

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, August 8, 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] **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] *The eyes of all | look to you, || and you give them their food | in due sea-__ | son.
|| You | •open• your hand; || you satisfy the desire of | ev'-ry liv- ing | thing.*

Verse 1: **Oh, taste and see that the | Lord is good! || Blesséd is the man who | takes __
•refuge• in | him! || Oh, fear the Lord, | you his saints, || for those who | fear
him have no | lack!**

Verse 2: *The young lions suffer | want and •hunger•; || but those who seek the | Lord lack
no good | thing. || Come, O children, | •listen• to me; || I will teach you the | fear __
of 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!**

[Antiphon] **The eyes of all | look to you, || and you give them their food | in due sea-__
| son. || You | •open• your hand; || you satisfy the desire of | ev'-ry liv- ing |
thing.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on __ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord __ have mer - cy up - on __ us.

Gloria



Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God _ the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



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



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



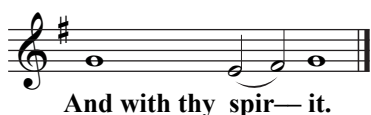
world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
 on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: *Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the Bread of Life, may live in us and we in Him, 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 1 Kings 19:1-8

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

Epistle of the Day Ephesians 4:17-5:2

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia!*

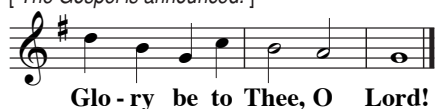


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

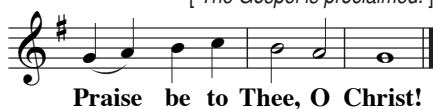
Holy Gospel St. John 6:35-51

[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!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day Lord, Enthroned Burgundy Hymn 534

Sermon

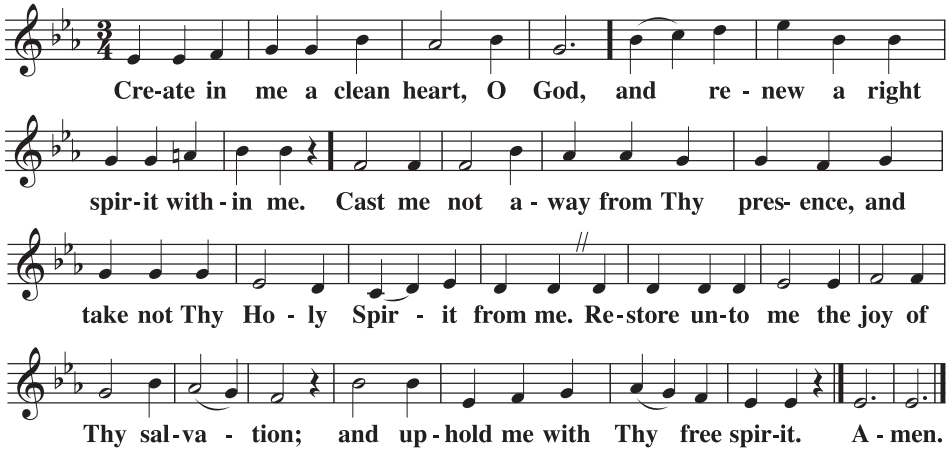
[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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 Hymn 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. _

Common Preface, 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!

[Kneel] 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.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Soul, Adorn Yourself with Burgundy Hymn 636

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

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

O Living Bread from Heaven ... Burgundy Hymn 642

[Rise]

Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



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



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



5. As it__ was in the
beginning, is
now, and e- ver shall be, world with- out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



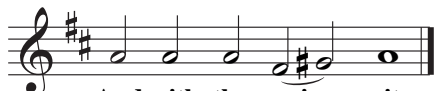
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

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 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Burgundy Hymn 685

Postlude

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Readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is 1 Kings 19:1-8

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

The Epistle is Ephesians 4:17–5:2

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve

the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Gospel is John 6:35-51

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Hymns for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

LSB534 Lord, Enthroned in Heav'nly 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!

LSB636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Johann Franck

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1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
for with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

M 3. He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

W 4. Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

M 5. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

W 6. Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7. Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish.
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
8. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

LSB642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Johann Rist

1. O Living Bread from heaven, How well You feed Your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
2. My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.
4. Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

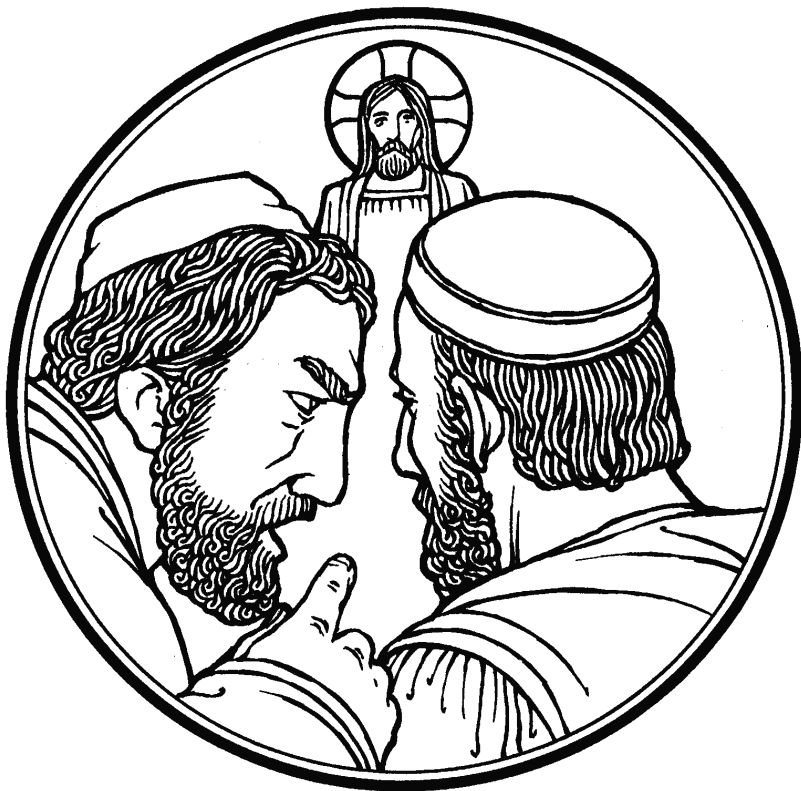
LSB685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Sigismund von Birken

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1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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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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Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM
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 Steven and Cindy Schumacher serving in Ghana, West Africa, our fieldworker Erik, and all who are going forth to proclaim the Gospel
- + For our nation, under duress because of racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, including Trevor Manning and James Hall, 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 Kevin Leininger, TruLaine Starks, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, Hannah Messmann Jackson, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Janice & Ed Grim.
- + 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, including William Bengs
- + 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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 64th wedding anniversary of Janice & Ed Grim. The Altar Vases are given in honor of William Bengs by his wife Clarann Bengs and family. Bill's birthday is on August 12th. 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

August 8, 2021 thru August 14, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.	8:00 AM	LSUS and CLHS First Day of School	Their campuses
WED.	8:15 AM	Devotion at LSUS	LSUS
	1:00 PM	Junior Catechsis	Zoom
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.	10:30 AM	Divine Service at LLV	Lutheran Life Village
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

August 15, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: We've spent time in Mark this year with Dr. Voelz and 1 John with Sem. Saunders this summer. Until we return to Mark a bit later in the fall, I've decided to consider some confessional writings from the Book of Concord. We'll take a look at the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord. Come and join us as we look at these confessions forged in the days that followed Luther's death.

DIAPERS Thanks to everyone who contributed diapers. We made it to 61% of our goal. Now DaVanna & TruLaine are looking for people to help bag the diapers, August 13th, 6 – 8 pm, August 14th noon – 2 pm. They also need individuals to work the diaper drive. For more information or to volunteer, please call TruLaine at 260-615-1873.

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.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: *Please read this update if you want the information I've been giving. I'll not be making any oral comments regarding COVID in the future unless some protocol needs changing.* Allen County remains in yellow with a two-metric score of 1.5. Our average daily positives metric was reported as 8.2% on Wednesday, and the weekly number of positives per 100,000 for the same day is 140. The so-called Delta variant, which is more contagious than the others, accounts for 87.2% of current infections. District 3 hospitalizations (111) and COVID ICU patients (14.8%) are back up to levels not seen since the first part of February. Still the seven-day moving average of deaths is zero (it has been since June 11). Moreover, although breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths have gone up a bit, they remain very low. The vaccine works. It lowers the chance of getting the virus, and should a vaccinated person get the virus, it lessens the symptoms. The news still reports that this latest Delta-variant surge is mostly among the unvaccinated. Don't let it be you; get your vaccination if your health permits it. Don't let undue fears or unfounded conspiracy theories deter you. Check with your doctor if you have questions. If you need help scheduling your vaccination or getting to the vaccination site, let the office know. We'll help.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE In this week's memory verse the prophet Jeremiah comforts us with promises of the Lord's steadfast love. Lamentations 3:22-23—"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Last week's verse was John 11:25.

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RIGHT TO LIFE NIGHT at the TinCaps is Tuesday, Aug. 10th! Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana and enjoy a game. The game starts at 7:05 p vs South Bend. Tickets are \$15 for seats or \$10 for lawn, with \$5 to benefit RLNI. This event takes place on Family Feast Night, with discounts on select concession items, such as hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks. Purchase your tickets for a last family outing before school starts or enjoy a date night! Learn more at www.ichooselife.org/tincaps or call 260-471-1849.

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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 6:35-51

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16

Monday

1 Samuel 25:1-22

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Tuesday

1 Samuel 25:23-44

1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Wednesday

1 Samuel 26:1-25

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Thursday

1 Samuel 28:3-25

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Friday

1 Samuel 31:1-13

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Saturday

2 Samuel 1:1-27

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 Commemoration of St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61:7-11

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:39-55



What Doctor Luther Says:

About How the Father Draws Us to Christ

When God draws us, He is not like a hangman, who drags a thief up the ladder to the gallows; but He allures and coaxes us in a friendly fashion, as a kind man attracts people by his amiability and cordiality, and everyone willingly goes to him. Thus God, too, gently draws people to Himself, so that they abide with Him willingly and happily.

Thus He wants to show that we do not come to Him through our wisdom, for that would make you really unwilling. But you come to Him when the Father shows you His great mercy, when He assures you that He will reveal Himself as having sent His Son into the world out of paternal love, as is written John 3:16, “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” Then you hear that God is not hostile to you, but is your gracious and merciful Father, who gave His Son for you, let Him die for you, and raised Him again from the dead. He directs you to the Son and has Him proclaimed to you. And if this is correctly taught, then we come to Him. That is meant by the expression “to be drawn.”

On the other hand, if we are told God is angry, that He must be appeased with good works, and that we must have the intercession of the saints to escape damnation, then we will flee from God as from the devil and a tyrant. This is not being drawn to God; this is being frightened away from God. ...

But if I believe that He sent His Son into the world and that this Son appeared in order that I might have a gracious God, and if I believe in Him, receive His words, and do not cavil at them — then I accept the words which the Holy Spirit has put into my heart. Then the Father has drawn me. For He takes delight in my acceptance of these words, which tell me that the Father sent His Son into the world. Therefore it is not your reason that draws you; it is the divine Word.

Luther's Works, 23:86-7.



EPHESIANS 6:10-18

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Pray for

REV. DR. STEVEN AND CYNTHIA SCHUMACHER

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATOR, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TEACHER

SERVING THE LORD IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA



Rev. Dr. Steven and Cynthia Schumacher serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Ghana, West Africa. Steven teaches courses in Lutheran theology and serves as the dean of academics and student activities at the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG) in Accra, Ghana. He also assists the ELCG with their deaf ministry efforts. Cynthia assists the ELCG as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher at their seminary.

Steven is from Concordia, Mo., and his current home congregation is Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne,

Ind. He earned his bachelor's degree in industrial design technology from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, and his Master of Divinity and his doctorate from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. Steven served as a pastor at five different LCMS congregations in Northeast and Midwest United States. He served as the North Wisconsin District missionary to the deaf (1988-1993). Most recently, Steven served as the director of deaf ministry for Lutheran Friends of the Deaf (Mill Neck Family of Organizations) and as an adjunct professor teaching deaf ministry at Concordia, Fort Wayne. Steven enjoys woodworking, camping and spending time outdoors.

Cynthia was born in Chester, Ill., and her current home congregation is also Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. She received a bachelor's degree in education, with an emphasis in early childhood education and English literature, from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Neb. (now known as Concordia University, Nebraska). Cynthia enjoys sewing, crafts, gardening and reading.

Pray for Steven and Cynthia as they serve in Ghana. Pray that God gives them safety as they live in the village of Saasabi, Greater Accra, Ghana. Ask God to give them peace and understanding as they live in a different culture and minister to the local people and the ELCG seminary students. Pray that God daily gives them wisdom and insight as they teach and help prepare men for the Holy Ministry. Pray for the students who receive their instruction that their hearts and minds are open to God's Word. Pray for the people of Ghana who learn of the Gospel through the missionary work that is done in this country. Pray for Steven and Cynthia's children and their families as they remain in the United States. Let us give thanks that the Schumachers are serving God's children in this part of the world.



• **BIRTHDAYS:** Steven – July 4, Cynthia – Aug. 11

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