

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 9, 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] *Come and hear, all you | who fear God, || and I will tell what he | has done for my | soul.*

Verse 1: **Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; || sing the glory of his name; give | to him glo- •rious• | praise!**

Verse 2: *Bless our God, O | peo-___ ples; || let the sound | of his praise be | heard,*

Verse 3: **who has kept our soul among the | liv-___ ing || and has | not let our feet | slip.**

Verse 4: *Blessed | be___ God, || because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his | stead- fast love from | me!.*

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

[Antiphon] *Come and hear, all you | who fear God, || and I will tell what he | has done for my | soul.*

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



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

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



[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

First Reading Acts 10:34-48

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

Epistle of the Day 1 John 5:1-8

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

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

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

Holy Gospel St. John 15:9-17

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

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

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

Hymn of the Day Dear Christians Burgundy Hymn 556: 5-10

[All sing stanza 5; Women sing stanza 6; All sing stanza 7; Men sing stanza 8; All sing stanzas 9 & 10.]

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole 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

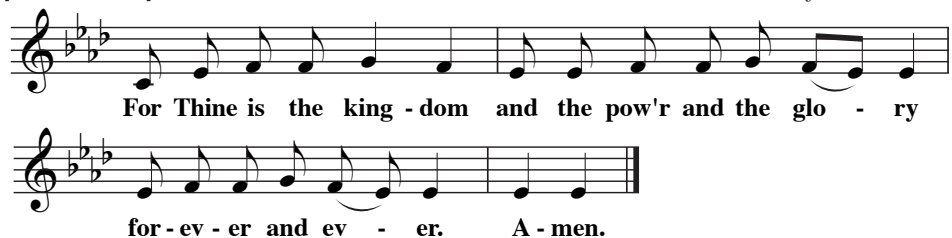
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

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.*

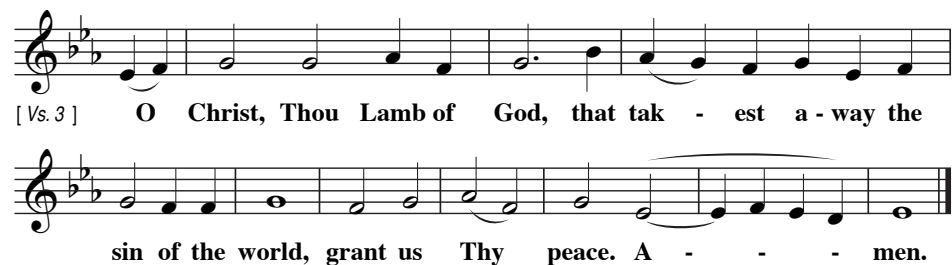
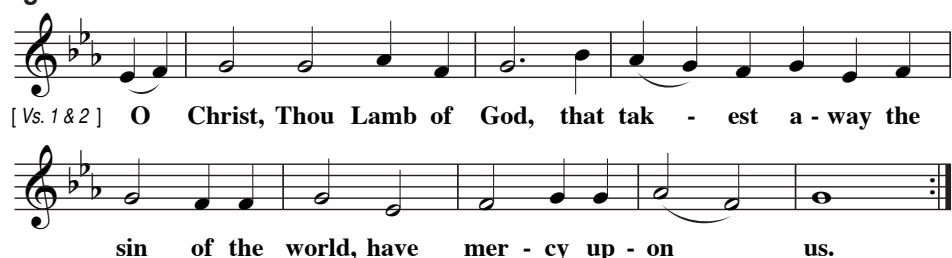


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Wide Open Stands** **Burgundy Hymn 639**

Love Divine **Burgundy Hymn 700**

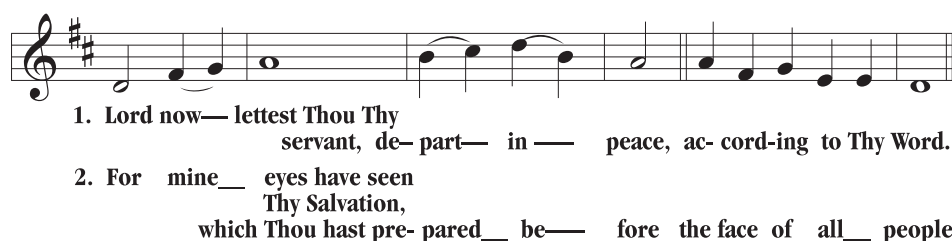
O Love, How Deep **Burgundy Hymn 544**

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

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.



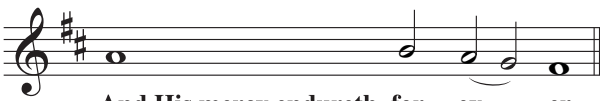
4. Glo—ry___ be to the
Father, and to___ the ___ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



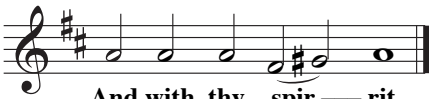
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



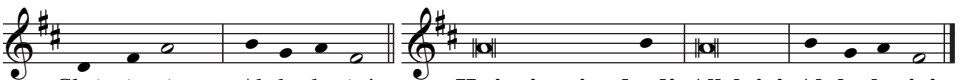
Thanks be to God.

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 Lord, 'Tis Not Burgundy Hymn 573

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

The Epistle is 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

The Gospel is John 15:9-17

[Jesus said,] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

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

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

5. God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."
- W6. The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
7. To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- M 8. "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

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

LSB639 Wide Open Stand the Gates

J. K. Wilhelm Loehle

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1. Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,
While round God's golden throne
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,
And joyous praise the Son!
They watch Him now descending To visit waiting earth.
The Lord of Life unending Brings dying hope new birth!
2. He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:
"This is My flesh and blood!"
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness
This gift of holy food.
All human thought must falter—Our God stoops low to heal,
Now present on the altar, For us both host and meal!
3. The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,
While saints in wonder kneel,
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright
No earthly masks conceal.
This sacrament God gives us Binds us in unity,
Joins earth with heav'n beyond us, Time with eternity!

LSB700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit;
 Let us find Thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav'n we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

LSB544 O Love, How Deep

Thomas à Kempis

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 Beyond all thought and fantasy,
 That God, the Son of God, should take
 Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- W2. He sent no angel to our race,
 Of higher or of lower place,
 But wore the robe of human frame,
 And to this world Himself He came.
- M 3. For us baptized, for us He bore
 His holy fast and hungered sore;
 For us temptation sharp He knew;
 For us the tempter overthrew.

- W 4. For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- M 5. For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.
6. For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △ 7. All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

LSB573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

Josiah Conder

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.
2. It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
- △ 3. Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

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Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

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, and all who are going forth to proclaim the Gospel
- + 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 Julie Ganaway, Jim Reid, Judy Thomas, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, 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, especially Max DeSalvo.
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Walter Pickett.
- + 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Walter Pickett by his daughter Karen Coleman and family. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 13th anniversary of the baptism of Max DeSalvo by Ardis Behrendt. 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

May 9, 2021 thru May 15, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service (Mother's Day)	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
MON.		Pastor away at Conference	Syracuse, IN
TUES.		Pastor away at Conference	Syracuse, IN
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
	7:00 PM	The Festival of the Ascension	Church
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confessions	Church
	1:30 PM	Theology in the Parish	Bauer Hall
	3:30 PM	Sacred Music at Zion	Church

May 16, 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 continues with Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall. Please join us. Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room with Pastor Punke.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mothers and grandmothers with special prayers for those women who have been unable to have children. God bless you and those whom you influence.

DIAPER DRIVE COLLECTION TIME: We are beginning the collection for diapers in order to get ready for the August diaper drive. During these urgent times we would like to collect at least 8,500 diapers (similar to last year). Please help out with this act of love to our neighbors.

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. We probably have a couple more sessions before summer break.

COVID PROTOCOLS are changing this Sunday. See the bulletin insert. We will return to the altar rail to receive the Holy Communion, kneeling if you are able. Some distance may be left between families. Ushers will bring the people in the transepts forward first (leave a place for Mike and Sarah in the first table to be served). If you desire still an individual cup for the blood of Christ, pick one up from one of the "source trays" near the center aisle. You will be served with the pouring chalice. Place your used cup in the "used tray" at one of the side aisles. The persons seated in the nave will be served next with a similar procedure.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County remains in yellow with the same two-measure metric of 1.5 ... again. We're hovering at around the 5% - 6% range for average daily positives. It would be nice to get that under 5%. Similarly, the number of positives per 100,000 in Allen County remain high, around 120. That needs to come down. 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. Allen County is doing pretty well on vaccinations at 36.1% fully vaccinated. Still, the rate of people getting their first vaccinations is going down, and that is worrisome. There are still a lot of Hoosiers left in the county needing vaccinated. If you haven't yet, please do so, if you can. *Hoosiers 16 and older are now eligible.* Unless there is a medical reason for you not to be vaccinated, odds are much better for you if you get the shot than if you get the virus.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE In this week's memory verse St. John teaches us that Jesus the Word is the source of life and our enlightenment: John 1:4 "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." Last week's verse was 1 Corinthians 15:57.

CLHS: Concordia Lutheran High School seeks a qualified candidate to serve as an Art Teacher, and also, a Cafeteria Assistant, who must be able to lift 50 pounds. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

CHRIST ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL is June 20-July 3. It is a two-week retreat for young men and women who are interested in theology and desire to learn more about pastoral or diaconal ministry. For more information, please visit www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/christ-academy.

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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

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

John 15:9-17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:34-48

Luke 15:11-32

Monday

Numbers 8:5-26

Luke 16:1-18

Tuesday

Numbers 9:1-23

Luke 16:19-31

Wednesday

Numbers 10:11-36

Luke 17:1-19

Thursday

Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35

Luke 17:20-37

Friday

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

Luke 18:1-17

Saturday

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of 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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26

1 John 5:9-15

John 17:11b-19



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Our Reconciliation — Christ's Work Not Ours
16. *You did not choose Me, but I chose you ...*

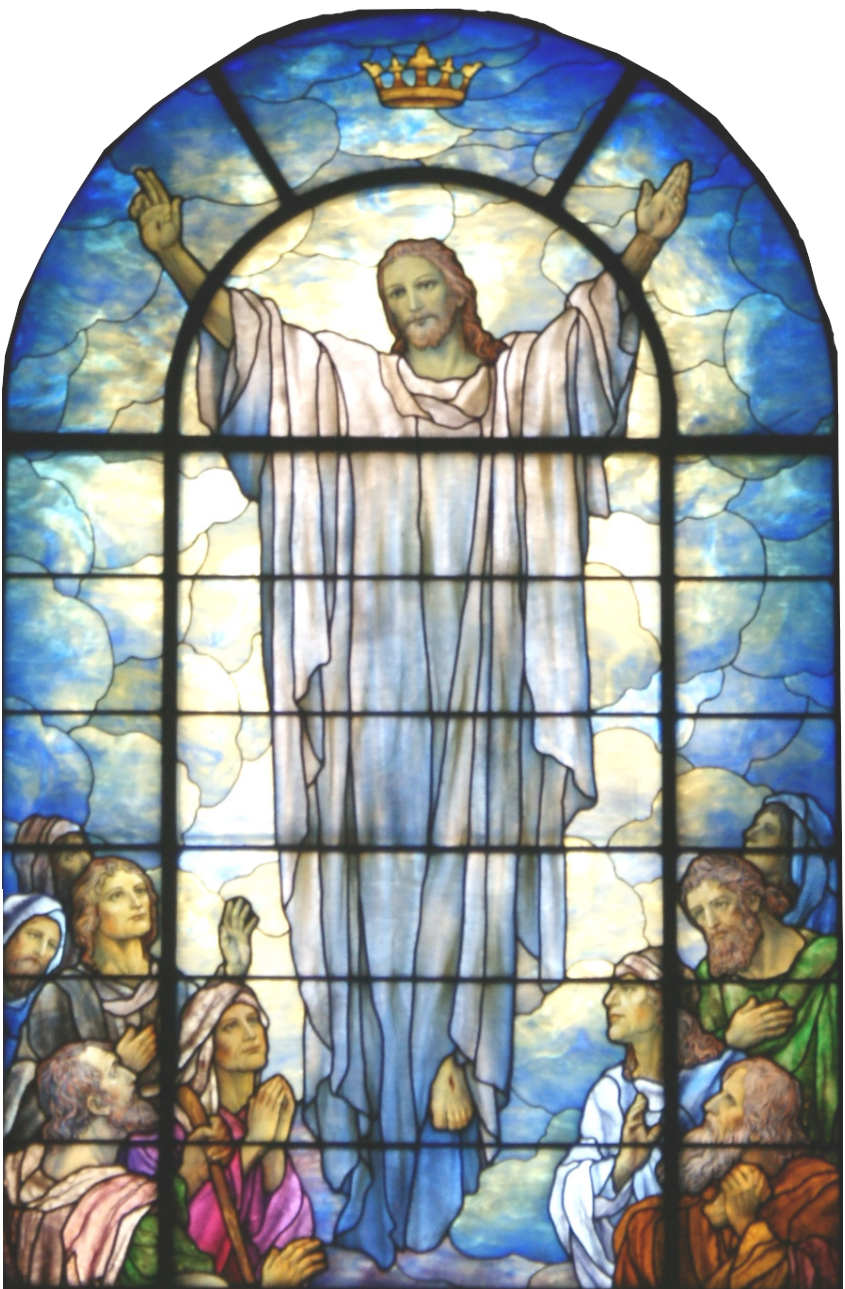
Here Christ Himself explains how He wants the words “No longer do I call you servants, but I call you My friends” to be understood. He says: “This friendship — the fact that I call you My friends — you do not have from yourselves; you have it because I chose you as friends through My suffering and death, and because I acknowledge you as My friends. Therefore you have no reason to boast, as though you had merited this from Me and were really worthy of it. In brief, you are friends because I chose and accepted you, who were by nature nothing but enemies. Otherwise you would know nothing of Me or of God. But now you are friends solely because I loved you so dearly and meant so well by you that I redeemed you and placed you into eternal life. ... here Christ calls those friends who never did Him a favor; yes, never knew Him but are poor, wretched sinners, even God's enemies, whose sins and death He takes upon Himself.

This blasts and condemns all the presumption toward God of the pseudo saints, who want to do and merit enough to reconcile God and to make Him their friend. For what else is this but to presume that they do the choosing and initiate the friendship; that their merits take precedence and that God's grace comes hobbling along behind; that it is not He who chooses us, but that we seek Him and want to make Him our friend, so that we can boast of having conferred some favor on Him? This is what all the world does; all the Jewish, Turkish, and papist saints undertake to earn God's grace through their works, which are to precede grace. But here we read: “You did not choose Me; that is, you are not My friends by reason of anything that you have done; you are friends by reason of what I have done. ...”

Luther's Works, 24:258-9.

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

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



As they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1:9

The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m.

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



Let's Reconnect



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

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

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

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

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

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Kayden James	Jeveah Ellington
Alex Love	Pyae Kaw
John Benson	Olivia Rush
Bryan Zarate-Garcia	Sophie Bubb
Denver Zarate-Garcia	Mrs. Payne & family

LSUS seeks Kitchen Manager

Lutheran South Unity School 5401 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, is looking for a part-time kitchen Manager. Interested candidates should apply by going to our website LSUSFW.org and filling out the application under 'employment opportunities' on the bottom of the front page.



LSUS NOTES continued

I Concordia High school is still having its annual art festival! It will be a virtual art festival, keep watching for the link! Here are the LSUS students who have art in the festival:

Kindergarten: Nyomi- "Cat on a Rug"

Leilani- "Lines"

1st Grade: Javier- "Patterned Sea Turtle"

Callie - "Organic Shape Monster"

2nd Grade: Lilly - "Patterned Leaves"

Nycole - "Nativity"

3rd Grade: Lizzy- "Colorful Sunset"

Mia - "Dotted Pumpkin"

4th Grade: De'Cora - "Architecture Art"

Gaydoh - "Collage Snowman"

5th Grade: Ahrius - "Map"

Olivia Mann - "Winter Birch Trees"

6th Grade: Bryan - "Color Art"

Ja'lasha - "Exploding Shapes"

7th Grade: Swemon - "Shapes Galore"

Taria - "Autumn Birch Trees"

Jayla - "Positive/Negative Snowman"

8th Grade: Kendall - "Winter Trees"

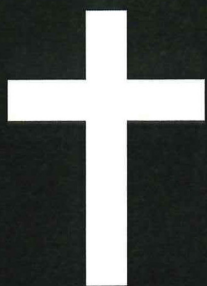


Scriptural Encouragement

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

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