

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

7:00 pm Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

[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.

[Kneel]

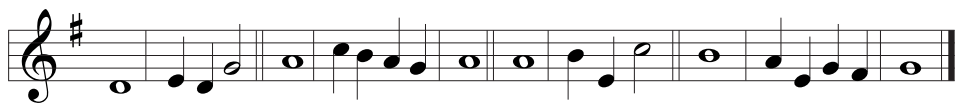
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

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

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

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *Men of Ga-li-lee, || why do you stand gazing up into heaven? | Al-le-lu-ia! || This same Jesus, who was taken up from you up | in-to •heaven•, || will come as you saw Him go into heaven. | Al-le-lu-__ | ia!*

Verse 1: **Oh, clap your hands, | all you •peoples•! || Shout to God | with the voice of | •triumph•! || For the LORD Most | High is •awesome•; || He is a great King | o-ver all the | earth.**

Verse 2: *God has gone up | with a shout, || the LORD with the | sound •of a• trum - | pet. || God reigns over the | na-__ tions; || God sits | on His ho-ly | throne.*

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

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Kyrie



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



Lord __ have mer - cy up - on __ us.

Gloria



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,



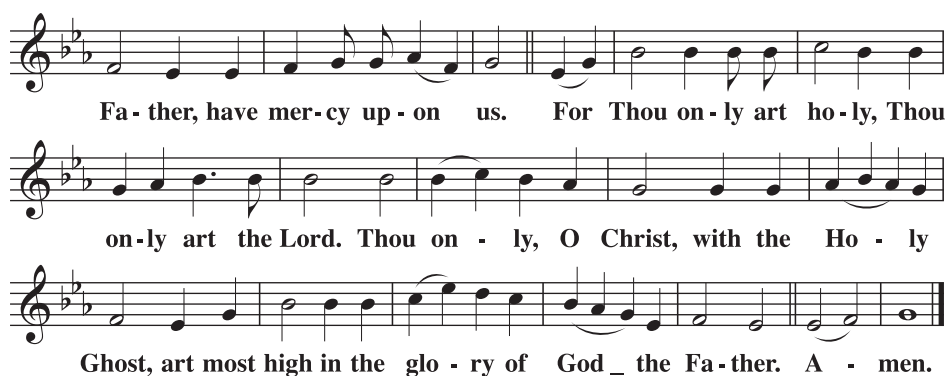
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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



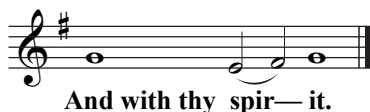
world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the



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 Ascension: *Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, 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 1:1-11

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

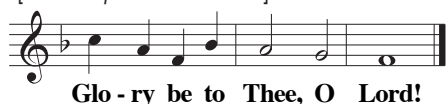
Epistle of the Day Ephesians 1:15-23

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn** We Thank Thee, Jesus RED Hymn 223

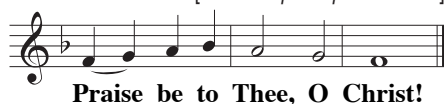
Holy Gospel St. Luke 24:44-53

[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 ... See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph RED Hymn 218

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanza 3; Men sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6. Rise for Stanza 6.]

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] Offerings

Voluntary

[Rise] Offertory 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 Ascension, Sanctus

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

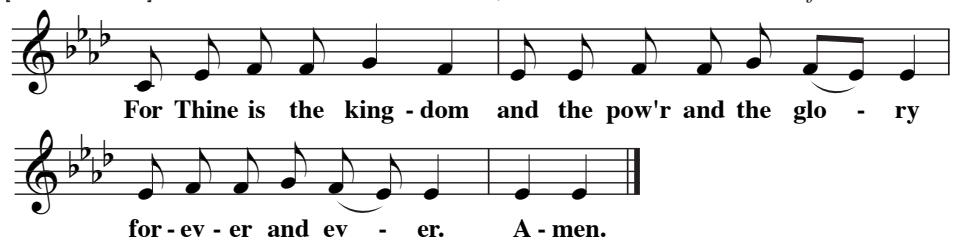


Ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is ___ He that com - eth in the name _ of the



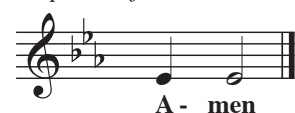
[Remain standing] **Lord's Prayer**

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

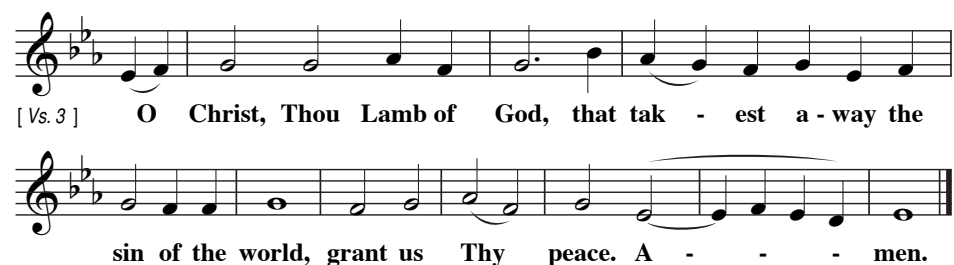
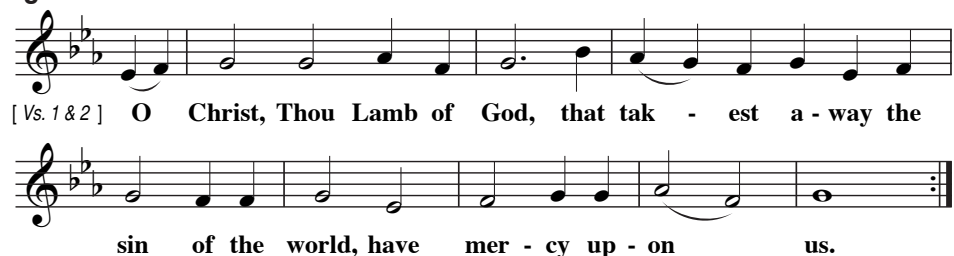


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns ... A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing Burgundy Hymn 493

[Rise for stanza 6.]

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



- 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.



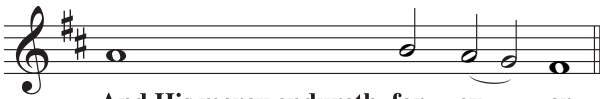
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



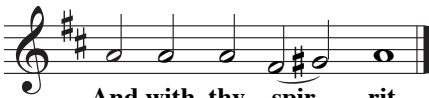
And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A - men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - rit.

Bless we the Lord.



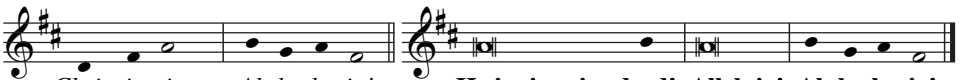
Thanks be to God.

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.



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 Look, Ye Saints Burgundy Hymn 495

Postlude

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Readings for the Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord

The First Reading is Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [*The Paschal candle is withdrawn from our sight.*] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Epistle is Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and

gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel is Luke 24:44-53

Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Hymns for the Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord

TLH223 We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend

Unknown

1. We thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,
That Thou didst into heav'n ascend.
O blessed Savior, bid us live
And strength to soul and body give. Hallelujah!
2. Ascended to His throne on high,
Hid from our sight, yet always nigh,
He rules and reigns at God's right hand
And has all pow'r at His command. Hallelujah!
3. The man who trusts in Him is blest
And finds in Him eternal rest;
This world's allurements we despise
And fix on Christ alone our eyes. Hallelujah!
4. We therefore heartily rejoice
And sing His praise with cheerful voice;
He captive led captivity,
From bitter death He set us free. Hallelujah!
5. Through Him we heirs of heaven are made;
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
That we may firmly trust in Thee
And through Thee live eternally. Hallelujah!

TLH218 See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph Christopher Wordsworth

1. See, the Conqu'ror mounts in triumph; See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot, To His heav'nly palace gate!
Hark, the choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heav'nly King.
2. Who is this that comes in glory With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,—He hath gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose,
He hath vanquished sin and Satan; He by death hath spoiled His foes.
- W3. While He lifts His hands in blessing He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him, He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated To His everlasting home.

- M 4. Now our heav'nly Aaron enters With His blood within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan, and the kings before Him quail.
Now He plants the tribes of Israel In their promised resting-place,
Now our great Elijah offers Double portion of His grace.
5. Thou hast raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places, There with Thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne.
Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension We by faith behold our own.
- △ 6. Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm hath won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit! To One God in Persons Three
Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.

LSB493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Venerable Bede

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1. A hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. To them the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say. "This is his glorious triumph day"
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. "You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LSB495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Thomas Kelly

1. Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;
See the Man of Sorrows now!
From the fight returned victorious,
Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the victor's brow.
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2. Crown the Saviour! Angels, crown Him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him
While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown the Saviour King of kings.
Crown the Saviour King of kings.
3. Sinners in derision crowned Him,
Mocking thus the Saviour's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him,
Own His title, praise His Name.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Spread abroad the victor's fame.
Spread abroad the victor's fame.
4. Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
Oh, what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
King of kings, and Lord of lords!
King of kings, and Lord of lords!



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Spread of the Gospel Starting at Jerusalem

For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be salvation, [Joel 2:32b] that is, the basis for salvation will be there. This is what Isaiah says (Is. 2:3): “Out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” Also Christ says in the last chapter of Luke (Luke 26:46-47): “Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem, etc.” So here, too, there is one passage which holds that the Gospel would come first out of Jerusalem—the Gospel which, along with many other things, Christ certainly disclosed to His disciples. See here the marvelous goodness of God, who still wanted to make our consciences certain so they could by no means entertain doubts about the Word of God. Thus also in the first spreading of the Gospel, He used a special place, special persons, and even special outward signs. At that time this was especially necessary so that the obvious signs and places and persons could show and bear witness of the first spreading of the Gospel. To such a degree is God at enmity with inconstant spirits, who produce all such uncertain things. But now that the Gospel has been openly revealed, it is no longer bound to any persons or places, as immediately follows:

And among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord will have called [Joel 2:32c]. It is as if he were saying: “To be sure, in Jerusalem will be the beginning of salvation. The Gospel of salvation will be preached there first. It will not, however, remain only there. It will reach even the nations and will be preached everywhere throughout the world. Afterwards there will be no distinction either of places or of persons.”

Luther's Works, 18:112.



Let's Reconnect



You're invited and encouraged to attend any of the four upcoming events intended to promote fellowship and financial support for the ministry at Zion and Lutheran South Unity School.

The parties, which will replace the annual dinner dance and auction canceled this year because of the pandemic, will offer a variety of food, drink and fun. Cost is \$25 per person, and **an additional appeal for support will be made at each event.** Space is limited, so please express your interest in any of the following by calling the church office as soon as possible at 744-1389:

- *June 4 at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Jim and Judy Voelz and Pastor and Marge Punke, featuring fine French wines.
- *June 5 at 5 p.m. Hosted in Zion's Bauer Hall by award-winning Chef Eric and Jennifer Braun, featuring gourmet appetizers and delectable desserts.
- *June 17 at 6 p.m. A taste of "Little Italy" hosted by Mark and Dana Muehl.
- *June 19 at 5 p.m. Hosted by Kevin and Maribeth Leininger, featuring fine food, drink and cigars (outside, of course!) for those who enjoy them.

After informing the office of your preference, you will be called to confirm your interest and formalize your reservation.

The annual gala is an important part of our budget, so please prayerfully consider how you can support the work of the Lord at Zion and LSUS by attending one of these entertaining events. Or by sending a contribution to the office for Let's Reconnect

Theology in the Parish Lectures

Zion Lutheran Church presents

Joseph in Genesis ... A Motif of Death and Resurrection

featuring

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse

Professor of Exegetical Theology at
Concordia Theological Seminary,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

followed by

**Sacred Song at Zion:
The Joyous Sounds of Easter**

led by

Michael Hollman, MM
Organist and Director of Music,
Zion Lutheran Church

**Saturday, May 15,
1:30 pm – 4 pm**

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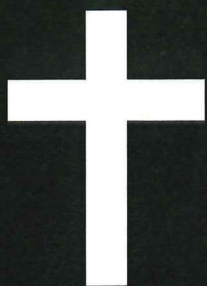
Images depicting scenes from Joseph's life from
folios in the Crusader Bible, Paris, France, 1240s.

Admission: \$5 for Adults; Children 14 and under Free

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Get vaccinated as soon as you can, if your health permits it. Hoosiers 16 and older can sign up to receive a vaccine.
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor. Worship with us online.
- ✿ Continue to practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands and using hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ Those who have NOT been vaccinated are urged to wear a mask while in the pews for your own protection and the protection of others. Those who ARE FULLY vaccinated may wear a mask if you desire to do so; you are no longer being urged to do so.
- ✿ Practice social distancing in the pews according to your comfort level.
- ✿ Holy Communion will be served at the altar rail again, kneeling if you are able. Individual cups continue to be offered for the blood of Christ. Pick up an individual cup from the "source tray" on the small table to indicate your desire to drink the blood of Christ in this way. Put your used cup in the "used tray" as you return to your pew by one of the side aisles.
- ✿ We are greeting with a shake of the hands. We can still do a fist or arm bump if you desire it.
- ✿ Some snacks will return to the Great Hall to encourage socializing after the Divine Service.
- ✿ These protocols will, hopefully, be able to be loosened further or done away with soon.

COMING IN FALL OF 2020 | NEW BOOK FROM CONCORDIA PUBLISHING



FAITH IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

JOHN T. PLESS | JACOB CORZINE

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