

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE (LSB 184) FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM and 10:00 AM.....May 17, 2020

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

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

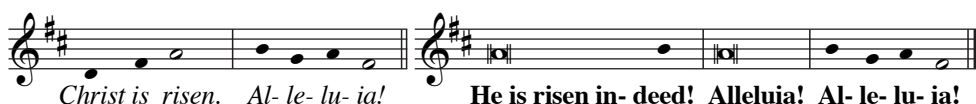
- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this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

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

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

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

[Rise] **Easter Acclamation**



Invocation

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

+ The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution +

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

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

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

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

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *Your word is a lamp | to my feet || and a | light__ to my | path.*

Verse 1: **For- | •ever•, O Lord, || your word is firmly fixed | in the hea-__ | vens.**

Verse 2: *Your faithfulness endures to all | ge- ner- •ations• ; || you have established the | earth, and it stands | fast.*

Verse 3: **By your appointment they | stand this day, || for all things | are your ser-__ | vants.**

Verse 4: *If your law had not been | my de- light, || I would have perished in | my af- flic-__ | tion.*

Verse 5: **I will never forget your | pre-__ cepts, || for by them you have | giv- en me__ | life.**

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!**

[Antiphon] *Your word is a lamp | to my feet || and a | light__ to my | path.*

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on__ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord__ have mer - cy up - on__ us.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God_ the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



O Lord, the on-ly be - got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on__ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world; re-ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the

Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us. For Thou on-ly art ho-ly, Thou

on-ly art the Lord. Thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly

Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir—it.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: *Let us pray. O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A—men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

First Reading..... Acts 17:16-31

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Peter 3:13-22

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn Dear Christians Burgundy Hymn 556:1-4**

[Sing stanzas 1 thru 4 before the Gospel. Sing stanzas 5 thru 10 after the Creed.]

Holy Gospel St. John 14:15-21

[The Gospel is announced.]

Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

[Bow] **And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

[After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.]

Hymn of the Day Dear Christians Burgundy Hymn 556:5-10
[All sing stanza 5; Women sing stanza 6; All sing stanza 7; Men sing stanza 8; All sing stanzas 9 & 10.]

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

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



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you. *Lift up your hearts.*



And with thy spir-it. We lift _ them up un-to _ the Lord.


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet _ and right so _ to do. _

Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

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



Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are

full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless-ed is — He that com - eth in the name — of the

Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[Remain Standing] **The Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry

for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men

Agnus Dei

[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Awake, My, Heart,Burgundy Hymn 467

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

Come Down, O Love Divine Burgundy Hymn 501

[Rise] **Eucharistic Benediction**

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

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



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el.



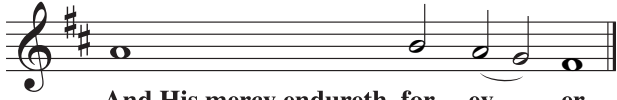
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it __ was in the
beginning, is
now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

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



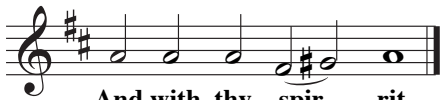
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



A - men, A - men, A - men.

Easter Acclamation



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

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 Praise the Almighty Burgundy Hymn 797

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Epistle is 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The Gospel is St. John 14:15-21

[Jesus said,] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (stt. 1-4)

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won,
What price our ransom cost Him!
2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
3. My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
4. But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (stt. 5-10)

- A 5. God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."
- W 6. The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- A 7. To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- M 8. "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

- A 9. “Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- A 10. “What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.”

LSB467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

- A 1. Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
- A 2. The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o’er the grave.
- A 3. This is a sight that gladdens—What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God’s own Son In love for me hath won.
- W 4. Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow’r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all his might Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow’rless form, Howe’er it rave and storm.
- M 5. The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- A 6. Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate’er He passes through.
He rends death’s iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell’s dark thrall; I follow Him through all.

- A 7. He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
“Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified.”

LSB501 Come Down, O Love Divine

1. Come down, O Love divine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,
And o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow’r of human telling;
No soul can guess His grace Till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

LSB797 Praise the Almighty

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earth-born they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

3. Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford. Alleluia, alleluia!
4. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia!



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Godly Suffering Versus Self-Chosen Suffering

17. *For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong.*
18. *For Christ also died for sins once for all, the Righteous for the unrighteous, that He might offer us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.*

It will not come about that those who are on the way to heaven will have good days on earth, since those who do not come into heaven cannot have good days either. For all men are subjected to what God says to Adam (Gen. 3:19)—“In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread”—and to the woman (Gen. 3:16)—“I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing.” Now since we are all subjected to misfortune, how much more it is necessary for those who want to come into eternal life to bear the cross! For this reason St. Peter says that because God wants it this way, it is better for you to suffer for doing right. Those who suffer for doing wrong have an evil conscience and a twofold punishment. But Christians have only half of this. Outwardly they suffer, but inwardly they are comforted.

Yet here the apostle has set a limit, as he did above (1:6), when he said that “for a little while you may have to suffer various trials.” He has done so in order to check those who, like the Donatists, about whom Augustine writes, turned to verses that speak of suffering and killed themselves. They hurled themselves into the sea. God does not want us to search for misfortune and to choose it ourselves. Walk in faith and love. If the cross comes, accept it. If it does not come, do not search for it. Therefore those hot-headed spirits do wrong by scourging and beating themselves or by killing themselves and trying in this way to take heaven by storm.

Luther's Works, 30:109-10.

Zion Stay-Safe Rules

- ✿ If you are sick, GO HOME or to the doctor.
- ✿ 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); 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. Try not to touch your face.
- ✿ 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, texts, and hymns are printed. We're not reusing them. Deposit them in the used-bulletins box in the narthex after the service.
- ✿ 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 follow a different procedure. Individual cups will be offered for the blood of Christ.

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

John 14:15-21

Luke 15:11-32

Luke 16:1-18

Luke 16:19-31

Luke 17:1-19

Luke 17:20-37

Luke 18:1-17

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 17:16-31

Numbers 8:5-26

Numbers 9:1-23

Numbers 10:11-36

Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35

Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of the Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

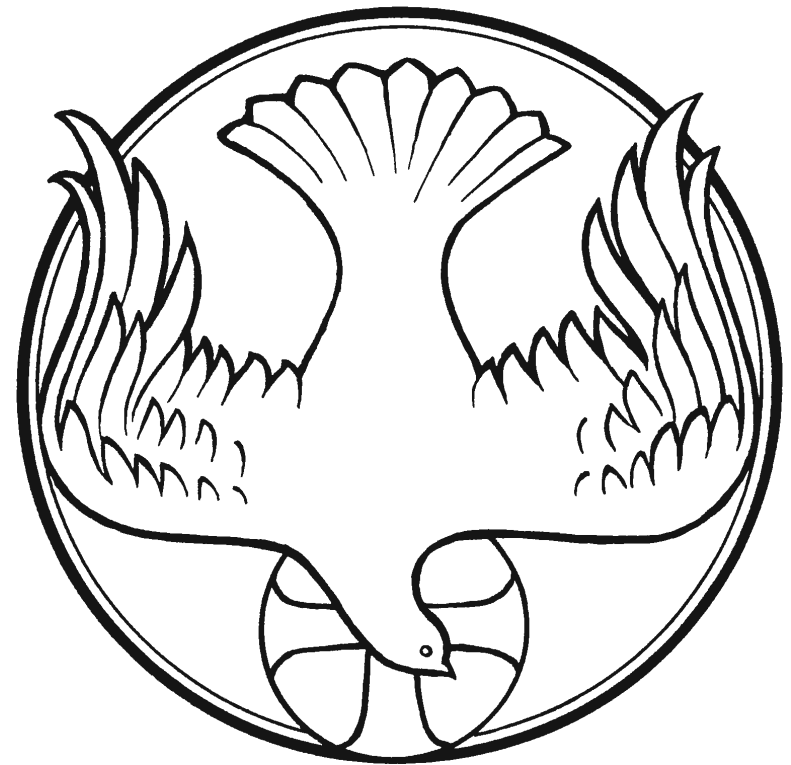
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

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Dawn Gill, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

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Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

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, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary, the teachers teaching and the students learning online, and school families
- + 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 Juanita Moore, Gloria Gonzalez, Rose & Willie Manning, Charlene Young, Lucille Brandt, Marilyn Shafter, 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, especially William Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones,
- + For the faithful departed, especially Vanessa Smith
- + 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is giving in celebration of William Wallschlaeger's birthday by his family. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Vanessa Smith on the occasion of her birthday by David and DaVanna Seifert.

CALENDAR

May 17, 2020 thru May 23, 2020

SUN.	8:30 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
MON.			
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.		Last Day of School	
	7:00 PM	Ascension Service	Church
FRI.	9:00 AM	District BOD Meeting	Virtual
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Chapel

May 24, 2020

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
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ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: We're getting closer to returning. Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the fall with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark. The summer will give Peter (perhaps Kyle) and me an opportunity to teach some more.

NEXT SUNDAY we will go back to having one service only at our regular time. Next weekend is Memorial Day weekend, too. In our prayers, we'll remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge, Psalm 73:25-26? I don't know about you, but I've found it rather fun. If you haven't started, start now. This week's challenge verse is, I hope, a bit easier—2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." If you want to catch up, so far we've worked on Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 1:16(17), 1 John 4:10, Psalm 73:25-26, and now 2 Cor. 5:17.

PRAYER: The staff of the Indiana District meets for prayer and Bible Study on Monday morning. At this time they pray for the congregations and schools of the district. This week our congregation will be specifically named in their prayers. Continue to remember them in yours as they walk with us to carry out the work of the Kingdom. We'll remember Synod and District in the church's prayers today.

SAVE THE DATE: on August 29th, Zion will host the annual diaper drive. We're starting now to collect diapers for the diaper drive. If you would like to volunteer your time helping with the event or for more information, contact TruLaine Starks at 260-441-0753.

UPDATE: This is what I received from Sheila last week: "Lovita, Maurice's wife... stated that there was some improvement. That is all I got from her related to his hospitalization. Her voice was more upbeat than before. She stated that he has a ways to go. But is grateful for this bit of news." Again, he has been in hospital since March 30; he continues to need our prayers. If you would like to send a card to him, his address is: Maurice King, 376 Quell Ct, 46845.

LSUS NEWS: We are no longer looking for a 4th grade teacher. Because of the disruption of COVID-19 on learning and to decrease the gaps in learning, Mrs. Tourney will move with her class to 4th grade, and Mrs. Gill will move with her class to 3rd grade. Thus, we are now looking for a 2nd grade teacher. If you know of someone, have him or her contact the school: (260) 744-0459.

SAVE THE DATE: Cross Connections is gearing up for another Spring Thing event, rescheduled to summer. Mark your calendars and plan to join them in support of the Biblical counseling ministry of Cross Connections! Tuesday, June 23rd, 5:30 PM-9:00 PM, at the Parkview Mirro Center. The evening includes dinner, live music, guest speaker—former MLB player Darryl Strawberry, raffle items, and tons of fun!

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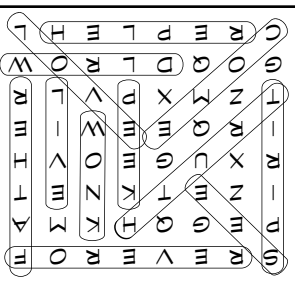
Jesus says that people who love Him will do something. To find out what it is, write the correct letter under each number. The key will tell you which letter to write.

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11 5 5 16 13 25

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1=A	2=B	3=C	4=D	5=E	6=F	7=G
8=H	9=I	10=J	11=K	12=L	13=M	14=N
15=O	16=P	17=Q	18=R	19=S	20=T	21=U
22=V	23=W	24=X	25=Y	26=Z	key	



ANSWERS

SCRAMBLED WORDS

WORD SEARCH

FATHER, WILL-SPIRIT

CANNOT, ORPHANS, LIVE, KEEPS,

CODE MESSAGE

YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

6th Sunday of Easter



Because I live, you also will live.

John 14:19

NAME: _____

TODAY'S GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Try to find 12 words from today's Gospel in this puzzle. You may go up or down, from side to side, or diagonally. Circle each word as you find it, and mark it off the list. The first one has been done for you.



WORD SEARCH

SCRAMBLED WORDS

First, unscramble Jesus' words in the sentences. Print them in the spaces on the right. Then print the circled letters on the lines below. Unscramble them to find out what God would give the disciples.

The world NANCOT receive Him.

I will not leave you as SPAROHN.

Because I ELVI, you also will live.

Whoever has My commandments and PEKES them, he it is who loves Me.

He who loves Me will be loved by My FEARTH.

I LIWL love him and manifest Myself to him.

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LOVE
KEEP
HELPER
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