

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, April 11, 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

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.

[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] Like | newborn •infants•, || long for the | pure__ •spiri- •tual• | milk, || that by it you may grow up in- | to sal- •vation•—|| if indeed you have tasted | that the Lord is | good.

Verse 1: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; || make known his | deeds a- mong the | •peoples•! || Sing to him, sing | •praises• to him; || tell of | all his won- drous | works!

Verse 2: Glory in his | ho- ly name; || let the hearts of those who | seek the LORD re- | joice! || Seek the LORD | and his strength; || seek his | •presence• con- tin- ual- | ly!

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



Glory 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 - mighty - 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 Second Sunday of Easter: *Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 4:32-35

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

Epistle of the Day 1 John 1:1-2:2

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn O Sons and Daughters Burgundy Hymn 471**

[All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Deacon sings stanza 1; Women sing stanza 2;
Men sing stanza 3; All sing the "Alleluia".]

Holy Gospel St. John 20:19-31

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

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 O Sons and Daughters Burgundy Hymn 471

[All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Men sing stanzas 4 & 6; Women sing stanzas 5 & 7;
All sing stanzas 8, 9 and the final "Alleluia".]

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 Easter, Sanctus

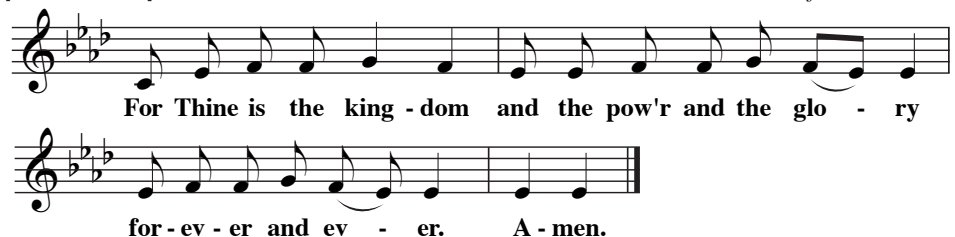
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

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



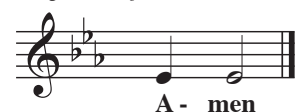
[Remain standing] **Lord's Prayer**

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

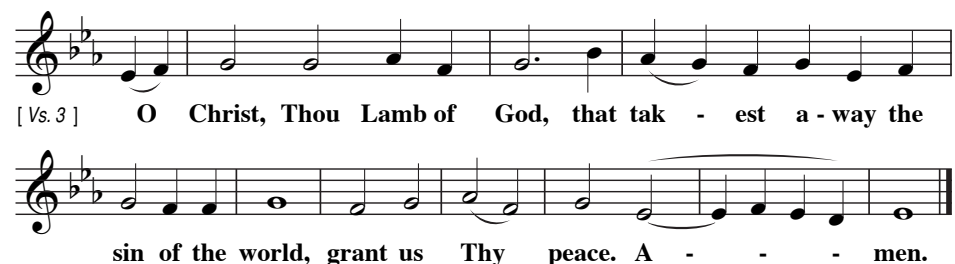
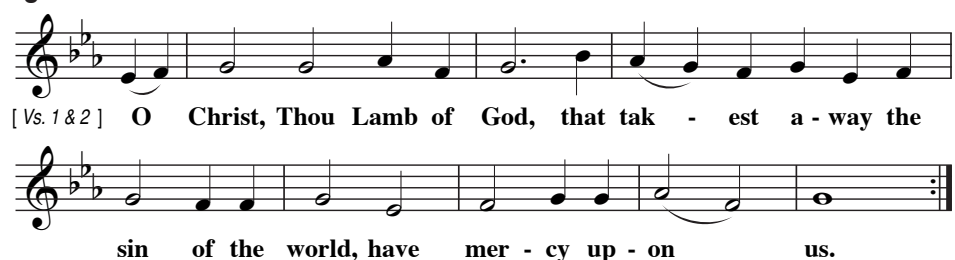


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns

Scatter the Darkness Burgundy Hymn 481

I Am Content Burgundy Hymn 468

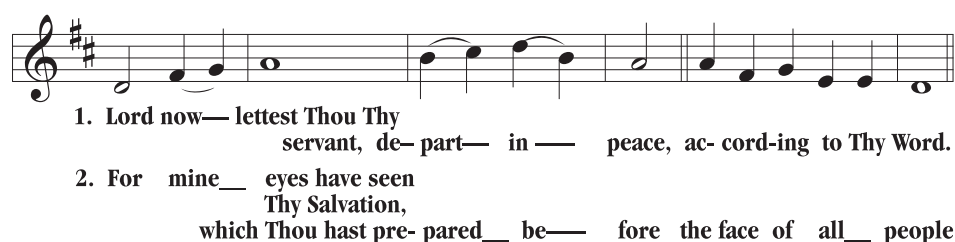
Now, My Tongue Burgundy Hymn 630

[Rise for Stanza 5.]

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**





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



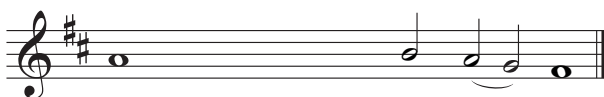
4. Glo— ry be to the
Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



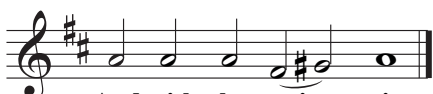
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



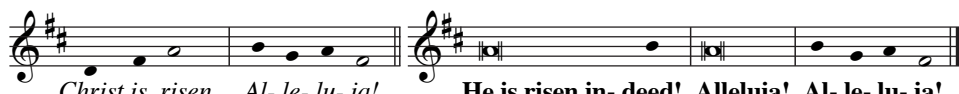
Thanks be to God.

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 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! RED Hymn 188

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Epistle is 1 John 1:1–2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Gospel is John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Hymns for the Second Sunday of Easter

LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (Sequence) Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

D 1. O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia!

W 2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

M 3. An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!

All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (HOTD) Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

M 4. That night the Apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

W 5. When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

M 6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

W 7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

8. How blest are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

LSB481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

Stephen P. Starke

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1. Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb
Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows,
Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!
2. Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die;
He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again—our foes defeated!
Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
3. Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world!
Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing!
Let there begin the jubilee—Christ has gained the victory!

LSB468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

Johann Joachim Möller

1. I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased.
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!
2. I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be.
He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus' resurrection.
I am content! I am content!
3. I am content! My Jesus is my light, My radiant sun of grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!
4. I am content! At length I shall be free, Awakened from the dead,
Arising glorious evermore to be With You, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content! I am content!

LSB630 Now, My Tongue the Mystery Telling

Thomas Aquinas

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1. Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling Of the glorious body sing,
And the blood, all price excelling, Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Once on earth among us dwelling, Shed for this world's ransoming.

2. Giv'n for us, and condescending To be born for us below,
He with us in converse blending Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending His most patient life of woe.
3. That last night at supper lying Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying, Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying, Gives Himself with His own hand.
4. Word made flesh, the bread He taketh, By His word His flesh to be;
Wine His sacred blood He maketh, Though the senses fails to see;
Faith alone the true heart waketh To behold the mystery.
- △ 5. Glory let us give and blessing To the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing, While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing Who from both with both is One..

TLH188 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

Carl B. Garve

1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy halls of death Christ the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to rise.
2. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice! Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.
3. Jesus lives! Why weepst thou? Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here Lives our Brother still on high.
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on His Church below.
4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.
5. Jesus lives! To Him my heart Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart, Hinder not my heavenward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise To its Magnet in the skies.
6. Hallelujah, angels, sing! Join us in our hymn of praise;
Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feeblers voices raise;
Glory to our God above And on earth His peace and love!

The Second 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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Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

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Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill
John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:
Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM
Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; 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
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Judy Thomas, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, Tracey Houser, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Judy & Jim Voelz
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Jane Porter Gresham
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Second of Easter Sunday. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving for God's blessings during the 44 years of marriage of Judy and Jim Voelz. The Altar Vases are given by Jim Crouse in honor of his wife, Jane Porter Gresham, on her 72nd birthday. 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

April 11, 2021 thru April 17, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.	6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting	Zoom
TUES.	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	Bethlehem Lutheran
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

April 18, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class resumes today with Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall. Please join us. Junior Catechesis resumes also today in the Conference Room with Pastor Punke.

20 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Zion Lutheran Church will be participating in Fort Wayne's Great American Clean-up on May 1, 2021, 9 AM-11 AM. We will meet up here at Zion and clean the trail from Zion to Phoenix Manor apartments. This project is an act of love to our neighborhood. If you're interested, there is a sign up sheet at Julie's table.

SPRING CLEANING Longer days and warmer weather mean it's almost time for Zion's spring clean-up. This year's event will be Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll be sprucing up the grounds and cleaning, with special focus on the school. If you can, bring rakes, mops and buckets, sponges, etc. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES, there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

MEN OF ZION are studying the prophet Zechariah. Join in on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

COVID PROTOCOLS for Zion will not loosen up any more for a while. Allen County's metrics don't warrant it. Check our posted protocols, if you're unsure of them. The CDC just recently put out a science brief: "The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is through exposure to respiratory droplets carrying infectious virus. It is possible for people to be infected through contact with contaminated surfaces or objects (fomites), but the risk is generally considered to be low." This we have known for some time: the risk is breathing in respiratory droplets. The state's mask mandate is off, but remember, that never applied to the church. Thus, we are still urging masks in the pews for the sake of the unvaccinated, even by the vaccinated (note: the vaccinated won't be held hostage by the unvaccinated forever); and we always promote good hand hygiene.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County remains in yellow with the same two-measure metric of 1.5, and it will remain high until we get our daily positivity rate down below 5%. As more and more people get vaccinated, I hope we can get our metrics down. Our hospital capacity and ICU availability still look good. Please get vaccinated, unless there is a health reason you cannot. *Hoosiers 16 and older are now eligible.* The state has fully vaccinated 23.7% of the population; Allen County has vaccinated 21.2% of the eligible population. Let's do our part.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's memory verses focus on resurrection hope given in and through baptism: Romans 6:8-9 "Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." Last week's verse was Romans 4:24-25.

GO ON AN EXPEDITION this summer at Camp Lutherhaven. With youth programs for K-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12, you can come and enjoy all that Lutherhaven offers. Register online at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

ROE V WADE MOVIE SCREENINGS Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for a screening of the new movie Roe V. Wade. Choose from three screenings: April 14th at the ABCinema in Decatur 7pm-9pm, April 20th at the Brokaw Theater in Angola, and April 21st at USF North Campus Auditorium 7pm-9pm. Admission is just \$5! Contact RLNI for larger group sales at 260-471-1849. To learn more visit: www.ichooselife.org/events.

LIFE DEFENDERS APOLOGETICS WORKSHOP: Learn how to make the Case for Life! Life Defenders workshops equip attendees to become effective ambassadors for life. Join us Saturday, April 24th from 9 a- noon at Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St, Grabill, IN, 46741. Visit www.ichooselife.org/ldaw or call 260-471-1849 for more information.

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 20:19-31

Luke 4:16-30

Luke 4:31-44

Luke 5:1-16

Luke 5:17-39

Luke 6:1-19

Luke 6:20-38

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 4:32-35

Exodus 22:20-23:13

Exodus 23:14-33

Exodus 24:1-18

Exodus 25:1-22

Exodus 31:1-18

Exodus 32:1-14

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 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

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:11-21

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Giving of the Keys of the Kingdom

Christ says to St. Peter in Matthew 16 [:18-19], “You are Peter and on this petra (that is, on this rock) I will build my church. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

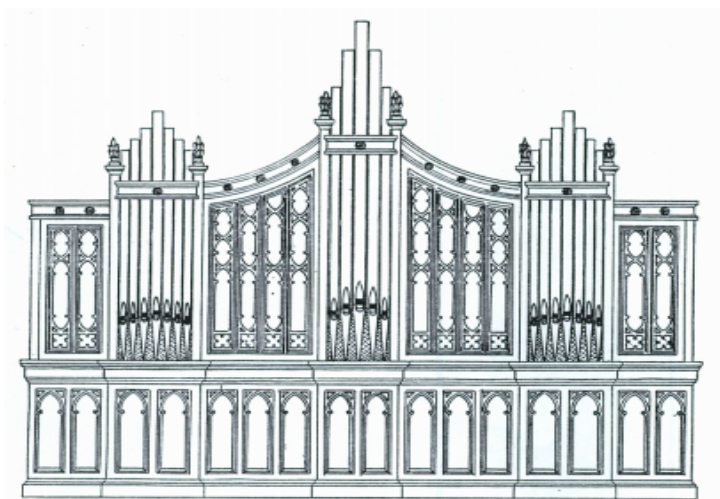
On the basis of these words they have attributed the keys to St. Peter alone. But the same St. Matthew, in Matthew 18 [:18], has barred such an erroneous interpretation, for Christ says to all of them in general, “Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Here it is clear that Christ is interpreting himself, explaining chapter 16 [:18] in this chapter 18 [:18], that the keys are given to St. Peter in place of the entire community, and not to his person alone. Thus also John, in the last chapter [John 20:22-23]: “He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; but if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’” Many people have tried to reconcile the sole authority of St. Peter with these two passages which are opposed by only the one [Matt. 16:18-19]. But the gospel is only too clear. Up to now they have had to concede that nothing particular is given to St. Peter as a person in the first passage. Many of the ancient holy fathers also understood it this way. This is also proven by Christ’s words when he asked not only Peter, but all of them together, before he gave St. Peter the keys, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter replied for them all, saying, “You are the Christ, the son of the living God” [Matt. 16:15-16].

Luther’s Works, 39:86.

A Concert of Brass & Organ Music

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church
2313 Hanna Street - Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sunday, April 25, 2021 at
3pm



On Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m., Organist Michael Hollman and the Zion Lutheran Brass Choir, directed by Bryen Warfield, will present an Organ and Brass concert at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 South Hanna Street. The concert will include works by Richard Strauss (*Feierlicher Einzug*), J.S. Bach (*Fantasia and Fugue in g minor - BWV 542*), Giuseppe Torelli (*Sonata in D - G.1*), Thomas Tallis (*If You Love Me*), Richard Webster (*Hymn Setting on "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*), and Max Reger (*Fantasia and Fugue on the Chorale "Wachet Auf!" - Op 52/No. 2*).

Admission is free and the recital is open to the public.

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**

2313 Hanna Street,
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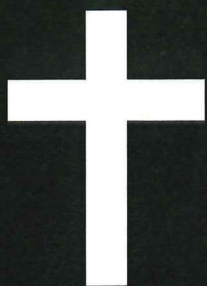
Images depicting scenes from Joseph's life from
folios in the Crusader Bible, Paris, France, 1240s.

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

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Indiana and Allen County metrics continue to get better. Vaccines are available for more and more. If you can, we encourage you to be vaccinated!
- ✿ *We are starting to inch our way back to normal.*
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
 - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
 - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Be aware of your surroundings; spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ *You are invited now to shake hands, if you're comfortable doing it. Otherwise, we can still bump fists or forearms. Still 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.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.

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