# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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

9:00 AM ...... June 28, 2020

#### **RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION**

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

(a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

- (b) who have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

#### H = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

Greeting and Announcements: The Lord be with you! ...... And also with you!

#### [Rise] Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. ...... Amen!

#### + The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution +

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. ...... And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*O almighty God, merciful Father, ......* I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and

for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.



[Antiphon] I will sing of the steadfast love of the | Lord, for- •ever•; || with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness | to all gen- er- | •ations•. || For I said, "Steadfast love will be built | up for- •ever•; || in the heavens you will es- | •tablish• your faith- ful- | ness."

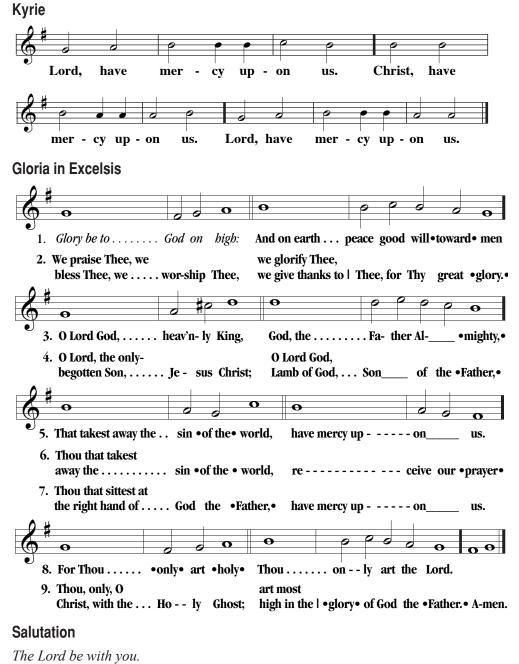
Verse 1: Blessed are the people who know the | fes- tal shout, || who walk, O Lord, in the | light\_\_\_ of your | face, || who exult in your name | all the day || and in your righteous- | ness\_\_\_ are ex- | •alted•.



Verse 2: For you are the glory | of their strength; || by your favor our | horn\_\_\_\_ is ex- |
•alted•. || For our shield belongs | to the Lord, || our king to the Holy | One of Is- ra- | el.

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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**Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:** Let us pray. Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[Be Seated]

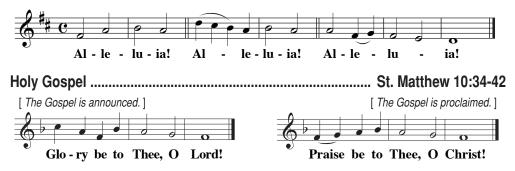
+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 28:5-9
[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord	
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Epistle of the Day	Romans /:1-13

#### [Rise]

#### Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Alleluia!



#### Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven [Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was

made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen!

# Hymn of the Day ...... Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus ..... Burgundy Hymn 685

#### Sermon

#### [Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

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

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



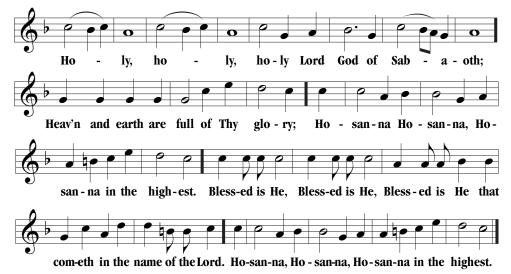


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



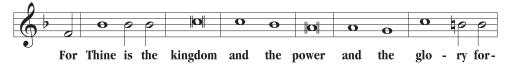
#### **Common Preface, Sanctus**

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.



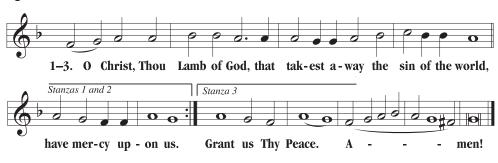


## Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[ Be Seated ]

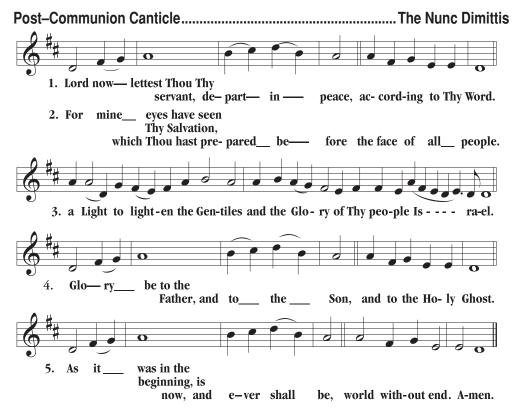
**Distribution Hymns** ...... **The Law of God is Good** ...... **Burgundy Hymn 579** [All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6.]

Lord Jesus Christ ..... Burgundy Hymn 622

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

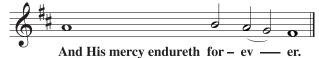
#### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast ..... Burgundy Hymn 655

#### **Eucharistic Benediction**



## Post Communion Rite

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.





# Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn ...... Lord, Help Us ..... Burgundy Hymn 857 Postlude

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

#### The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

#### The Epistle is Romans 7:1-13

Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the alive and commandment came. sin came died. The Ι verv commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

#### The Gospel is Matthew 10:34-42

[Jesus said,] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

# Hymns for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### LSB685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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- Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share You woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me..

#### LSB579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

- The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes, Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2. Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts That we may see our lost estate And turn from sin before too late.
- W 3. To those who help in Christ have found And would in works of love abound It shows what deeds are His delight And should be done as good and right.

- M 4. But those who scornfully disdain God's Law shall then in sin remain; Its terror in their ear resounds And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
  - The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
  - To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

## LSB622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

- Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation; It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest, For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2. Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling, And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling, And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty Till dawns the judgment morning.
- W 3. Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation; But You are present even now Here with Your congregation. Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand Or subtle craft and cunning.
- M 4. We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving. This word remains forever true, All things are possible with You, For You are Lord Almighty.
- W 5. Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces; Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- M 6. Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your Supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.

- 7. Grant that we worthily receive Your Supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving o'er our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.

## LSB655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

- Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing your praise eternally.
- 3. O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

#### LSB857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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- 1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.
- 2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside. You lived Your years in servanthood In lowliness You died.
- 3. No golden scepter by a towel You place within the hands Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.
- 4. You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.
- 5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead And bending low, for getting self. Each serve the other's need.

#### For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests TEACH -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests OFFER SACRIFICES -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	DAILY LECTIONARY	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Matthew 10:34-42	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 28:5-9
Acts 9:23-43	Monday	Joshua 4:1-24
Acts 10:1-17	Tuesday	Joshua 5:1-65
Acts 10:18-33	Wednesday	Joshua 6:6-27
Acts 10:34-48	Thursday	Joshua 7:1-26
Acts 11:1-18	Friday	Joshua 8:1-28
Acts 11:19-30	Saturday	Joshua 10:1-25

#### 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, 

[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, 

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of the Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community: Lord, in Thy mercy, 

[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! The Our Father [Daily]

#### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

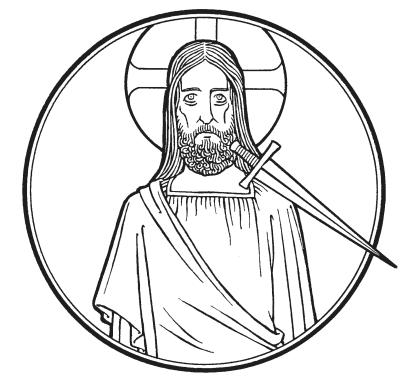
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12

Romans 7:14-25a

Matthew 11:25-30

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



# Zion Hvangelical Lutheran Church

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

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist; •
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all. ٠

#### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

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

#### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, 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:

Teachers:

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 and racial strife, for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School 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, Willie Manning, Charlene Young, Lucille Brandt, Shirley Bohner, Everett Beck, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Jill Stokes, Connie & Rick Meyer, Dick Hollman, John Weber, 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, especially Bryce Shull and Angela Fulk.
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially Ned 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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of Bryce Shull's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday (Bryce is with his family today on his birthday). The Altar Vases are given in thanksgiving for the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jim Crouse's daughter, Angela Kathleen Fulk, a member of Faith Lutheran in Churubusco. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the baptism of Ned 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**

#### June 28, 2020 thru July 4, 2020

SUN.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM	Divine Service Adult Bible Class	Church Bauer Hall		
MON. TUES.		Pastor is taking off today			
WED THURS.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church		
FRI. SAT.	Closed	Independence Day observed			
SUN	9.00 AM	July 5, 2020	Church		
SUN.	9:00 AM	July 5, 2020 Divine Service	Church		

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall

# **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**FYI** Semi-annual giving statements will be ready July 5<sup>th</sup>. You may pick them up at Julie Ganaway's Scrip table. Thanks, Melvia.

**AROUND THE NATION** COVID-19 is still troubling many states. We must to exercise caution as we gather; we must continue to love our neighbors. Remember, we are in Stage 4 moving to Stage 5: 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 — we're doing this still in church; try to offset yourselves) 4) we can now have social gather in groups of 250. 5) Nursing homes remain closed to visitors, but we can have outdoor visitation now under certain circumstances.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY** We're working on filling important positions on councils and producing the budget. If asked to serve, please prayerfully consider it. And please continue to offer up your gifts to the Lord regularly and cheerfully. The Assembly is being planned for July 26 — lots of business.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge, Isaiah 53:5? This week's challenge verse is a bit longer, but still well known — Rom 3:23-24 *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."* 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, Rom. 6:23, Isaiah 53:5, and now Rom 3:23-24.

**UPDATE:** We'll continue to pray for Maurice and hope for a word soon. 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 seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Science Teacher. A bachelor's degree in secondary education, or a related field, and a Physics Teacher Certification are required. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit <u>www.clhscadets.com/employment</u>. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

**HOPE CENTER:** Strides of Hope is A Hope Center's Annual Walkathon to raise funds and walk as a united group to support the mothers, fathers, and babies that A Hope Center serves. Join us on Saturday, August  $22^{nd}$  at the beautiful Morsches Park in Columbia City for the 2020 Strides of Hope Walkathon. Registration began on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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# What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Important Relationship of Law and Gospel

Now in order that we do not open our mouths too wide and marvel at the skill of these false spirits, and thereby abandon the main articles, and thus deceitfully be led off the track (for thereby the devil succeeds through these prophets [that is, Luther's former Wittenberg University colleague Andreas Karlstadt and companions]), I will here briefly recount these articles of the Christian faith to which everyone is above all things to pay attention and hold fast.

The first is the law of God, which is to be preached so that one thereby reveals and teaches how to recognize sin (Rom. 3 [:20] and 7 [:7]), as we have often shown in our writings. However, these prophets do not understand this correctly, for this means a truly spiritual preaching of the law, as Paul says in Rom. 7 [:14], and a right use of the law, as he says in I Tim. 1 [:8].

Secondly, when now sin is recognized and the law is so preached that the conscience is alarmed and humbled before God's wrath, we are then to preach the comforting word of the gospel and the forgiveness of sins, so that the conscience again may be comforted and established in the grace of God, etc.

Christ himself teaches these two articles in such an order (Luke 24 [:47]). One must preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins in his name. "And the Spirit (he says in John [16:8]) will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment." You do not find either of these two articles in this one or any other of the false prophets. They also do not understand them, and yet these are the most important and necessary articles.

Luther's Works, 40:82.

# 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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