

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, September 5, 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!**

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 LORD is the strength | of his •people•; || he is the saving re- | fuge of his a- | •nointed•. || Oh, save your people and bless your | her- it- age! || Be their shep- herd and | car- ry them for- | •ever•.*

Verse 1: **To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me, || lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who | go down to the | pit. || Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help, || when I lift up my hands toward your most | ho- ly sanc- tu- | •ary•.**

Verse 2: *Blessed | be the LORD! || For he has heard the voice | of my pleas for | •mercy•. || The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped; || my heart exults, and with my song | I give thanks to | him.*

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

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Kyrie



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



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

Gloria



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



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



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



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God _ the Fa-ther Al - 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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 35:4-7a

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

Epistle of the Day James 2:1-10, 14-18

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel St. Mark 7:24-37

[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 Praise the Almighty Burgundy Hymn 797**
[Rise for stanza 5.]

[Be Seated] **Sermon**

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

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

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

[Be Seated] **Offerings, Voluntary**

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

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

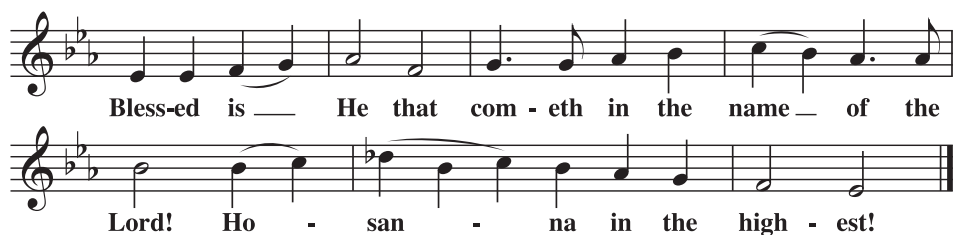
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

Common Preface, Sanctus

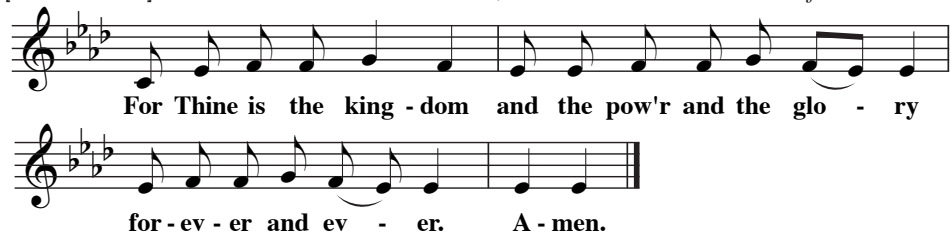
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

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.*

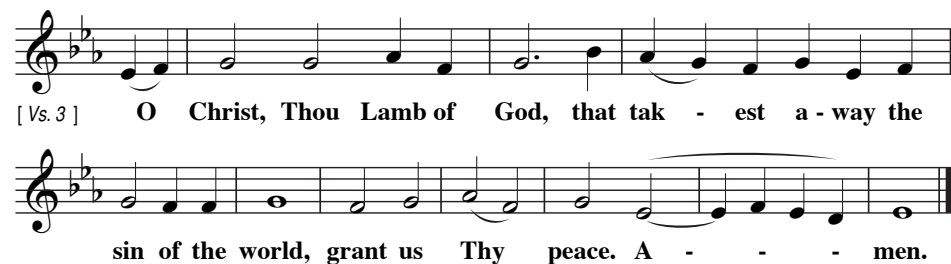
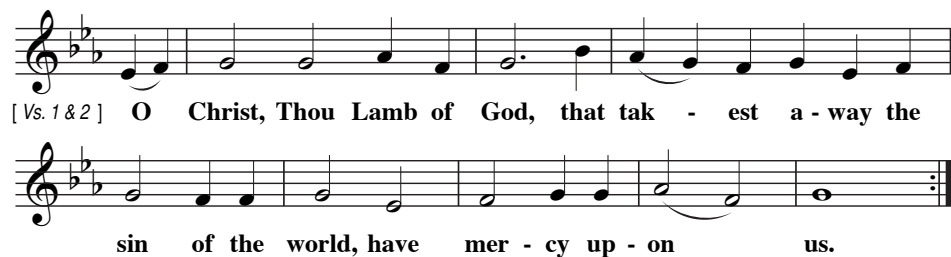


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Hope of the World** **Burgundy Hymn 690**
Jesus Comes Today **Burgundy Hymn 620**

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

[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—tles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo—ple Is - - - ra-el.



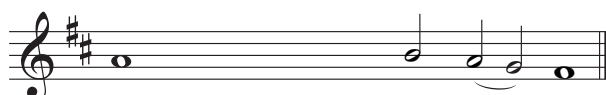
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.



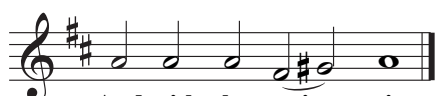
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

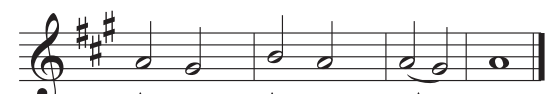
Bless we the Lord.



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 O God of Mercy Burgundy Hymn 852

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart,
 “Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
 will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
 He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Epistle is James 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ...

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed

for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

The Gospel is Mark 7:24-37

From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Hymns for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB797 Praise the Almighty, My Soul

Johann Daniel Herrnschmidt

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earth-born they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
3. Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford. Alleluia, alleluia!
4. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia!

LSB690 Hope of the World

Georgia Harkness

1. Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life.
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.
3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.
4. Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

LSB620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

Heinrich Puchta

1. Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
2. Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.

W 3. Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.

M 4. God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour___
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

5. Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6. Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

LSB852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

Godfrey Thring

1. O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,
To live our lives in Thee.
2. And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That our lost world might live thereby,
O hear us; for to Thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
3. Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,
That ev'ry word and deed and thought
May work a work for Thee.

4. All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide
To love them all in Thee!
5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto Thee!
6. And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above
All those who live in Thee.

The Fifteenth 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

Senior Pastor
Field Worker:

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Erik Saunders

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John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:
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 our fieldworker Erik
- + 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 Paul Dolde, Walt Ostermeyer, Kevin Leininger, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Willodean Bates, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Louisa Porter, Wilma Thomas, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, Hannah Messmann Jackson, 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, especially James Yerger
- + 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of James Yerger on the occasion of his birthday by his wife Doris Yerger. 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

September 5, 2021 thru September 11, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.		Office Closed – Labor Day	
TUES.	1:00 PM	Urban Ministry Task Force	Zoom
	7:00 PM	Elder Council	Conference Room
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

September 12, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	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.

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.

DIAPER DRIVE: Zion will hold another diaper give-away on September 25th, Noon-3 PM. If you are able to help, please contact TruLaine at 260-615-1873.

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.* In today's Journal Gazette, Rosa Salter Rodriguez's article headlines "County close to entering red zone." I don't think so. Our positivity rate would have to go up, and it has gone down from 12.99% to 11.73% on the map. We'll be hovering between 11.5 and 12% for a while. Thus, Allen County remains in orange, our score unchanged at 2.5. The problem score for the county is the weekly number of positives per 100,000, which is now up to 468. Moreover, the lagging indicator of the virus is deaths, and our 7-day moving average is now 1. The Delta variant remains the primary cause of infections at 98.4%. District 3 hospitalizations are at 270 (what we saw in early January), and COVID patients are taking up 28.7% of the ICU beds (only 9.1% of ICU beds are available). The average number of vaccine doses administered daily has gone back down to under 10,000; Over 70% Hoosiers 60 and older are now fully vaccinated. The percentages of breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths remain low but are climbing slowly: 0.416%, 0.010%, and 0.003%, respectively. Vaccines remain the best way to get this pandemic under control. Get your vaccination if your health permits it. If you need help, let the office know.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE fall campaign is Sep. 22- Oct. 31 this year. I encourage you again to pray to end abortion outside the Planned Parenthood on Lake Ave, but there are other ways to participate. Thanks to Rachel and Laikyn Muehl for helping to organize Zion's participation. They'll pick a date and have a sign up soon. See www.ichooselife.org/40days for more info.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE In this week's memory verse we hear Paul and Silas' answer to the question: "what must I do to be saved?" Their answer is nothing; only believe. Acts 16:31—"And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'" Last week's verse was Numbers 6:24-26.

ALUMNI WEEKEND FOR CONCORDIA Alumni and Homecoming Weekend is an annual event to celebrate our many alumni, students, parents, and friends. Come back for a football game, reunions, and fellowship with friends and family! Alumni Weekend is September 23-26. It kicks off with our Golf Outing on Thursday with the Homecoming game on Friday evening. The weekend ends with a Worship Service on Sunday. All are welcome. See details at www.clhscadets.com/alumni-weekend.

CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Study Center Education Assistant. This person must be flexible, organized, display a willingness to learn, enjoy working with teenagers, and display attributes of a team player. This is for a full-time position. To view the position description and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT James 2:2 – *"For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ..."* God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

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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: 24-37

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Ephesians 5:15-33

Monday

2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37

Ephesians 6:1-24

Tuesday

2 Kings 4:38-5:8

Philippians 1:1-20

Wednesday

2 Kings 5:9-27

Philippians 1:21-2:11

Thursday

2 Kings 6:1-23

Philippians 2:12-30

Friday

2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29

Philippians 3:1-21

Saturday

2 Chronicles 29:1-24

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-10

James 3:1-12

Mark 9:14-29



What Doctor Luther Says:

About a Forced Confession with Good Results

[T]hese brothers of [the patriarch] Joseph are not only troubled about the sin of which they were conscious [selling Joseph into slavery] — although they took pains to cover and conceal it — but they were also afraid of all their words and deeds, and they imagined that there was new guilt in every action or thought. Yet in such great disquiet and confusion they are dumb and do not confess their sin. This was true of Adam in Paradise, when he was almost dead from fear of the voice and wrath of God. Nevertheless, he does not open his mouth and is not able to say: “I have sinned.” But the same folly and perversity accompanies sin in all the sons of Adam — as was detected at the very beginning in our first parent — until the spiritual use is added, when Christ says: “Ephphatha” (Mark 7:34). In the meantime the bond of the tongue remains — the bond with which the devil has stopped the mouth, so that although it is terrified, it nevertheless does not seek a remedy. For the devil does not allow the sinner to say from his heart: “I have sinned against Thee, Lord God; pardon me; I repent of my sin.” ...

[T]he example of the saintly fathers teaches us what a horrible thing an evil conscience is. And this is a decidedly noteworthy passage, one that is worthy of splendid treatment, to which I, of course, am not equal. But since they do not confess that they have sinned and do not seek pardon from God, from their father, or from Joseph, their trouble and trial do not cease until the acknowledgment and confession of sin are forced out of them. Joseph has to thrash them in a way that will bring better results.

Luther's Works, 7:277-8.



Concordia Lutheran High School

It's time.

And it's a new time

It's a time to make things right

There is new leadership at Concordia Lutheran High School. And thanks to an anonymous challenge gift from a member of Zion, we are given an opportunity to continue an effort to make things right and remove a long-standing debt of Zion's and make things new between Zion and CLHS.



At our August Congregational Assembly, the group assigned \$10,000 to a long-standing \$72,082.67 debt owed to Concordia Lutheran High School. This debt was incurred over a number of years more than a decade ago and has remained a liability for our congregation and a sore in our relationship with Concordia Lutheran High School. August's meeting was a step in the right direction in making things new.

Now, our congregation has been challenged with a fantastic opportunity. Generous donors have challenged us with a \$10,000 match to continue our work in removing this debt. Contributions made to this project from September 1 through November 30 will be matched up to \$10,000. We are greatly thankful for this challenge and look forward to how we step up to meet this challenge to make things right with Concordia Lutheran High School.

Use the special contribution envelopes marked "Debt Elimination Challenge" to make your gift toward eliminating this debt to CLHS.

Theology in the Parish Lectures

Zion Lutheran Church presents

An Introduction to the Gospel according to St. Luke

by

Rev. Dr. James Voelz,
the **Dr. Jack Dean Kingsbury**
Professor of New Testament Theology
at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

followed by

Sacred Music at Zion:
Hymns of Healing

led by

Michael Hollman

Saturday, October 30

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

2313 Hanna Street,
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
(260) 744-1389

Admission: \$5 for Adults;
Children 14 and under Free



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Benicio Barrera

Titan Bain

De'Lyn Thomas

Isabella Kingsley

Khloe Hall

Ahrius Alexander

Tyson Innis

Jalasha Bell

Jackson Goree

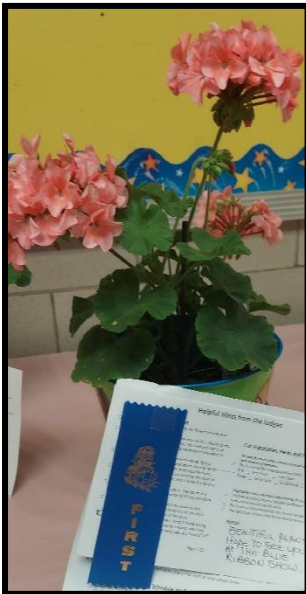
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Flower/Plant Show!

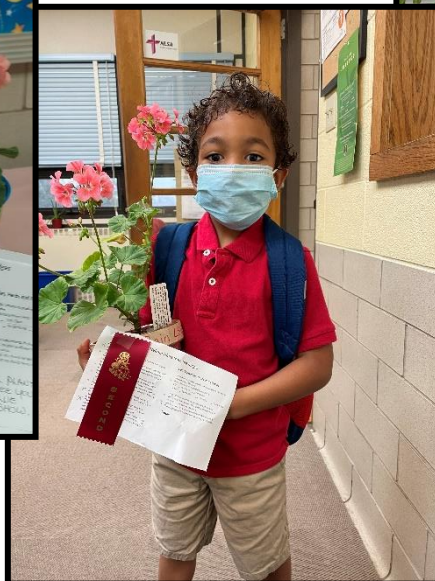
Congrats to our green thumbs!

We had 9 plants that were entered in this year's Flower/Plant show.

Take a look at some of our winners!



Mia Antoine



Titan Bain



Javier Antoine

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.—Galatians 5:22-23



Kindergarten enjoying recess!



Kdg-2nd grade Choir rehearsing again!

September
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Life NEWS

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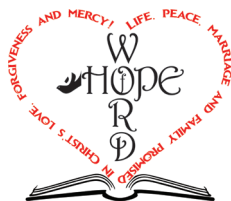
A premature baby thought to be the smallest to ever survive is finally going home after spending over a year in the hospital. Kwek Yu Xuan was born in Singapore in June of 2020, but she was nearly four months early at just under 25 weeks gestation. She was a tiny preemie, weighing a mere 7.5 ounces at birth, which is roughly the weight of an apple. Yu Xuan's mother underwent an emergency C-section after developing pre-eclampsia, a condition that causes dangerously high blood pressure, which can be fatal for both mother and baby. Zhang Suhe, an advanced practice neonatology nurse at the National University Hospital, was shocked when she saw Yu Xuan for the first time. ... Dr. Yvonne Ng, one of the neonatologists who worked with Yu Xuan in the NICU, explained to the *Straits Times* how difficult it was for the staff to help keep her alive. "Her daily care was the main crux of the matter, especially for the first two weeks of life," she said. "We needed to innovate and find some improvised methods to deal with a baby this small because this is the first time we experienced somebody this tiny. She was so small that even the calculation for the medication had to be down to the decimal points." ... Now 14 months old, Yu Xuan still has chronic lung disease, but she weighs 14 pounds and is healthy enough to go home. (*Live Action News*, 8/15/21; *CLR LifeWire*, 8/19/21)

Speaking up For Life

"On earth, there will be no shortage of burdens to bear as we care for those in need. But one day, these burdens will be lifted from our shoulders in Heaven, where the Lord will see us through the lens of Christ's perfect sacrifice and will say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Enter into the joy of your master' (Matthew 25:21). Rest in His unfailing love." *Marie K. MacPherson, author*

"When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen*

The Adoption Creed: "Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it."



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2021 LFL Regional Conferences

God Chose You

John 15:16

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Lutherans For Life regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in. Please check the schedule below to see which of our 2021 conference locations is near you. We're excited to see you there!

- **OCTOBER 16** – Living Word Free Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- **NOVEMBER 13** – St. John's Lutheran Church, Conover, North Carolina

Registration 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
Conference 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit." (John 15:16)

*Speakers include Dr. Kim Marxhausen, Rev. B. Keith Haney,
Dr. Donna Harrison, Rev. Michael Salemink*

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"So much practical, inspiring information we can use to provide confidence in sharing the pro-life message."

"This conference was excellent ... Thanks for all the planning and thought put into this conference. Well done."



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Since 1973: 62,502,904 abortions in America

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