

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, August 22, 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*

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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## 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 ] O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house || and the place | where your glo-  
ry | dwells \_\_. || As for me, I shall walk in my in- | te- gri- ty; || redeem me, and  
be | gra-\_\_ cious to | me.

Verse 1 : Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | te- gri- ty, || and I have  
trusted in the LORD | with- out wa- ver- | ing \_\_. || Prove me, O LORD, and  
I try \_\_ me; || test my | heart \_\_ and my | mind.

Verse 2 : I wash my hands in | in- no- cence || and go around your | al-\_\_ tar, O | LORD \_\_,  
|| proclaiming thanks- | •giving• a- loud, || and telling | all your won- drous |  
deeds.

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

[ Antiphon ] O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house || and the place | where your  
glo- ry | dwells \_\_. || As for me, I shall walk in my in- | te- gri- ty; || redeem  
me, and be | gra-\_\_ cious to | me.

## 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



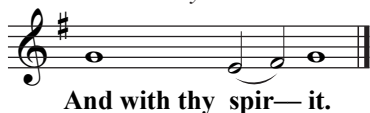
world; re-ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the



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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** *Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 29:11-19**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Ephesians 5:22-33**

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

[ Rise ]

## Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia!*

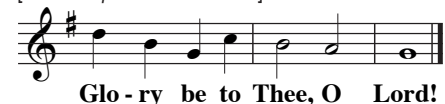


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

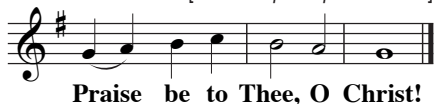
**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Mark 7:1-13**

[ 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, Help Us Ever ..... Burgundy Hymn 865

Sermon

Installation of Officers

[ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... Hear our prayer.

[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... Amen.

[ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

[ Rise ] Offertory ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of  
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



And with thy spir-it. We lift \_ them up un - to \_ the Lord.

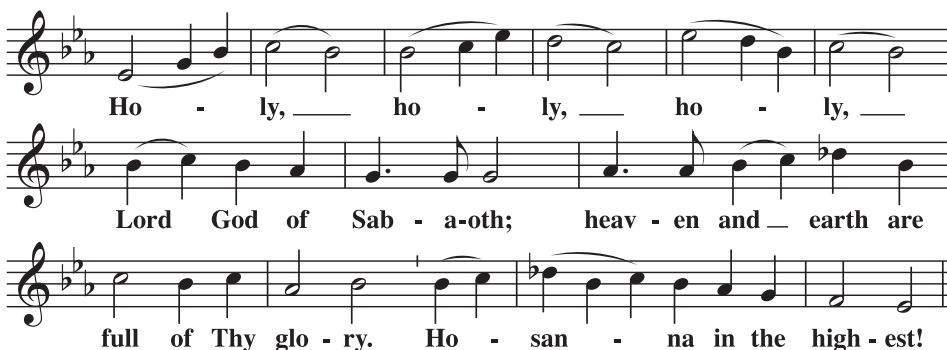
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet \_ and right so \_ to do. \_

Common Preface, Sanctus

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

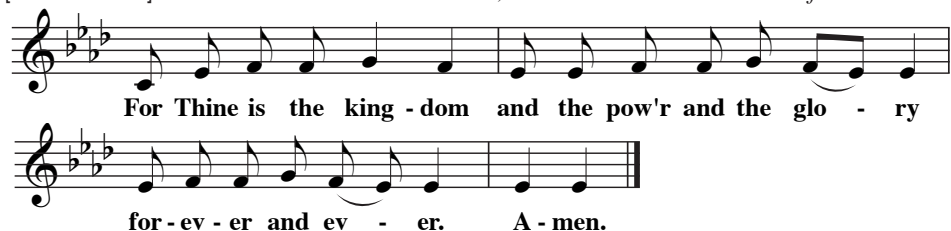


Ho - ly, \_ ho - ly, \_ ho - ly, \_  
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and \_ earth are  
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



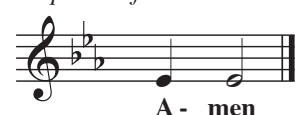
### [ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

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

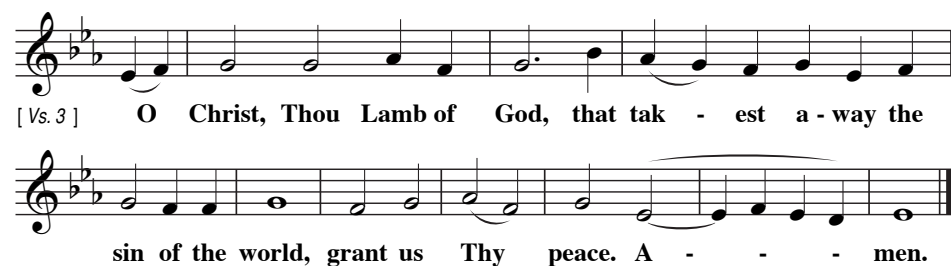
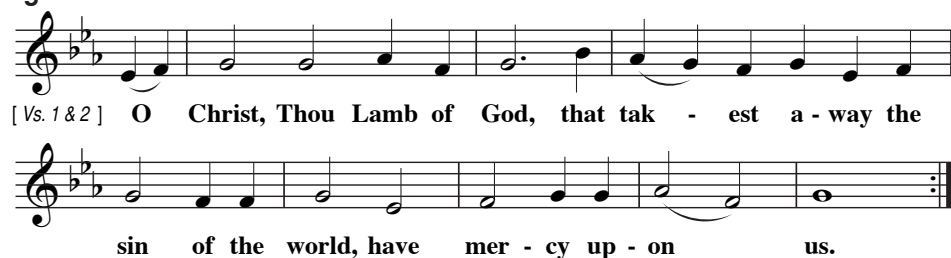


### **Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



### **Agnus Dei**



[ Be Seated ]

### **Distribution Hymns ..... Lord Jesus Christ, ..... Burgundy Hymn 585**

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

### **How Clear Is Our Vocation ..... Burgundy Hymn 853**

[ 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.



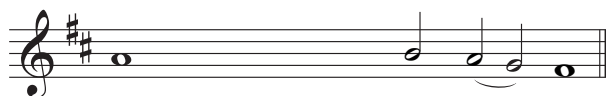
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.*



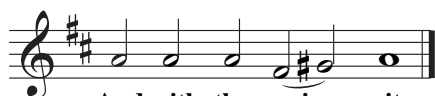
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

## 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 ..... Forth in Thy Name..... Burgundy Hymn 854

[ Sung to the hymn tune, "Winchester New". ]

## Postlude

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## Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 29:11-19

The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."

And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
while their hearts are far from me,  
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,  
therefore, behold, I will again  
do wonderful things with this people,  
with wonder upon wonder;  
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,  
whose deeds are in the dark,  
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

You turn things upside down!

Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,  
that the thing made should say of its maker,

"He did not make me";

or the thing formed say of him who formed it,

"He has no understanding"?

Is it not yet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,

and out of their gloom and darkness

the eyes of the blind shall see.

The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

### The Epistle is Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church,

his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

### **The Gospel is Mark 7:1-13**

When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)—then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”



## Hymns for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Ludwig Helmbold

1. Lord, help us ever to retain The Catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the Word of truth In simple style to tender youth.
2. Help us Your holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin and from it turn  
In faith to You and to Your Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One.
3. Hear us, dear Father, when we pray For needed help from day to day  
That as Your children we may live, Whom You baptized and so received.
4. Lord, when we fall or go astray, Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase Our faith till we depart in peace.

### LSB585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Philip Melancthon

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In those last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- W3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.
- M 4. May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through –

Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

### **LSB853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

**Fred Pratt Green**

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1. How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call:  
To live according to Your Word And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
2. We marvel how Your saints become In hindrances more sure;  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear Your name  
And by our faults obscure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
3. But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind, And love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.
4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You,  
The cross You hung upon — All You endeavored done.

### **LSB854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go**

**Charles Wesley**

1. Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue,  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.
2. The task Thy wisdom has assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labor on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.
4. Give me to bear Thine easy yoke, And ev'ry moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.
5. For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,  
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor

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

Field Worker:

Erik Saunders

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)

Teachers:

Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,

Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill

John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

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 fieldworker Erik
- + For our nation; 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, including JM Frazier
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Willodean Bates, Kevin Leininger, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, 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 Marge and Pastor Punke
- + 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 Ora & Alonzo Edmonds
- + 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Marge and Pastor Punke. The Altar Vases are given by Alanza and Frank Jackson in loving memory of Ora & Alonzo Edmonds. 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 22, 2021 thru August 28, 2021**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	5:00 PM	TLSP VIP Signature Event	Sweetwater Sound

### **August 29, 2021**

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

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Join us as we take a look at the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, confessions forged in the days that followed Luther's death.

**DIAPERS** Thanks to everyone who contributed diapers, bagged diapers, and helped with the diaper drive thru.

**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 orange, and our two-metric score has gone up to 2.5. The upward trend will continue in the days ahead. Average daily positives metric was reported as 11.17% on the updated map (it's 12% today), and the weekly number of positives per 100,000 was 321 (it's 355 today). The Delta variant remains the major culprit at 87.6% of infections. District 3 hospitalizations are up to 214, and COVID ICU patients are taking up 22.5% of the beds. We're now seeing numbers like we had at the beginning and middle of January. A bright spot is the seven-day moving average of daily deaths; it is back to 0. Also, the average number of vaccine doses administered has crept up a bit to over 10,000. Still, only 55.6% of Hoosiers 18 and older are vaccinated. The percentage of breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths remain low: 0.225%, 0.008%, and 0.003%, respectively. It's clear. The vaccine lowers the chance of getting the virus and reduces the symptoms of the vaccinated. Vaccine booster shots are now being promoted to help prevent infections. The current vaccines still seem to be working to reduce symptoms. Talk to your doctor. Get your vaccination if your health permits it. 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 Lord instructs us on the importance of His word, both for us and for our children. Deuteronomy 6:6-7—"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Last week's verse was Romans 15:13.

**CAN YOU HELP** LSUS earn rewards? Or Zion, too? A quick easy way to help support LSUS is through the Kroger Plus Card. If you have a Kroger Plus Card, all you have to do to register your card is go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards), create or log into your account, and link your Card to an organization: Lutheran South Unity School or Zion. It's that easy!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** for August 22: Mark 7:11 – "*But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, 'Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God).'*" Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion. ([lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship))

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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

Mark 7:1-13

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 29:11-19

2 Corinthians 1:1-22

Monday

1 Kings 3:1-15

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17

Tuesday

1 Kings 5:1-18

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Wednesday

1 Kings 7:51-8:21

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Thursday

1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Friday

1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13

2 Corinthians 6:1-18

Saturday

1 Kings 11:1-26

### **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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:14-23



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Upholding God's Word Over Man's Tradition*

"Obedience is better than sacrifice," [1 Sam. 15:22] refers first and only to the divine commands; in reality it is an attack on monasticism. They say that the man who vows to enter monastic life is actually offering himself as a sacrifice to God, but the Lord says that he abhors such sacrifice if it contravenes obedience to his commandment. Yet it is God's command to obey parents and to serve neighbors. Is this not perversity of the highest order, then, to call their obedience greater than sacrifice, when God calls it a sacrifice contrary to obedience? ...

Under the pretext of this kind of obedience they exonerate themselves very nicely from those works of mercy which Christ warns will be expected of them in the day of judgment, Matthew 25 [: 34-40]. ... [T]hat means that these [monastic] things are so important and that salvation is so bound up with them that the divine commandments have to be trodden underfoot for the sake of just these things. Does this mean that the man who has given himself to these things has dedicated himself to God, and that the man who in baptism vowed obedience to parents and love of neighbor has not dedicated himself to God? What can we say to these crazy ideas except what is said in Mark 7 [:9], "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God to keep your tradition."

Therefore, let every Christian be quite certain that just as you cannot take vows to deny God and his commandments, so you cannot take vows which deny obedience to parents and service to neighbor; for God has commanded obedience to parents and service to neighbor.

*Luther's Works*, 44:329-331.

## Welcome

Zion often has wonderful instrumentalists (including some of our own) play for our enjoyment of God's gift of music and to help lead our congregational singing. Today, we are pleased to welcome two exceptional musicians, a husband and wife pair, from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic to do the same.



**Akira Murotani** plays third trumpet with The Fort Wayne Philharmonic. A position he has held since 1998. He began playing at age 13. In addition to his position with the Philharmonic, he is a trumpet instructor at Goshen College. Murotani received a BMusEd with a minor in mathematics from Luther College, then went on to earn a MM and DMA from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook. Murotani performed at the Spoleto Festival in Italy for two summers and has played with the Grand Rapids and South Bend Symphonies. When he is not

playing for the Phil, Akira lists home repairs and jazz among his other interests.



**Alexandra (Alex) Tsilibes** plays in the violin section of The Fort Wayne Philharmonic and has since 2005. She comes from Rochester, NY, and began playing at age 5. She performed her solo debut with the Rochester Philharmonic at age 16. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Music with High Honors from Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music from SUNY at Stony Brook. She also minored in Spanish at the University of Rochester and has an orchestral studies certificate from Wayne State. Tsilibes has been a member of the Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Flint and

South Bend symphonies and has participated in numerous festivals, including those in Aspen, CO; Indianola, IA; Heidelberg, Germany; and Spoleto, Italy. She has performed at Carnegie Hall under the late Sir Georg Solti and Alexander Schneider. Alex is a private violin instructor and enjoys cooking and traveling.

Akira and Alex have a daughter, Elizabeth (Ellie).



# WALK THE TALK



**WHAT:** WALK THE TALK:  
PRAYER WALKS

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, AUG 24  
THURSDAY, AUG 26  
5:30 - 6:45 P.M.

**WHERE:** WEISSER PARK  
YOUTH CENTER, 802 ECKART ST.

**WHO:** YOU, YOUR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY

AUGUST 24 RAIN DATE: AUGUST 31 AT 5:30

AUGUST 26 RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 2 AT 5:30

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