

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, April 25, 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 **Psalm 23** **RED Hymn 662**

Kyrie



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 - mighty - y.

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

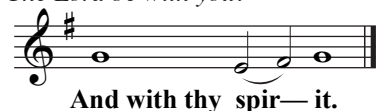
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the

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.



A ————— men!

+ The Office of the Word of God +

First Reading..... Acts 4:1-12

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

Epistle of the Day 1 John 3:16-24

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[Rise] Sequence Hymn Good Christian Friends Burgundy Hymn 475

Holy Gospel St. John 10:11-18

[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 The King of Love Burgundy Hymn 709

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

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

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry
 for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Musical notation for the first part of the Words of Institution, Pax Domini. The melody is in G-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end.

A - men

Agnus Dei

Musical notation for the first part of the Agnus Dei. The melody is in G-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end.

[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Musical notation for the second part of the Agnus Dei. The melody is in G-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end.

[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns The Lord's My Shepherd Burgundy Hymn 710
I Am Jesus' Little Lamb Burgundy Hymn 740
The Day of Resurrection Burgundy Hymn 478
[Rise for stanza 4.]

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

Musical notation for the first part of the Post-Communion Canticle. The melody is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end.

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.

Musical notation for the second part of the Post-Communion Canticle. The melody is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end.

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

Musical notation for the third part of the Post-Communion Canticle. The melody is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end.

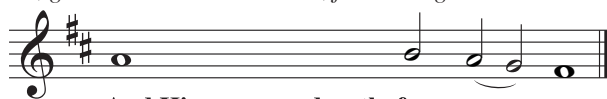
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.

Musical notation for the fourth part of the Post-Communion Canticle. The melody is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end.

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.



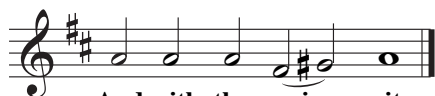
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



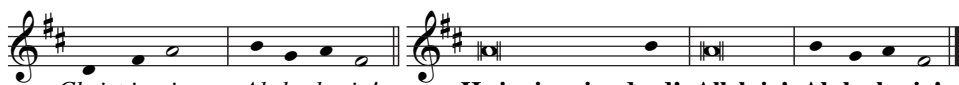
Thanks be to God.

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 O Little Flock Burgundy Hymn 666

Postlude

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Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The Epistle is 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Gospel is John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

LSB475 Good Christian Friends

Cyril A. Alington

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1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LSB709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Henry W. Baker

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

LSB710 The Lord's My Shepherd

The Psalms of David in Meeter

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

LSB740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Henrietta L. von Hayn

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

LSB478 The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!
- △ 4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

1. O little flock, fear not the foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r.
And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.
2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.
3. As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail.
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God--
Our vict'ry cannot fail.
4. Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise
Forevermore. Amen.

The Fourth 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

Senior Pastor

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)

Teachers:

Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,

Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill

John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

The Support Staff

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 George Lange, Jim Reid, 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
- + 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 Vanessa Smith
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in Thanksgiving to the Lord for his many blessings by Lois & George Lange. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Vanessa Smith on the occasion of her birthday by DaVanna & David Seifert. 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 25, 2021 thru May 1, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	3:00 PM	Brass & Organ Recital	Church
MON.			
TUES.	12:00 PM	Administrative Council	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
FRI.	7:00 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
SAT.	9:00 AM	Great America Clean up	Outside Area
	9:30 AM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church

May 2, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	1:00 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Bach Collegium 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.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped out with Zion's Spring Cleaning yesterday.

JOIN US this afternoon for Michael Hollman's Organ & Brass Recital at 3:00 PM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED as Zion Lutheran Church will be participating in Fort Wayne Great American Clean-up on May 1, 2021, 9 AM - 11 AM. We will meet here at Zion and clean the trail from Zion to Phoenix Manor apartments. Trash bags, gloves and T-shirts will be provided by the city. If you're interested, there is a sign up sheet at Julie's table.

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 remain unchanged for now, but I plan to make changes soon. The Elders will be looking at the planned changes and giving their counsel on them. Check our posted protocols, if you're unsure of the current protocols. I'm planning for a change starting May 9. 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 — we have never mandated mask-wearing; 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. Last week, I suggested we could go back into orange, given our trajectory, but that upward slope seems to have turned downward. We've had some daily positives back below 5%. That's good news, and gives me some comfort about our upcoming move to return to normal. Hospitalizations and ICU bed usage for COVID in District 3 have leveled off. And there has been no spike in COVID-related deaths Thanks be to God. I continue to urge you get vaccinated, unless there is a health reason you cannot. *Hoosiers 16 and older are now eligible.* The state has fully vaccinated 29.9% of the population; Allen County has vaccinated 29.3% of the eligible population. Troubling to me are the 32% of Hoosiers 80+ who have elected not to be vaccinated, given that 51.8% of the Hoosier deaths were those 80 and over (25.8% of those 70+). Unless there is a medical reason not to be vaccinated, odds are much better for you if you get the shot than if you get the virus.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verses? In this week's memory verse St. Paul reminds us that flesh dies, but faith leads to life: 1 Corinthians 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." Last week's verse was John 14:19

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.

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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

John 10:11-18

Luke 9:1-7

Luke 9:37-62

Luke 10:1-22

Luke 10:23-42

Luke 11:1-13

Luke 11:14-36

DAILY LECTIONARY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 4:1-12

Leviticus 9:1-24

Leviticus 10:1-20

Leviticus 16:1-24

Leviticus 17:1-16

Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8

Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:1-21

John 15:1-8



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Word that Gathers the Shepherd's Flock

Now see what a commotion this little psalm (117) causes throughout the world—how it storms and rages among idols! The world has always been full of idolatry, factions, and error, so that even the Romans, the cleverest and mightiest of all, had more than a hundred gods. The world is divided into countless errors, and yet this psalm dares include these thoughts and boldly declare that all such factions and idolatries must cease, and that all the heathen must turn to one faith and praise and honor one God. Through the Word of God there is to come out of such a variety of worship one harmonious flock under one Shepherd (John 10:16). It is truly wonderful that a human heart can dare conceive of this, believe in it, and firmly prophesy that it will happen, especially when one considers how hard the devil will oppose, resist, and block it with all the power and wisdom of this world, so that it would seem to be a sheer impossibility. Nevertheless, the psalmist has the courage to say it, and in spite of all it has come to pass. Both are great miracles: that a man should believe this, and that it should actually happen.

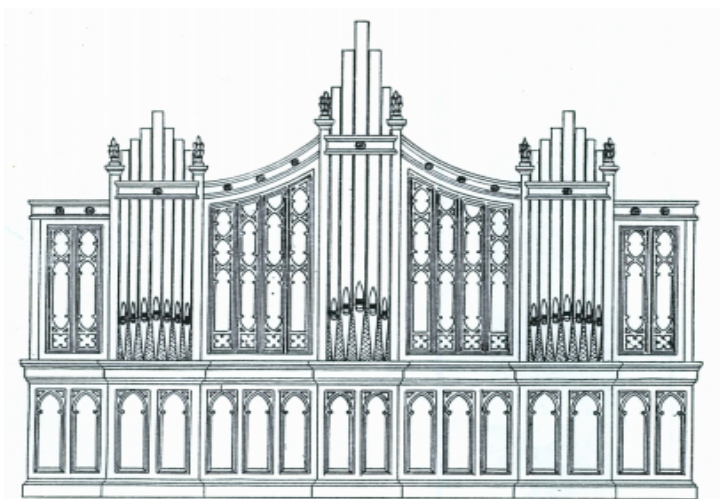
From this we see that the Word of God must be an almighty power of God (Rom. 1:16). It has cleaned up the idolatry, sectarianism, and error that then prevailed in the world so thoroughly that not a shred remains, despite the fact that emperors, princes, wise men, saints, all devils, and the whole world raged with such stubborn violence against it. The world has never taken it upon itself to fight idolatry. It can put up with any amount of error. But when God's Word comes, the world goes mad and refuses to stand for it. The world has had to stand for it, however, and has even been thoroughly defeated. This is the greatest work God has done on earth

Luther's Works, 14:10.

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:

Charli Holder	Vinente Herrera
Cain Garcia	Conor Collentine
CaLeya Bonner	Olivia Mann
Myante Williams	Curtis Bland
Promise Ackles	
Family of former custodian, Dan Gansert	



First Graders Learning Kickball

Band & Strings Rehearsals and Concerts!

April 29 Thursday — Concert* 7:00 pm (*3 people per student in audience*)

May 5, Wednesday—Elementary & CLHS Strings

Concert*, 7:00 pm (*3 people per student in audience*)

***Will be live-streamed**

LSUS Students Chapel Offerings

LSUS takes up chapel offerings for various organizations! The last two months the offerings went to Camp Lutherhaven and the total was \$250. These next two months are going to a missionary to Uganda Rachel Meyer.

LSUS NOTES continued

Apr & May Chapel Offering

Rachel Meyer, Missionary to Uganda

Pray for Rachel as she serves in Uganda. Pray for the ministry in the Lutheran schools in Uganda, that God may work through His Word to build faith in the hearts of the students, teachers, families and communities. Ask God to continue to nurture Rachel in the faith and give her wisdom and encouragement to humbly share Christ's love in word and deed. Pray that God's name is glorified in all that Rachel does and says. Let us give thanks that Rachel has been given the opportunity to serve God's people in this part of the world.



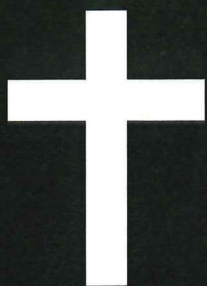
Scriptural Encouragement

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you. ~ Psalm 33:18–22

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.

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.