Historic Zion Lutheran Church

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

9:00 AM July 5, 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.

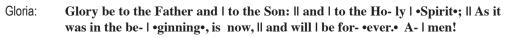
The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.



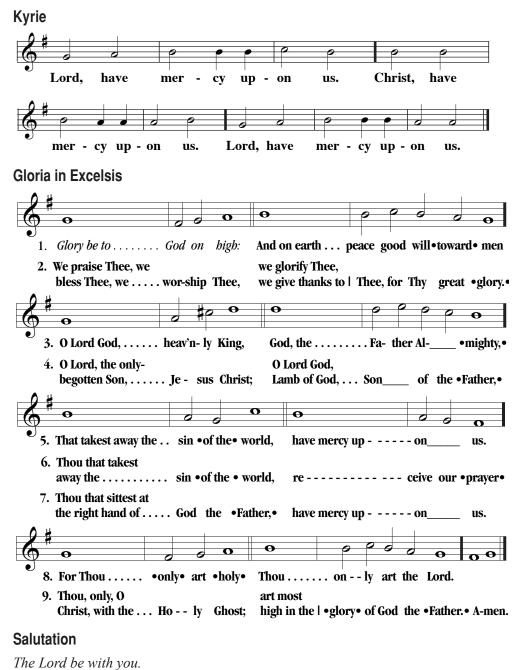
[Antiphon] He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High || will abide in the | •shadow• of the Al- | •mighty•. || I will say to the Lord, "My refuge | and my •fortress•, || my | God, in whom I | trust."

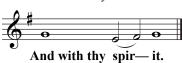
Verse : Because you have made the Lord your | dwell- ing place || the Most High, who | is my re-__ | fuge || no evil shall be allowed | to be- •fall you•, || no | plague come near your | tent.





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Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



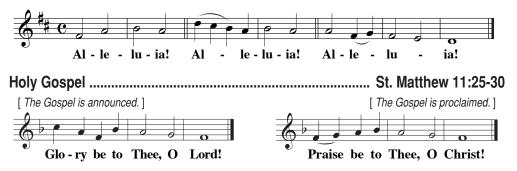
[Be Seated] + The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading	Zechariah 9:9-12
[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord	
Epistle of the Day	Romans 7:14-25a

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." 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 If God Himself Burgundy Hymn 724: Sts 1-6 [All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6. Stanzas 7 thru 10 will be sung after the sermon.]

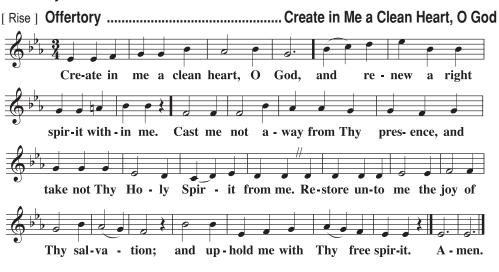
Sermon

Hymn If God Himself .. Burgundy Hymn 724: Sts 7-10 [All sing stanza 7; Women alone sing stanza 8; Men alone sing stanza 9; All sing stanza 10.]

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

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



+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

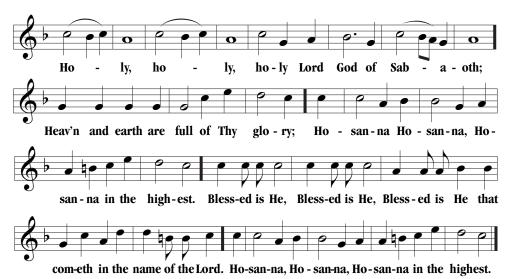


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Common Preface, Sanctus

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



[Kneel] The Lord's Prayer

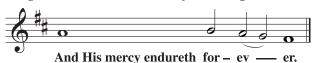
[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; ... but deliver us from evil.





Post Communion Rite

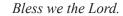
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



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 Before You, Lord, We Bow Burgundy Hymn 966 Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud. O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey. on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem: and the battle bow shall be cut off. and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Epistle is Romans 7:14-25a

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Gospel is Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.
- 5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB724 If God Himself Be for Me (before Sermon)

- If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy; For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly. If Christ, the head and master, Befriend me from above, What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?
- I build on this foundation, That Jesus and his blood Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good. Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth; The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.
- W 3. Christ Jesus is my splendor, My sun, my light, alone;Were He not my defender Before God's judgment throne, I never should find favor And mercy in His sight But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.
- M 4. He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death; He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith. In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way; In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
 - For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside; Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride. No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace; For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
 - Who clings with resolution To Him whom Satan hates Must look for persecution; For him the burden waits Of mock'ry, shame, and losses Heaped on his blameless head; A thousand plagues and crosses Will be his daily bread.

LSB724 If God Himself Be for Me (after Sermon)

- From me this is not hidden, Yet am I not afraid; I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid. Though life from me be taken And ev'rything I own, I trust in You unshaken And cleave to You alone.
- W 8. No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty, No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me. Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be; No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.

- M 9. No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show, No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe, No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.
 - My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad. My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad. The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King; The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

LSB707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
- 2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere; Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
- 3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep; And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4. Make me to walk in Thy commands 'Tis a delightful road Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

LSB684 Come Unto Me Ye Weary

- "Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest." O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed! It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace, Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.
- "Come unto Me, ye wand'rers, And I will give you light." O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night! Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way; But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.
- "Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
 O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife! The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long; But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.
- 4. "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out." O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt, Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free, Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

LSB619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

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 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed.

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

- With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me. No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*
- Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely, With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
- Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer; For He who is of death the Master With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*
- My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed Holy Trinity.
 With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

LSB966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

- Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- The nation You have blest May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land — Gifts of Your hand — Our thanks we pay.
- May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song.

- Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.
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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, Dwight Bieberich, 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, especially Marty & Judy Thomas
- + For the gift of life 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, including Eva Widner
- + 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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Eva Widner by her daughter Joyce Gottschalk. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of Judy and Marty Thomas' 25th wedding anniversary. 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

July 5, 2020 thru July 11, 2020

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SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church		
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall		
MON.	6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting			
TUES.	10:00 AM	District Board Executive Committee	Zoom at home		
	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room		
WED	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church		
THURS.					
FRI.					
SAT.	9:00 AM	Zion Leadership Forum	Bauer Hall		
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church		
		July 12, 2020			
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church		
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall		
	10:30 AM	Pastor Punke to Peace for Voter's Meeting	Peace Lutheran		

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 are ready. You may pick them up at Julie Ganaway's Scrip table.

THANKS to everyone who has donated diapers. So far we have collected 1,900 diapers. We are especially in need of newborn, and sizes 3, 4, and 5. If you would like to help with getting them bagged and ready for the drive through diaper drive, please contact TruLaine Starks at 260-441-0753.

AROUND THE NATION COVID-19 is still troubling many states. As of this writing, I don't know if we'll be able to move to Stage 5 on July 5th as scheduled. Regardless, let us continue to use caution as we gather; we must continue to love our neighbors. 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) social gatherings permitted in groups greater than 250. 5) Nursing homes visitation continues to be evaluated; K-12 schools operations to be determined.

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, Rom. 3:23-24? This week's challenge verse is part of our Gospel — Matt 11:28 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Last week's verse was Rom. 3:23-24.

UPDATE FROM SHEILA: Maurice was released from the hospital after 73 days. He had been on a ventilator for a month, in the ICU for a month, and in rehab most recently. He had been unable to walk at all and even now can stand with a walker for only 10 minutes at a time. He had just about every major organ except his heart and hearing affected. His appendix, gallbladder, and eyesight were all affected. His right hand at this point isn't working well, and he was to start therapy on his hand this week. 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.

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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 11:25-30	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Zechariah 9:9-12
Acts 13:1-12	Monday	Joshua 24:1-31
Acts 13:13-41	Tuesday	Judges 2:6-23
Acts 13:42-52	Wednesday	Judges 3:7-31
Acts 14:1-18	Thursday	Judges 4:1-24
Acts 14:19-15:5	Friday	Judges 6:1-24
Acts 15:6-21	Saturday	Judges 6:25-40

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 praver. 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:12-17

Isaiah 55:10-13

Matthew 13:1-9, 36-43

The Fifth 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; ٠
- 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:

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Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Christian's Battle against Sin

You must be prepared and armed, and you must combat lusts without ceasing; for they will assail you with large numbers and try to take you captive.

For this reason St. Paul also says in Rom. 7:22-23: "I delight in the Law of God, in my inmost self; but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin, so that I do what I do not want to do." It is as if he were saying: "To be sure, I struggle against it; but it refuses to stop. Therefore I would like to be rid of it, but this will not happen. My wishing does not help. What, then, shall I do?" And later (verse 24) he exclaims: "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" All saints cry out this way. But those who do not have faith the devil leads in such a way that they just go along in their sins and follow them unconcernedly. "The others," the devil thinks, "I have already taken captive with unbelief. Now I will let them go along in such a way that they commit no gross sins and have no great trials. Thus I will cover up the abscess and the rascal." The believers, on the other hand, always have trials enough; they must wage war constantly. Those who are without faith and the Spirit do not feel this; or they fall behind, run away, and follow evil lust. But as soon as the Spirit and faith enter the heart, man becomes so feeble that he imagines that he cannot suppress the faintest thoughts and extinguish the smallest sparks. He sees nothing but sin in himself from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. For before he believed, he went his way as he pleased. But now that the Spirit has come and wants to make him pure, the battle begins. Then the devil, the world, and the flesh assault the faith.

Luther's Works, 30:70.

COMING IN FALL OF 2020 | NEW BOOK FROM CONCORDIA PUBLISHING

FATH IN THE SHADOW OF SHADOW OF ADANDEMIC JOHN T. PLESS

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.

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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