

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Sunday, April 4, 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.

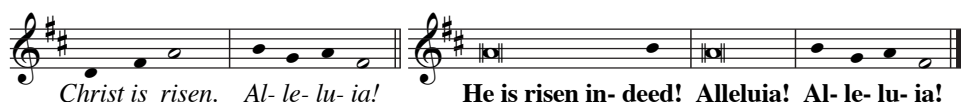
Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one 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

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.

Easter Acclamation

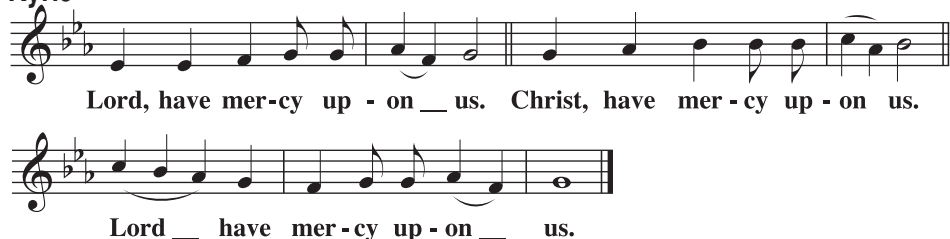


Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

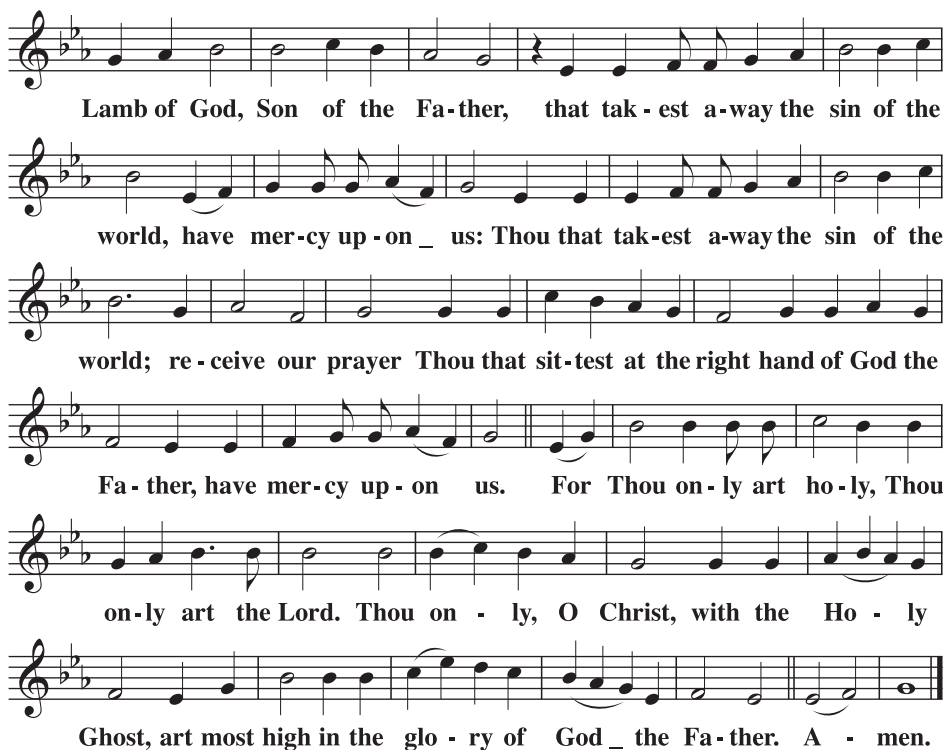
Processional Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Burgundy Hymn 465

Kyrie



Gloria

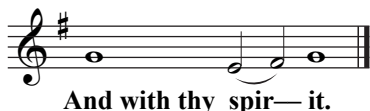




Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the
Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
on - ly art the 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 Resurrection of our Lord: *Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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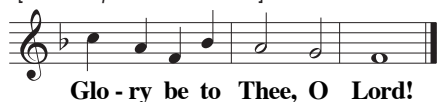
[Rise] **Sequence Hymn Christians to the Paschal..... Burgundy Hymn 460**

[As the Gospel is processed, the men of the Choir sing the "Choir" parts;
All join in to sing Hymn 459, as printed in the hymnal.]

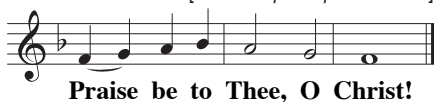
Holy Gospel St. Mark 16:1-8

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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

Hymn of the Day Christ Jesus Lay Burgundy Hymn 458

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

Sermon

+ The Office of Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution +

Having heard the Word of God, and as we prepare for the great gift of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, let us confess our sins and receive God's 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!

[Rise] 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!

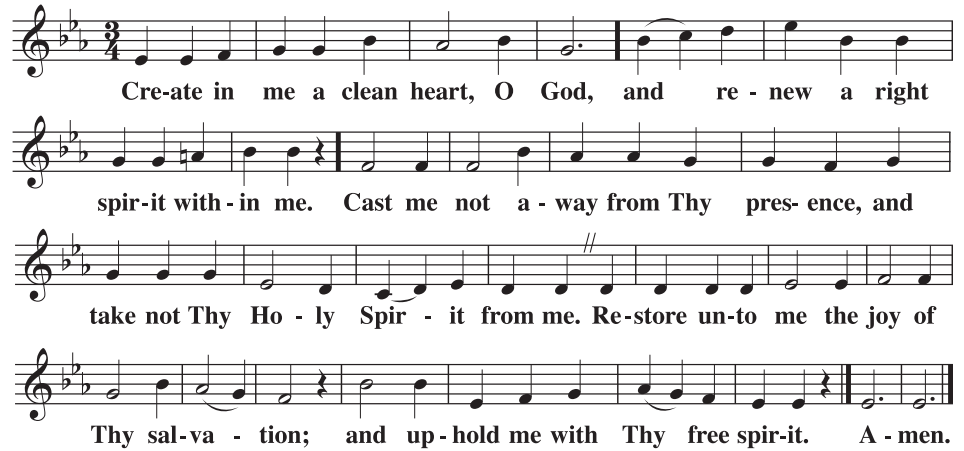
Prayer of the Church

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

Choral Voluntary "Worthy is the Lamb - Amen" G. F. Handel
[From the Oratorio : The Messiah]

[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.

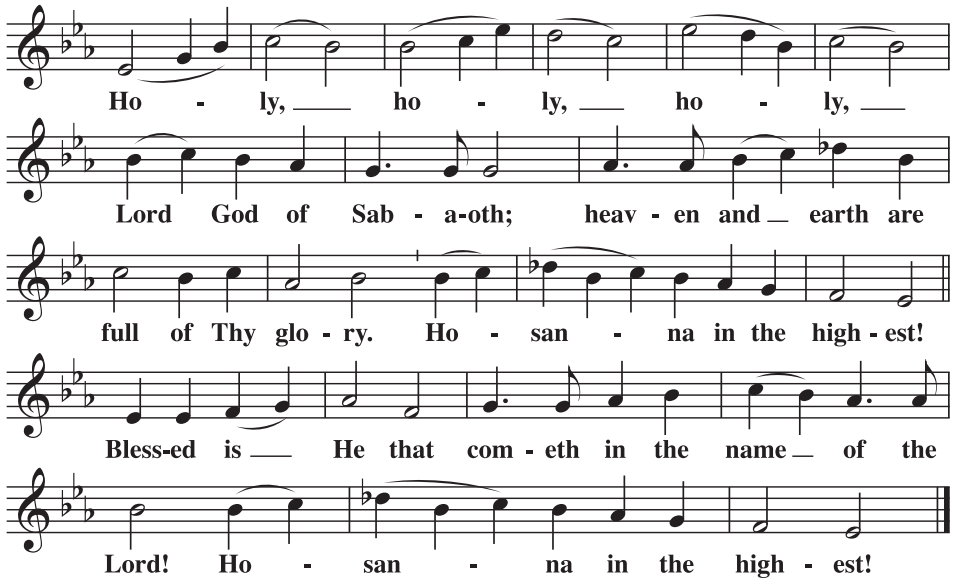


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



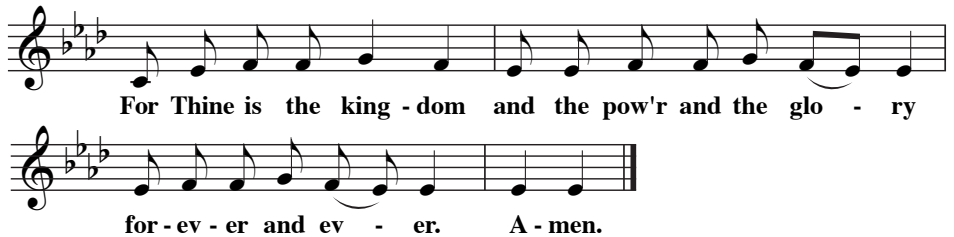
Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

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



[Remain standing] Lord's Prayer

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

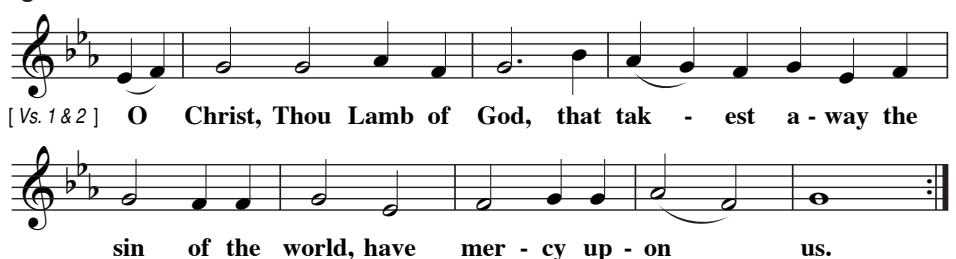


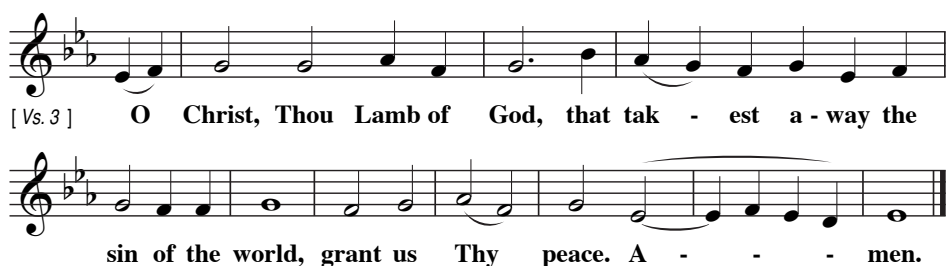
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei





[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]

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At the Lamb's High Feast Burgundy Hymn 633

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5;

Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8.]

Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of our 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—tles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo—ple Is - - - ra-el.



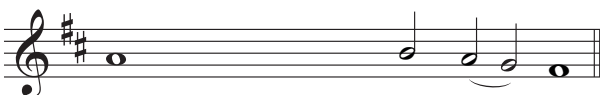
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.

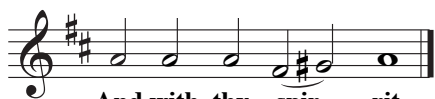
Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.



And with thy spir — rit.



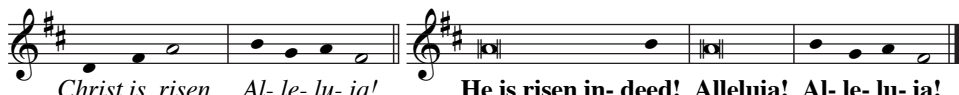
Thanks be to God.

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 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem [St. Fulbert of Chartres]



1. Ye choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem your
2. Lo, Ju - dah's Li - on bursts His chain, and
3. He frees the pri - soned and op - pressed, he
4. From sin's de - vou - ring jaws the prey, a -
5. While joy - ful thus his praise we sing, his
6. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all



sweet - est notes em - ploy, The Pas - chal vic - to -
storms death's ci - ta - del; He saves his own from
foils our fierc - est foe. Christ ga - thers those whom
lone, our Lead - er bore; His ran - somed hosts pur -
mer - cy we im - plore: In - to his pa - lace
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry Ho - ly



ry to hymn in strains of ho - ly joy.
death's do - main, breaks down the gates of hell.
sin pos - sessed, His par - don to be - stow.
sue their way where he has gone be - fore.
Christ to bring and keep us ev - er - more.
Ghost to Thee, while end - less a - ges run.



Al-le - lu - ia! A-men.

Postlude Sonata for Three Trumpets G. Torelli

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Readings for Easter Sunday, The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Gospel is St. Mark 16:1-8

After the Sabbath had passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, in order that they might go and anoint him. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb—after the sun had risen. And they began to say to themselves, “Who will roll away for us the stone from the door of the tomb?” And upon looking up, they see that the stone is rolled away! It was a big one, you know?

And upon entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white garment, and they became alarmed. And he says to them, “Don’t be alarmed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the one who is crucified. He has arisen! He is not here! Look—the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples—even Peter—he is going before you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you!”

And upon going out, they fled from the tomb. For trembling and astonishment had them in its grip. And they said nothing to anyone. They were afraid, you know?

Hymns for Easter Sunday, The Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord

LSB465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Paul D. Strodach

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1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed, He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life,
And by His presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say,
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing,
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: LSB460 Christians, to the Paschal Victim with Congregation: LSB459 Christ Is Arisen

Wipo of Burgundy

German 12th-15th cent.

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- 460.1 *Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises!
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: Christ, who only is sinless,*

*Reconciling sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, Reigns immortal.*

- 459.1 Christ is arisen From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!
- 460.2 *"Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw when wayfaring."
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
My Lord, my hope, is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you."*
- 459.2 Were Christ not arisen, Then death were still our prison.
Now with Him to life restored,
We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!
- 460.3 *Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!*
- 459.3 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

LSB458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Martin Luther

1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!
2. No son of man could conquer death, Such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth, And therefore death had brought us
Into bondage from of old And ever grew more strong and bold
And held us as its captive. Alleluia!
3. Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down, His people to deliver;
Destroying sin, He took the crown From death's pale brow forever:
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; An empty form alone remains;
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!
4. It was a strange and dreadful strife When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life, The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith That death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

5. Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—So strong His love--to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!
6. So let us keep the festival To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!
7. Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

LSB457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Latin, 14th cent.; Charles Wesley, st. 4

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
- △4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

LSB155 This Is the Feast

Richard W. Hillert

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

2. Power, riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*
3. Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*
5. For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

LSB490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won Christian Fürchtegott Gellert

1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall
me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
3. Jesus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!

LSB633 At the Lamb's High Feast Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- △ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

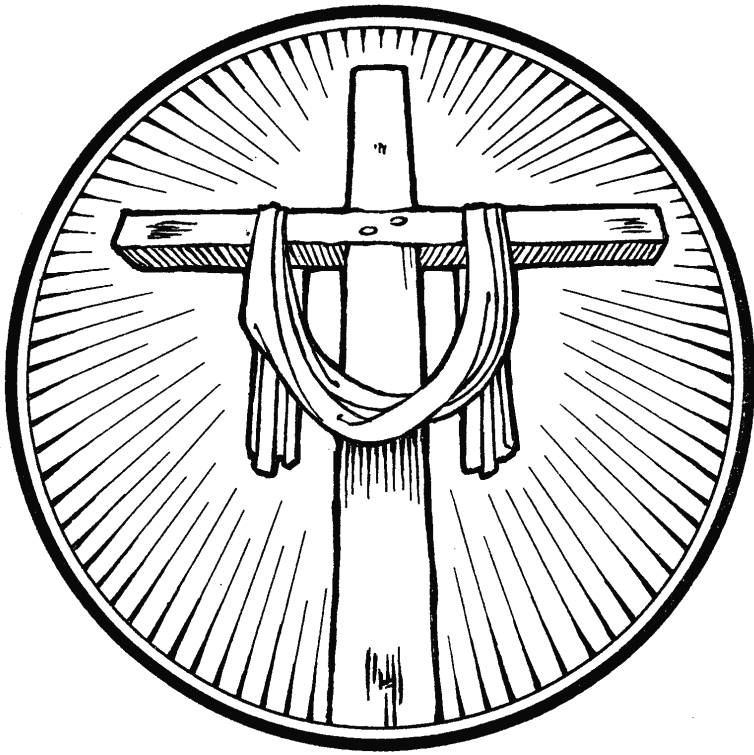
Printed Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Fulbert of Chartres

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1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn In strains of holy joy.
2. Lo, Judah's Lion bursts His chains, and storm's death's citadel;
He saves His own from death's domain, breaks down the gates of hell.
3. He frees the prisoned and oppressed, He foils our fiercest foe.
Christ gathers those whom sin possessed, His pardon to bestow.
4. From sin's devouring jaws the prey, alone, our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way where He has gone before.
5. While joyful thus His praise we sing, His mercy we implore:
Into His palace Christ to bring and keep us evermore.
6. All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen!

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord



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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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Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Judy Thomas, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, Tracey Houser, Nikki Wideman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + 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
- + 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 Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Christ is risen! Alleluia! 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 4, 2021 thru April 10, 2021

SUN.	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Matins	Church
	7:45 AM	Easter Breakfast	Bauer Hal
	9:00 AM	Divine Service — The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord	Church
MON.			
TUES.	3:00 PM	Meeting	Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Elders Council Meeting	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

April 11, 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: there will not be Adult Bible Class with Dr. Voelz today. Nor is there Junior Catechesis today. There will be an Easter egg hunt for children grade K and younger. Bible class and Catechesis will resume next Sunday.

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

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

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

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

COVID PROTOCOLS for Zion will not loosen up any more for a while. Allen County's metrics don't warrant it. Check our posted protocols, if you're unsure of them. Remember: transmission of COVID is primarily by breathing in respiratory droplets. Thus we are still urging masks in the pews for the sake of the unvaccinated, and we still are promoting good hand hygiene. Inching toward normal.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County remains in yellow with the same two-measure metric of 1.5. Again, don't expect that to change for at least another week. All of our daily positivity rates have been at or above 5%. The 7-day rate is not going down soon. Thanks be to God, our hospital capacity still looks good. The CDC is still urging mask wearing when in public. Please get vaccinated, if you can. *Hoosiers 16 and older are now eligible.* Allen County is generally administering 2,000 doses a day. We're lagging behind the state in getting shots in arms. The state says 20.8% have been fully vaccinated; Allen County is at 14.5%. Let's do our part.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's challenge verse? This week's memory verses focuses on the purpose of both cross and resurrection — our justification: Romans 4:24-25 "It [righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." Last week's verse was 2 Corinthians 5:21.

CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Head of School. Concordia Lutheran High School, overseeing all aspects of the organization's operations as outlined in its Strategic Plan. The position is for an immediate opening. To apply, please send your cover letter, resume, and references to CLHSsearchprocess@gmail.com. To view the full position description and responsibilities, please visit www.clhscadets.com/headofschoolsearch/.

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

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PROGRAMMING You can listen to Issues, Etc. live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org or on the LPR mobile app or to KFUE at KFUE.org

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

Mark 16:1-8

Hebrews 9:1-28

Hebrews 10:1-18

Hebrews 10:19-39

Hebrews 11:1-29

Hebrews 12:1-24

Hebrews 13:1-21

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 25:6-9

Exodus 15:1-18

Exodus 15:19-16:12

Exodus 16:13-35

Exodus 17:1-16

Exodus 18:5-27

Exodus 19:1-25

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Looking to the Living Christ for Courage

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

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

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

Luther’s Works, 8:257-8.



*Flower
Dedications*

In loving memory of
Carl & Myrtle Albersmeyer and
Byrle & Joyce Greenamyre
by Carl & Rosie Albersmeyer and Family

In loving memory of Paul & Esther Bieberich
and David & Agnes Shutt
by Don & Beth Bieberich

In loving memory of Our two Dons:
Donald Ganaway & Rev. Donald Craig
by Julie Ganaway and Paige Craig

In loving memory of Aunt Alice &
Cousin Susan
by Louisa, Julie & Kurt

In loving memory of
Madeline Thomas, Brigitte Parrimon,
Elizabeth Ganaway & Duane Kronberg
by The Ganaway Family

In loving memory of our parents
Lloyd & Ruth Grim and
Otto & Dorothy Schmidt
by Ed & Janice Grim

In loving memory of my Grandparents
Frank & Hulda Sonne and
Harold & Alma Hollman
by Beth Hollman

In loving memory of
Alonzo & Ora Edmonds and
Alma Jackson
Gerald & Amanda Stewart
by Frank & Alanza Jackson

In loving memory of
Richard & Lois Kaiser
by David & Janeen Kaiser

In loving memory of Spiro & Anne Kostoff
Dedication to Karen Kostoff Wood
by the Kostoff Family

"Christ is Risen!"
by Rev. George & Lois Lange

In loving memory of my parents Dr. Robert
& Katherine Leininger and
Betty & Teresa Beckman
by Kevin Leininger

In loving memory of our
departed family members
by Art & Marie Litke

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Manth, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Manth,
Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Bornkamp,
and Mrs. Clara Tegtmeyer
by Jennifer Manth

In loving memory of my Mother Pat Boltz
and Father Dean Boltz
by Mary Michalak

In loving memory of my brother
Clifford Ostermeyer
by Walt Ostermeyer

*Rejoicing with our faithful departed whose
victory is found in Jesus Christ risen from the
dead*

by Pastor & Marge Punke

*In loving memory of my parents
Albert & Emma Dirks
by Marilyn Shafter*

*In loving memory of Ralph Thomas and
Shelley Siene
by Marty & Judy Thomas*

*In loving memory of our parents
Roy & Coraine Voelz and
Earl & Helene Hayes
by Jim & Judy Voelz*

*He Is Risen Halleluiah!
by Bill and Carolyn Wallschlaeger*

*In loving memory of Carl & Erna Weinrich
and Barbara Weinrich
by William Weinrich*

*Saturus & Blandina Martyrs, c. 178, Lyons
Gaul by William Weinrich*

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!
by Andre' Woodard*

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

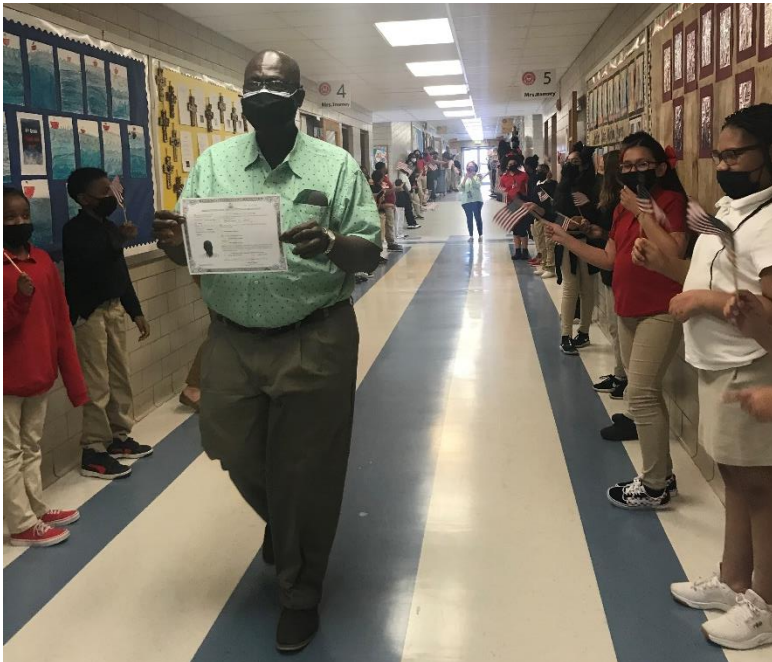


Please pray for these students/staff:

Ayden Girton	DeLyn Thomas
Cataleya Book	Montray Bland
Di'Mond Williams-White	Layla Thomas
LaChelle Bonner	Jovan Antoine
Brooklyn Fuller	

Congratulations Mr. Korti

Mr. Korti LSUS's technology specialist just received his United States Citizenship! Congratulations and God's blessings!



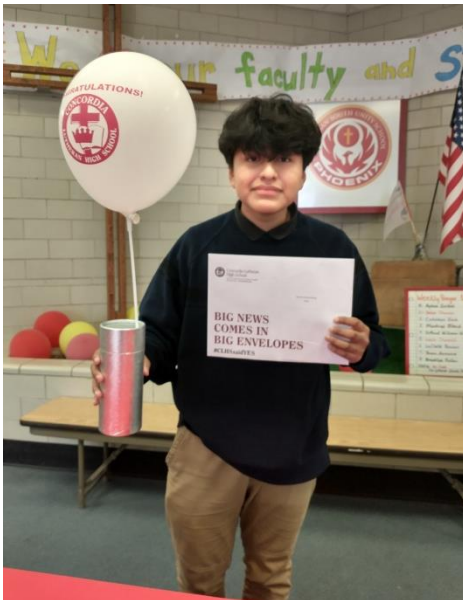
LSUS Enrollment Time We have a **virtual tour** and **Kindergarten video** on our website www.LSUSFW.org
Kindergarteners must be 5 by August 1st 2021 to enroll.
Please let you friends and family members know! Call to set up your pre-screening today! (260) 744-0459

LSUS NOTES continued

The Lutheran Schools Partnership Educator of the Year Award

The following LSUS staff members have been nominated for the Lutheran School Partnership Educator of the Year (TLSPEY) Award! Mrs. Schwantz, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mrs. Maresh. This year one of 300 outstanding Lutheran School educators from among 19 Lutheran schools in northeast Indiana will be chosen. The winner will be announced August 28.

We at LSUS are so thankful and proud of ALL OUR hardworking teachers as they continue to do their best teaching in classrooms.



Congratulations Denver!

Denver has been accepted to Concordia Lutheran High School, Congratulations, we pray God's blessings over you and your studies!

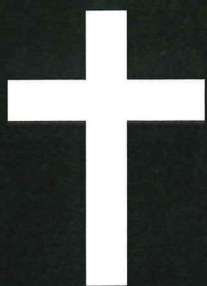
Scriptural Encouragement

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. ~ Psalm 119:9-11

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 if you continue to exercise precautions.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups continue to be offered for the blood of Christ.

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FAITH IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

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As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.