

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, April 18, 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] *For you will not abandon my soul | to She- ol, || or let your | •holy• one see cor- | •ruption•. || You make known to me the | path of life; || in your presence there is full-
ness of joy; at your right hand are | •pleasures• for- ev- er- | more.*

Verse 1: **I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up || and have not let my foes
re- | joice__ ov- er | me. || O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help, || and | you
have healed__ | me.**

Verse 2: *O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from She- ol; || you restored me to life from
among those who | go down to the | pit. || Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his
saints, || and give thanks | to his ho- ly | name.*

Verse 3: **For his anger is but | for a •moment•, || and his favor is | for a life-__ | time. ||
Weeping may tarry | for the night, || but joy comes | with the morn-__ | ing.**

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

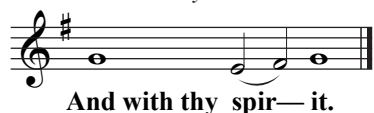
Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou

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 the Third Sunday of Easter: *O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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 3:11-21

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

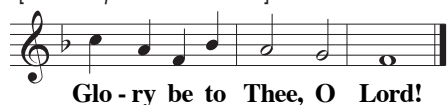
Epistle of the Day 1 John 3:1-7

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn** **Make Songs of Joy** **Burgundy Hymn 484**

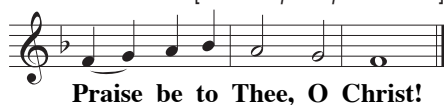
Holy Gospel **St. Luke 24:36-49**

[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 With High Delight..... Burgundy Hymn 483

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] OffertoryCreate 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.*

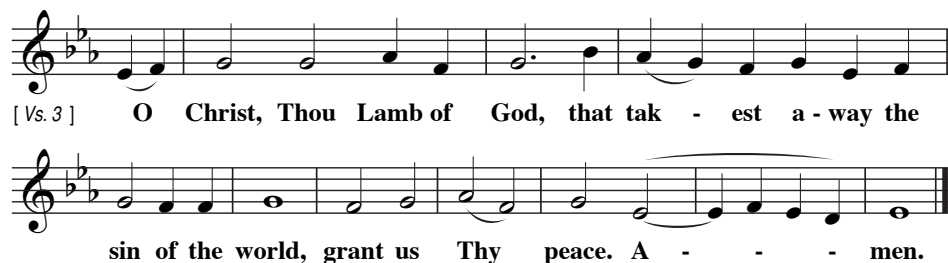
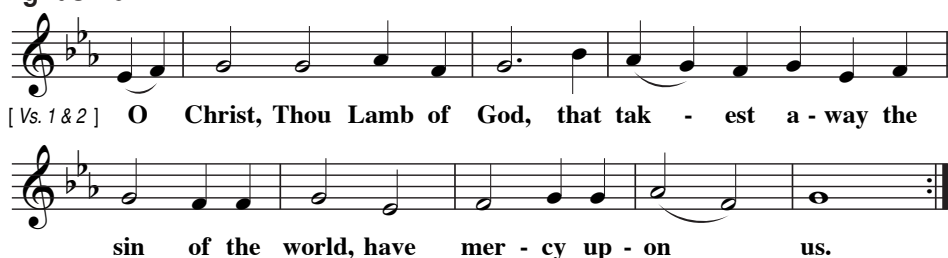


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns He Is Arisen! Burgundy Hymn 488

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, You Faithful Burgundy Hymn 487

[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.



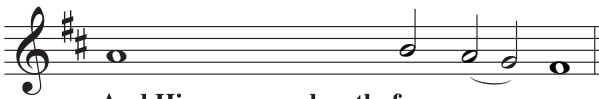
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



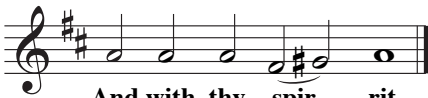
And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



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 This Joyful Eastertide Burgundy Hymn 482

Postlude

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Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 3:11-21

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

The Epistle is 1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

The Gospel is Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he 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.”

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Easter

LSB484 Make Songs of Joy

Juraj Tranovsky

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1. Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!
2. Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!
3. O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!
4. And where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!
5. Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!
- △ 6. For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

LSB483 With High Delight

Georg Vetter

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1. With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
2. True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.
3. Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

LSB488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Birgitte Katherine Boye

1. He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.

Oh, hear what cheer!
Christ victorious Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!?

LSB467 Awake My Heart with Gladness

Paul Gerhardt

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.
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.
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.
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.
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."

LSB487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

John of Damascus

1. Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness.
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!
4. For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.
5. Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

LSB482 This Joyful Eastertide

George R. Woodward

1. This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:
Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!
2. Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*
3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

The Third 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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Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvina 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, Ruth Boxdorfer, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Stephanie & Jeff Brooks
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + 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, especially Viola Lillian Crouse.
- + 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 Third Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 24th wedding anniversary of Stephanie & Jeff Brooks by David & Janeen Kaiser. The Altar Vases are given in memory of Jim Crouse's mother, Viola Lillian (née Zinter) Crouse, born 18 April 1914. 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 18, 2021 thru April 24, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.	12:00 PM	LSUS Pastors lunch meeting	Las Lomas
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	12:00 PM	SPZP Board meeting	Carson Boxberger
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	9:00 AM	Zion Spring Clean up	
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

April 25, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	3:00 PM	Brass & Organ Concert	Church

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

20 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Zion Lutheran Church will be participating in Fort Wayne 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. If you're interested, there is a sign up sheet at Julie's table.

ZION'S SPRING CLEANING 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 have not changed. Allen County's metrics don't warrant it. Check our posted protocols, if you're unsure of them. I am thinking through our next steps on how to return to normal. I'm writing a plan that I'll present to the Elders Council for their input. Look to May for changes. In the meantime, we must remain vigilant. We are still urging masks in the pews for the sake of the unvaccinated, even by the vaccinated, if you are able (because of the way the virus is communicated, this may be the last thing to change); and we always promote good hand hygiene. Please do your part.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County remains in yellow with the same two-measure metric of 1.5, but if things don't turn around, we could move back to orange. Our positivity rate on March 1 was 4%. We are close to double that and are still trending higher. It seems that much of the increase is due to younger people getting the virus. Hospitalizations have doubled recently and ICU bed usage for COVID has gone up significantly. Thankfully, deaths have not yet gone up and may not, given infections in the younger age group. On the other hand, it could be that deaths are lagging the rise in positives. This virus is not done with us yet. Please get vaccinated, unless there is a health reason you cannot. *Hoosiers 16 and older are now eligible.* The state has fully vaccinated 27% of the population; Allen County has vaccinated 25.6% of the eligible population.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verses? In this week's memory verse Jesus reminds us that He will be ascending back to the Father; Yet, our hope for life is in resurrection: John 14:19 "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." Last week's verse was Romans 6:8-9.

VICARAGE AND CALL SERVICES are on April 26 & 27, 7 PM, and will be livestreamed. The Rev. Christopher Esget will preach the Vicarage Assignment service (26th). The Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe will preach the Call Service (27th). In order to ensure adequate in-person space for students and their loved ones, the seminary is inviting the broader community to attend the services virtually. Join the livestream at callday.ctsfw.edu or facebook.com/ctsfw.

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 9a- noon at Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St, Grabill, IN, 46741. Visit www.ichooselife.org/ldaw or call 260-471-1849 for more information.

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For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

Luke 24:36-49

Luke 7:1-17

Luke 7:18-35

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 8:1-21

Luke 8:22-39

Luke 8:40-56

DAILY LECTIONARY

Third Sunday after Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 3:11-21

Exodus 33:1-23

Exodus 34:1-28

Exodus 34:29-35:21

Exodus 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31

Exodus 39:32-40:16

Exodus 40:17-38

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Looking to the Living Christ for Courage

Recently our faith was put to a still harder test. Satan, who always mingles with the children of God [Job 1:6], has made fine sport of us, mainly of me, in Wittenberg. He has permitted our adversaries to indulge their hatred against us. He opened his mouth wide to vilify the gospel. All my foes, including all devils, no matter how viciously they (often) attacked me, have never hit me as hard as our own people did now. I must confess that the smoke sorely smarts my eyes and makes me heartsick. Here, the devil thought, “I will depress Luther’s courage and break his strong spirit. He will neither understand nor overcome what is done.”

Alas, I ask myself if this is not happening in punishment of some of my chief patrons and of me. Of my patrons, because, though they believe that Christ is risen, they still wander about in the Garden [looking] for him along with Magdalene, and he has not yet ascended to the Father for them [John 20:17]. Of me, because, as a concession to good friends, I was so subdued at Worms lest I appear stubborn, and so did not make a more explicit and a bolder confession before the tyrants, although since that time these unbelieving heathen have accused me of replying arrogantly. They judge as heathen (that is what they are), who have never sensed a bit of the spirit of faith. I have often regretted my humility and deference.

But be that as it may, whether we sinned or did right, we must for all of that be undaunted and unafraid. For just as we do not boast of our good deeds, neither do we despond in our sins. Rather do we thank God that our faith transcends both good deeds and sins. For the Father of all mercy has granted us faith, not in a wooden but in a living Christ, who is Lord over sin and over innocence, who can support and preserve us even if we fell into many thousands of sins every hour. Of this I have not the slightest doubt.

Luther’s Works, 8:257-8.



"HERE I STAND"

The 500th Anniversary
of Luther's Confession at
the Diet of Worms
Sunday, April 18



Luther's Answer at the Diet of Worms:

It could have all ended the evening of April 18, 1521. The sun was beginning to set on the city of Worms. The heat was stifling in the packed room of the bishop's palace where emperor, electors and German princes all waited with anticipation to hear the answer Martin Luther would bring. Would Luther recant? Would he retract what he had written and said against abuses in the church and against papal tyranny? Most of all, would he give up on the Gospel he had preached and taught, giving comfort and certainty to consciences in Christ?

"Martin, answer clearly and without any double-talk: Do you or do you not recant your books and the errors in them?" If Luther were to recant and admit that he was wrong, all would be well before the emperor and the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, if he did not recant, his own life would be at risk. He could be burned as a heretic.

This was it: recant or stand firm. With beads of sweat on his face, Luther responded:

"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe

nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen" (LW 32:112–13).

At this bold confession, the room erupted in noise. Some rejoiced; some demanded fire! Yet, in the midst of such commotion, the truth of Jesus Christ rang forth. The gates of Hades had not prevailed over the confession of the Gospel. The proclamation of justification by grace through faith on account of Christ's work alone did not bend to spiritual tyranny.

500 Years Later:

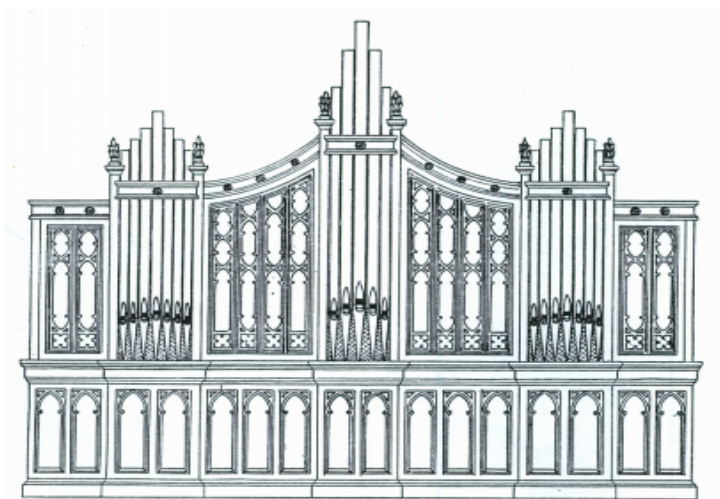
Today, we stand in the footsteps of Martin Luther 500 years later. We stand boldly, proclaiming the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We stand boldly, renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand, by the grace of God, steadfast and ready to suffer all rather than fall away. We do not stand on Luther, but we will gladly stand with him, firm on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures to confess the saving Gospel of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who died and rose, in whose name is forgiveness of sins for all people. Here we stand; we can do no other. God help us. Amen.

Find more at lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday, including giving opportunities for providing a thank offering.

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,
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46803
(260) 744-1389



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

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

August Hoham	Maxwell Love
Dominic Price	Aveyah Coker
Michael Johnson	Jakayla Bell
Aiden Slattery	Khin Aung
Denver Zarate-Garcia	



Dance Competition

LSUS had a dance competition on Monday, Mar. 29, inspired by Mrs. Bernabe, an LSUS board member from Bethlehem Lutheran Church and nurse who loves to lead exercise through Christian songs. Mrs. Bernabe visited our school in early March and taught students 2 dances. She then coordinated with Mrs. Reynolds to have a dance competition. Students, along with Mrs. Reynolds, chose a Christian song and then came up with movements to perform with it. Students then performed for each other, two classes at a time, in the gym: 1st & 3rd Grades, 2nd & 6th Grades, K & 7th & 8th Grades, and 4th & 5th Grades. It was a lot of fun and all students enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Bernabe had fresh fruit prizes in ziploc bags for all participants. We hope to make this an annual event, perhaps more than once a year. Thanks to Mrs. Bernabe for her great idea and inspiring all of us to keep moving!

LSUS NOTES continued

Third Grade Made Kites



Fourth Grade Making Electricity Scriptural Encouragement

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.~ Mark1:1-6

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Allen County metrics turned upward reminding us that COVID-19 is still active. Vaccines are available for Hoosiers 40 and older and soon for all Hoosiers 16 and older. We encourage you – be vaccinated!
- ✿ Some protocols remain the same; some are changed.
 - ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor;
 - ✿ 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.
- ✿ We continue to encourage you to wear masks, especially for the sake of neighbor, especially in the pews, because of
 - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking;
 - ✿ risk of prolonged exposure there.
- ✿ Be aware of your surroundings; spread out in church; *the recommended distancing is still 6 feet outside of school settings*; use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ We continue to inch toward normal, shaking hands if you're comfortable doing it, passing out bulletins, and having ushers gather the offerings. *Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.*
- ✿ More socializing can begin to take place if you continue to exercise precautions.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups continue to be offered for the blood of Christ.

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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.