

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 16, 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**

Christ is risen. Al-le-lu-ia! **He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al-le-lu- ia!**

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] *Hear, O Lord, when I | cry a- loud; || be gracious to | me and an- swer | me ||
The Lord is my light and my sal- | va-__ tion; || whom | shall__ I__ | fear?*

Verse 1: **One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek | af-__ ter: || that I may
dwell in the house of the Lord all the | days__ of my | life, || to gaze upon
the beauty | of the Lord || and to inquire | in his tem-__ | ple.**

Verse 2: *For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trou-__ ble; || he will conceal
me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me | high up- on a | rock. || Wait | for
the Lord; || be strong, and let your heart take courage; | wait__ for the | Lord.*

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 - mighty.



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 Seventh Sunday of Easter: *O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ————— men!

[Be Seated]

+ **The Office of the Word of God** +

First Reading..... **Acts 1:12-26**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 John 5:9-15**

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

[Rise]

Sequence Hymn **Lord, Enthroned** **Burgundy Hymn 534**

Holy Gospel **St. John 17:11b-19**

[*The Gospel is announced.*]

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hymn of the DayChrist Is the World's BURGUNDY Hymn 539

[Rise for stanza 4.]

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

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

[Remaining 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!

A - men

Agnus Dei

[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.

[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 **On Christ's Ascension** **Burgundy Hymn 492**

Oh, Sing with Exultation **RED Hymn 217**

See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph **RED Hymn 218**

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

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.



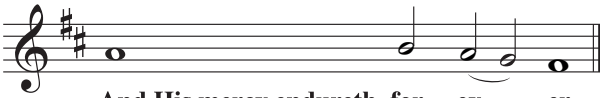
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

Bless we the Lord.



And with thy spir - rit.



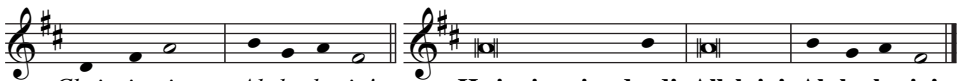
Thanks be to God.

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 Christ High-Ascended Burgundy Hymn 840

Postlude

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Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 1:12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it";

and

"Let another take his office."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Epistle is 1 John 5:9-15

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

The Gospel is John 17:11b-19

[Jesus said,] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Hymns for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

LSB534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

George H. Bourne

1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;
We in worship join with them.
3. Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.
4. Life imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

LSB539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

attr. Columba

1. Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.
2. Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
This Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
3. Down in the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.
- △ 4. Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

LSB492 On Christ's Ascension Now I Build

Josua Wegelin

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1. On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension!"
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.
2. Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.
3. O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

TLH217 Oh, Sing with Exultation

Anders C. Arrebo

1. Oh, sing with exultation, Sing to the Lord, rejoice,
And in His congregation Shout with triumphant voice.
For, lo, at God's right hand Is Christ in glory seated;
With death and hell defeated, As Victor He doth stand.
2. Since Christ, our Lord, is living, We nevermore shall die;
To God the glory giving, We rise to Him on high.
Tho' chastened we may be, And to our graves be taken,
We unto life shall waken And live eternally.
3. Christ is the sure Foundation The builders did reject,
But He for our salvation Is precious and elect
And made the Cornerstone On which the Church is founded;
This marvel now is sounded, The work of God alone.
4. To Thee, O Christ, be glory, Who camest in His name!
Thy people sing the story Thy praises to proclaim.
We thank Thee and adore, O Christ, our Lord and Savior;
Thy grace and boundless favor Stand fast forevermore.

TLH218 See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph Christopher Wordsworth

1. See, the Conqu'ror mounts in triumph; See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot, To His heav'nly palace gate!
Hark, the choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heav'nly King.

2. Who is this that comes in glory With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,—He hath gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose,
He hath vanquished sin and Satan; He by death hath spoiled His foes.
- W3. While He lifts His hands in blessing He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him, He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated To His everlasting home.
- M 4. Now our heav'nly Aaron enters With His blood within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan, and the kings before Him quail.
Now He plants the tribes of Israel In their promised resting-place,
Now our great Elijah offers Double portion of His grace.
5. Thou hast raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places, There with Thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne.
Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension We by faith behold our own.
- △ 6. Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm hath won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit! To One God in Persons Three
Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.

LSB840 Christ High-Ascended

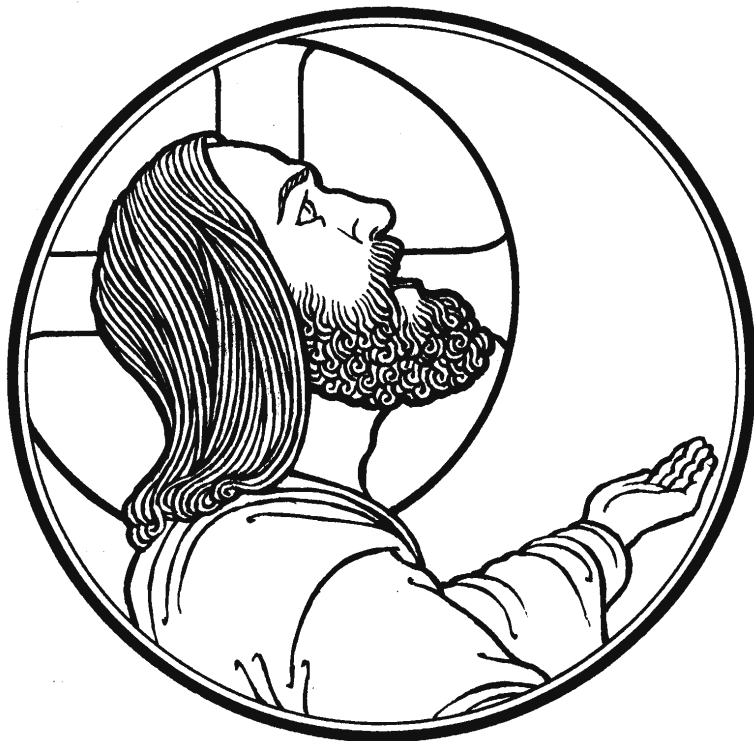
Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
Throned and exalted, victory completed,
Death's dread dominion finally defeated,
We are His witnesses.
2. Christ from the Father ev'ry power possessing,
Who on His chosen lifted hands in blessing,
Sends forth His servants, still in faith confessing,
We are His witnesses.
3. Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
We are His witnesses.

4. Christ in His splendor, all dominion gaining,
Christ with His people evermore remaining,
Christ to all ages gloriously reigning,
We are His witnesses.
5. As at His parting, joy shall banish grieving,
Faith in His presence strengthen our believing;
Filled with His Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
We are His witnesses.

The Seventh 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

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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, and especially as they near the conclusion of another academic year
- + 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, including Marcile Keck and Willie Thompson
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Julie Ganaway, Jim Reid, Judy Thomas, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, 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, especially Bill Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl and the Altar Vases are given in celebration of Bill Wallschlaeger's birthday. Please complete an attendance/ communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

May 16, 2021 thru May 22, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
MON.	6:30 PM	Adult Catechesis	Zoom
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
	5:30 PM	CLHS Annual Delegate Meeting	CLHS
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Bauer Hall
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confessions	Church

May 23, 2021 — Pentecost

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.

REV. DR. STEVEN SCHUMACHER will preach next Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, before he and Cindy head back to Ghana, West Africa. We look forward to his proclamation and also will pray for their safe travels and for the success of their work there.

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 the same this Sunday, although it was a bit hectic last week at the Holy Communion. See the bulletin insert. We have returned to the altar rail to receive the Holy Communion; kneel if you are able. Some distance may be left between families. Ushers will bring the people in the transepts (both north and south) forward first along with persons sitting upstairs (leave a place for Mike and Sarah in the first table to be served). If you desire an individual cup still 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 with a similar procedure after the transepts are finished.*

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Sigh! Allen County is *still* in yellow with the same two-measure metric of 1.5. We’re still hovering between 5% and 6% for average daily positives, and it looks like that will be the case for the next several days. The number of positives per 100,000 in Allen County seems to be coming down ever so slightly. We want that number under 100. Hospitalizations in District 3 for COVID have come down, and ICU bed usage for COVID have too. Still there has been no spike in COVID-related deaths. Thanks be to God. Allen County continues to vaccinate residents, but the number of persons daily being vaccinated is decreasing. We’re now 39.7% fully vaccinated. By this Sunday, *it’s likely that the eligibility age for vaccinations will be lowered to 12 and older* (under 18 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine). While it is true that these vaccines are under an emergency use authorization, when I think of someone like brother Maurice King, who is recovering still after over a year battle with COVID, I maintain that 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 verses St. Paul reminds us of Jesus’ ascension to the Father’s right hand and prays for our wisdom and faith, that we may trust in Him we call Lord and Savior: Ephesians 1:16-18a, 20 “I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you ... that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.” Last week’s verse was John 1:4

THE CROSS CONNECTION 12TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING is June 11th at Brookwood Golf Course. Sign in is at 7 AM with tee off at 8 AM. Go to www.crossconnectionsounseling.com and look for “Golf Outing” under “Ways to Support” 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

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

John 17:11b-19

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26

Luke 18:35-19:10

Monday

Numbers 14:26-45

Luke 19:11-28

Tuesday

Numbers 16:1-22

Luke 19:29-48

Wednesday

Numbers 16:23-40

Luke 20:1-18

Thursday

Numbers 16:41-17:13

Luke 20:19-44

Friday

Numbers 20:1-21

Luke 20:45-21:19

Saturday

Numbers 20:22-21:9

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 Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Holy Word of God Which Sanctifies

A Christian should know that there is nothing more holy on earth than God's Word, for even the sacrament itself is constituted and sanctified and consecrated through God's Word, and all of us have received our spiritual birth from that Word and were consecrated as Christians by it. The Word sanctifies everything, and is above the sacrament (insofar as the sacrament admits of being grasped with the hands). If a Christian nevertheless embraces that Word with his mouth and with his ears and with his heart, yes, with his whole life, why should he not dare also to touch that which is consecrated by the Word? Or should he refrain from touching himself? For he is sanctified by the Word [John 17:17] as well as the sacrament is. This was the way of the Pharisees, concerning whom Christ said in Matt. 23 [:17, 19] that they made the gold more sacred than the temple and the gift more sacred than the altar. It is as if they began to teach that it is a sin to touch the lining of the cup but quite proper to take hold of the cup itself. I wish I could sometime hear something from the papists that they could present without excessive foolishness. But how could those who judge and blaspheme God himself do otherwise?

A Christian is holy in body and soul, whether he be layman or priest, man or woman. If anybody denies that, he speaks blasphemy against holy baptism, the blood of Christ, and the grace of the Holy Spirit. A Christian is a rare and wonderful thing, and God is more concerned about him than about the sacrament. For the Christian was not made for the sacrament, but the sacrament was instituted for the Christian.

Luther's Works, 36:244-5.



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:

Leilani Pearson

Serenity Rogers

Melvin Lesure Jr.

Elizabeth Maldonado

James Easley

Yaronna Anderson

Debora Berbudez

Marcos Herrera

Brooklyn Fuller

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.

GRADUATION UPDATE



Kindergarten graduation will be Sunday May 16, 2021 at Peace Lutheran Church @ 2:00PM

8th grade graduation will be Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church @ 2:00PM

Due to COVID practices immediate family only for both graduations.

LSUS NOTES continued

Strings Concert 5/5/21

Danielle Ramsey 5th grade teacher & Natalie Reynolds music teacher with students, Stephanie Martinez and Evoleth Hernandez .



Gay Doh Soe and Ethan DuMont on stage.

Scriptural Encouragement

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

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.