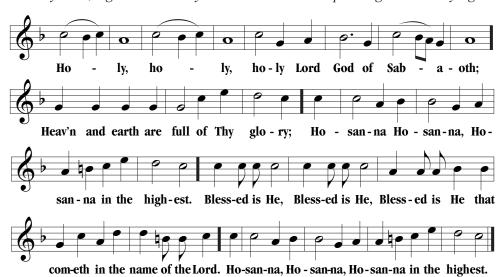


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



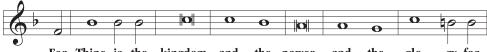
Common Preface, Sanctus

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

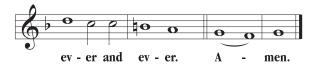


[Kneel] The Lord's Prayer

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



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for-



Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



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



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns God's Own Child Burgundy Hymn 594

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Burgundy Hymn 627

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

Eucharistic Benediction

Post-Communion Canticle......The Nunc Dimittis



- servant, de-
- 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 Lo- ly Ghost.

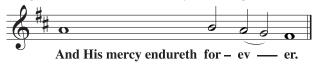


5. As it ____ was in the beginning, is now, and

and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

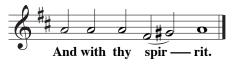


Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



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 \maltese 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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Burgundy Hymn 918

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Exodus 19:2-8

[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

The Epistle is Romans 5:6-15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

The Gospel is Matthew 9:35–10:20

Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

Hymns for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

LSB571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death; All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3. God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh; His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done; And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5. If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

LSB594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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- 1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
 He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
 Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
 That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
- 2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
 I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
 Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

- 3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
 Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
 Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
 And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise! Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
- 5. There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure! Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure. Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

LSB627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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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.
- W 3. Jesus here Himself is sharing; Heed then how you are preparing, For if You do not believe, His judgment then you shall receive.
- M 4. 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.
- W 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.
- M 6. 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.
- W 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.
- M 8. "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.

LSB918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1. Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
- Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield;
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

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	DAILY LECTIONARY	Evening Prayer
Matthew 9:35-10:20	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 19:2-8
John 15:12-27	Monday	Proverbs 15:1-29
John 16:1-16	Tuesday	Proverbs 16:1-24
John 16:17-33	Wednesday	Proverbs 18:1-20:4
John 17:1-26	Thursday	Proverbs 21:1-31
John 18:1-14	Friday	Proverbs 22:1-21
John 18:15-40	Saturday	Proverbs 22:22–23:12

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:

[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!

[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]

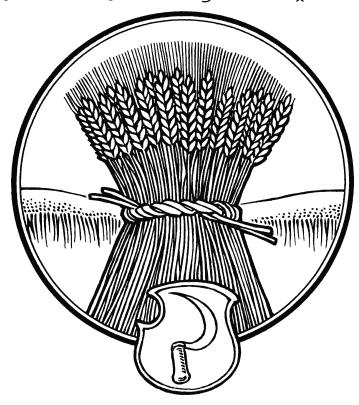
The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

The Second Sunday after Pentecost



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor Field Workers: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Kyle Nelson, Peter Wagner

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Teachers:

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

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world; for the leaders, pastors, church workers, for those preparing for the Holy Ministry, and for Bethlehem Lutheran, calling a new Senior Pastor
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School on summer break and Concordia Theological Seminary in summer session, especially the new Greek students
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death, including Irene Nichols
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Shannon Roberson, Juanita Moore, Gloria Gonzalez, Rose & Willie Manning, Charlene Young, Lucille Brandt, Shirley Bohner, Everett Beck, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Jill Stokes, Connie & Rick Meyer, Dick Hollman, Randy Reid, Maurice King, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, and Claudia Southerland
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially for our confirmands
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed, especially Albert & Emma Dirks, and Johann & Anna Fuchs.
- + 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Albert & Emma Dirks by Marilynn Shafter. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Johann & Anna Fuchs by Josefa Schaper. 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

	J	June 14, 2020 thru June 20, 2020	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	2:00 PM	Alyssa Seifert Graduation Celebration	Bauer Hall
MON. TUES.			
WED THURS. FRI.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Chapel
		June 21, 2020	
SUN.	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service — Father's Day Adult Bible Class	Church Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: We'll gather today in Bauer Hall with an appropriate amount of distancing to continue the study of the Epistles of St. Peter (we had read through much of 1st Peter this Easter season). Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the fall with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark.

TODAY three youth are confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran faith: Haley Brooks, daughter of Jeff and Stephanie Brooks, Jacob Houser, son of Connie and Steve Houser, and Celesta Kaiser, daughter of Jason and Susie Kaiser. Because we are still distancing, we can't welcome them as we'd like but there are congratulatory cupcakes available in containers in the Great Hall after Divine Service.

TODAY we have reached Back on Track Indiana, Stage 4. COVID-19 positive cases continue to decrease, but slowly. We'll continue to exercise caution; we'll continue to love our neighbors. Stage 4 guidelines affect the church little: 1) Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions *should adhere to social distancing guidelines and remain cautious at work and in their communities*; 2) Face coverings are *optional*; 3) Maintain social distancing guidelines in social settings. 4) Nursing homes remain closed to visitors, but you can have outdoor visitation now under certain circumstances.

NEXT SUNDAY we are also celebrating the baptism of Jai'layah Harrison, daughter of Jai Harrison and Keyana Tolbert. Jai'layah is the great granddaughter of TruLaine Starks.

FYI: there are still numerous library and reference books, desks, cabinets, chairs and other items in the school that will have to be removed eventually. If you would like to see and claim any remaining items before they are thrown out, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge, John 14:6? This week's challenge verse should also be well known —*Romans 6:23* "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Here are the past verses, if you want to catch up: Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 1:16(-17), 1 John 4:10, Psalm 73:25-26, 2 Cor. 5:17, Gal. 2:20, Phil. 4:6-7, John 14:6 and now Rom. 6:23.

UPDATE: Still in hospital; still getting better. Lord, have mercy. Again, if you would like to send a card to him, his address is: Maurice King, 376 Quell Ct, 46845.

SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL is looking for a part-time music teacher for grades K-8 and choir -12-15 hours per week. If interested, please contact Amy Greener at 260-483-9371.

CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Head Track & Field Coach for the boys and girls teams. Also, seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the Head Boys Tennis Coach. Experience coaching in an education-based athletic program is required, and a certified teacher is preferred. Experience coaching in an education-based athletic program is required, and a certified teacher is preferred. Playing and/or coaching experience preferred. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

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What Doctor Luther Says:

About Where Our Confidence Is Found — In Christ

If you ask where faith and confidence may be found or whence they come, it is certainly the most necessary thing to know. First, without any doubt it does not come from your works or from your merits, but only from Jesus Christ, freely promised and freely given. As St. Paul writes in Romans 5 [:8], "God shows his love toward us as exceedingly sweet and kind in that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners." This is as if Paul said, "Ought this not give us a strong, invincible confidence in that before we prayed about it or cared about it, yes, while we still continually walked in sin, Christ died for our sins?" [Paul] goes on, "If then Christ has died for us while we were yet sinners, how much more shall we be saved through him, being justified by his blood. And if, while we were still enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be preserved through his life" [Rom. 5:8-11].

Look here! This is how you must cultivate Christ in yourself, and see how in him God holds before you his mercy and offers it to you without any prior merits of your own. It is from such a view of his grace that you must draw faith and confidence in the forgiveness of all your sins. Faith, therefore, does not originate in works; neither do works create faith, but faith must spring up and flow from the blood and wounds and death of Christ. If you see in these that God is so kindly disposed toward you that he even gives his own Son for you, then your heart in turn must grow sweet and disposed toward God. And in this way your confidence must grow out of pure good will and love—God's toward you, and yours toward God.

Luther's Works, 44:38.

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.



FACT:

Households experiencing diaper need are an average of 19 diapers short a month

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on August 29th.

ALL size diapers are needed, just bring your diapers to the church and place them into the bassinet. Last day to bring diapers will be July 31st.

*Last year Zion Lutheran Church gave away locally 2652 diapers which was 202 packages of diapers. But then, a crisis happened and the remaining diapers were shipped off to the needy families.

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