

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, June 6, 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



[ Antiphon ] *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\_\_ un- to | him.*

Verse 1: **The LORD is the strength | of his •people•; || he is the saving | •refuge• of**  
**his a- | •ointed•. || Oh, save your people and bless your | her- i- tage! || Be**  
**their shepherd and | car- ry them for- | •ever•.**

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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**thanks\_\_ un- to | him.**

## Kyrie



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



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

## Gloria



1. *Glory be to . . . . . God on high: And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men*
2. *We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,*  
*bless Thee, we . . . . wor-ship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•.*



3. *O Lord God, . . . . . heav'n- ly King, God, the . . . . . Fa- ther Al-\_\_ •mighty•.*
4. *O Lord, the only- O Lord God,*  
*begotten Son, . . . . . Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son\_\_ of the •Father•.*

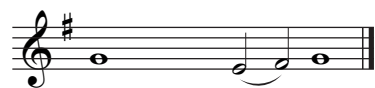


5. *That takest away the .. sin •of the• world, have mercy up - - - - on\_\_ us.*
6. *Thou that takest*  
*away the . . . . . sin •of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•*
7. *Thou that sittest at*  
*the right hand of . . . . God the •Father•, have mercy up - - - - on\_\_ us.*



8. *For Thou . . . . . •only• art •holy• Thou . . . . . on - - - ly art the Lord.*
9. *Thou, only, O art most*  
*Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father•. A-men.*

*The Lord be with you.*



**Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost:** *Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



## + The Office of the Word of God +

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

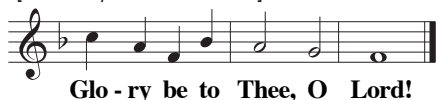
[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Alleluia!*

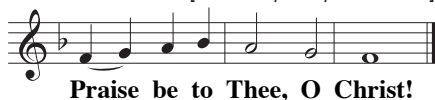


[ *The Gospel is announced.* ]



**Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!**

[ *The Gospel is proclaimed.* ]



**Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**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  $\nabla$  of the world to come. Amen!

**Hymn of the Day ..... Who Trusts in God ..... Burgundy Hymn 714**

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'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na Ho - san - na, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that  
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the highest.

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

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

Musical notation for the Lord's Prayer in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4-E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: For Thine is the kingdom and the power 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!*

Musical notation for the Words of Institution, Pax Domini in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (quarter), G4 (half). The lyrics are: A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4-E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: 1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **Rise! To Arms!** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 668**

**I Walk in Danger** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 716**

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

**I Trust, O Lord** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 734**

[ Rise for stanza 5. ]

**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**

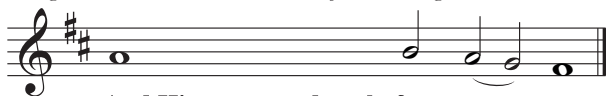
Musical notation for the Post-Communion Canticle, The Nunc Dimittis in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4-E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: 1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy servant, de— part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to 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. + Page 5 +



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.*



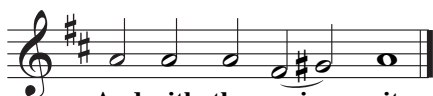
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

## 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.*



*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 Christ, You Walked ..... Burgundy Hymn 424

## Postlude

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## Readings for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you above all livestock  
    and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
    and dust you shall eat  
    all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
    and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
    and you shall bruise his heel."

### The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **The Gospel is Mark 3:20-35**

Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”



## Hymns for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

Joachim Magdeburg

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses.  
In You alone, dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,  
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.
2. Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,  
While You are near, We shall not fear; Your strength shall never fail us.  
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps for ever;  
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our lives from You will sever.
3. In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet shall stand securely;  
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely.  
O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit  
Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

### LSB668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer

Wilhelm Erasmus Arends

1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's word, the weapon glorious;  
Against all foes be thus victorious,  
For God protects you from them all.  
Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Emmanuel. Hail the Savior!  
The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,  
And we, the victors, hold the field.
2. Cast afar this world's vain pleasure  
And boldly strive for heav'nly treasure.  
Be steadfast in the Savior's might.  
Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,  
For Jesus from all harm will hide you.  
By faith you conquer in the fight.  
Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal! Joy awaits you.  
The race well run, Your long war won,  
Your crown shines splendid as the sun.
3. Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;  
The hours of grace are fast retreating;  
Short, short is this our earthly way.

When the Lord the dead will waken  
 And sinners all by fear are shaken,  
 The saints with joy will greet that day.  
 Praise God, our triumph's sure. We need not long endure Scorn and trial.  
 Our Savior King His own will bring  
 To that great glory which we sing.

### **LSB716 I Walk in Danger All the Way**

**Hans Adolf Brorson**

1. I walk in danger all the way, The thought shall never leave me  
 That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.  
 This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares  
 If I should fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.
2. I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;  
 In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.  
 When in adversity I know not where to flee,  
 When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.
- W 3. And death pursues me all the way, Nowhere I rest securely;  
 He comes by night, he comes by day, He takes his prey most surely.  
 A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie  
 To face eternity today As death pursues me all the way.
- M 4. I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me;  
 All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me;  
 They are my sure defense, All fear and sorrow, hence!  
 Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.
5. I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me;  
 Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
 And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread.  
 No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.
6. My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,  
 When God's good healing shall allay All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
 Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

### **LSB734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name**

**Adam Reusner**

1. I trust, O Lord, Your holy name;  
 O let me not be put to shame Nor let me be confounded.  
 My faith, O Lord, Be in Your Word Forever firmly grounded.

2. Bow down Your gracious ear to me  
And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea; Make haste for my protection,  
For woes and fear Surround me here. Help me in my affliction.
3. You are my strength, my shield, my rock,  
My fortress that withstands each shock, My help, my life, my tower,  
My battle sword, Almighty Lord—Who can resist Your power?
4. With You, O Lord, I cast my lot;  
O faithful God, forsake me not, To You my soul commending.  
Lord, be my stay, And lead the way Now and when life is ending.
- △ 5. All honor, praise, and majesty  
To Father, Son, and Spirit be, Our God forever glorious,  
In whose rich grace We run our race Till we depart victorious.

**LSB424 O Christ, You Walked the Road**

**Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.**

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1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
3. No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
4. When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
5. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

# The Second 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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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 Steven and Cindy Schumacher in Ghana, West Africa, our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik, and all who are going forth to proclaim the Gospel
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary, and graduates, especially Lillian Albersmeyer
- + 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 Jill Stokes, Julie Ganaway, Jim Reid, Judy Thomas, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Georgianna Ostermeyer
- + 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Georgianna Ostermeyer by her husband Walt Ostermeyer. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the graduation of Lillian Albersmeyer from high school by her grandparents Rosie & Carl Albersmeyer and family. 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**

### **June 6, 2021 thru June 12, 2021**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>	6:30 PM	LSA Board meeting	Zoom?
<b>TUES.</b>	11:00 AM	Meeting with Dennis Goff, TLF	Conference Room
	1:00 PM	Urban Ministry Task Force	Zoom
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	9:00 AM	LSA Strategic Planning Meeting	Peace Lutheran

### **June 13, 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:** Dr. Voelz is calling a “wrap” for the summer on studying Mark’s Gospel in Adult Bible Class. He’ll pick back up in the fall. He deserves a break! Profound thanks for his engaging teaching! Seminarian Erik Saunders will be taking up St. John’s first epistle for the next several weeks. This epistle both comforts as it speaks of God’s love in Christ Jesus and warns of those who would teach falsely of Christ. I think you’ll enjoy it. Please join us.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 P.M., A taste of “Little Italy” with Mark & Dana Muehl. June 19<sup>th</sup>, 5 P.M., Fine food, drinks, and cigars with Kevin & Maribeth Leininger. Sign up with Dave Kaiser at the table in the Great Hall. There are a limited number of spots open per event, and these dates are now fast approaching.

**POPCORN!** DaVanna will be at a table in the Great Hall after Divine Service with all your popcorn sale information!

**DIAPERS** continue to come in. Thank you. So far we have received 1,432 diapers, so we have a way to go for our goal of 8,500 diapers. The diaper giveaway on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please help as you can.

**SEMI-ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS** will be ready on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> you can pick them up at Julie Ganaway’s Scrip table. Thanks

**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 PROTOCOLS** are the same this Sunday, except that service participants will no longer be wearing masks. Members may wear masks if desired. I wrote about this decision in the June Voice, which you should have received. Next Sunday, June 13, we will return to normal also with respect to Holy Communion, returning to our pre-COVID practice of offering common cup only except for those persons who have special health needs. Of course, good hygiene practices (washing hands, coughing or sneezing into a tissue, etc.) are encouraged always.

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** Allen County remains in blue and our advisory level has turned blue also. Our average daily positives reported today is 3.8% and is going down. I doubt the Memorial Day holiday will make any significant difference in that trend. Similarly, the weekly number of positives per 100,000 in Allen County has gone down and is today reported at 47. That’s going down, too. Although there remain hotspots around the world, Allen County’s numbers and the numbers for the state and nation suggest that the pandemic is over in the U.S.—not that there won’t be breakthrough infections, but those should be fewer in number and less severe. The vaccines have worked. They have been very safe. Thus, I do remain concerned about those who are electing not to be vaccinated. Of course, there are valid reasons to avoid being vaccinated; e.g., allergies, already had COVID, you are a woman in your childbearing years, etc. Check with your doctor if you have questions. Otherwise, I submit, it remains prudent to get your vaccination. If you need help scheduling one or getting to the vaccination site, let the office know. We’ll help.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** In this week’s memory verse St. Paul offers up a Trinitarian blessing: 2 Corinthians 13:14—“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.” Last week’s verse was 1 John 4:2.

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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 3:20-35

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 3:8-15

John 12:1-19

Monday

Proverbs 4:1-27

John 12:20-36a

Tuesday

Proverbs 5:1-23

John 12:36b-50

Wednesday

Proverbs 8:1-21

John 13:1-20

Thursday

Proverbs 8:22-36

John 13:21-38

Friday

Proverbs 9:1-18

John 14:1-17

Saturday

Proverbs 10:1-23

### 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

Mark 4:26-34



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Christ's Spiritual Mother and Father*

The evangelist has established here a distinguishing mark: he does not mention Joseph and Mary by name; he calls them father and mother, in order to point out the spiritual meaning. Who, then, are Christ's spiritual father and mother? He himself names his spiritual mother in Mark 3[:34-35] and Luke 8[:21]: "He who does the will of my father, that one is my brother, my sister, and my mother." St. Paul calls himself a father in I Corinthians 4[:15]: "Even if you have ten thousand schoolmasters in Christ, yet you have not many fathers; for I gave birth to you in Christ through the gospel." Thus the Christian church, i.e., all believing persons, is Christ's spiritual mother, and all apostles and teachers of the people, who preach the gospel, are his spiritual father. As often as a man becomes a believer, Christ is born of them. These are the people who marvel over the statements of the prophets, that they apply so nicely and accurately to Christ, speak of him so gloriously, and bear witness to the whole gospel so masterfully. There is no greater joy in this life than to see and experience this in Scripture.

*Luther's Works, 52:107.*





## Let's Reconnect



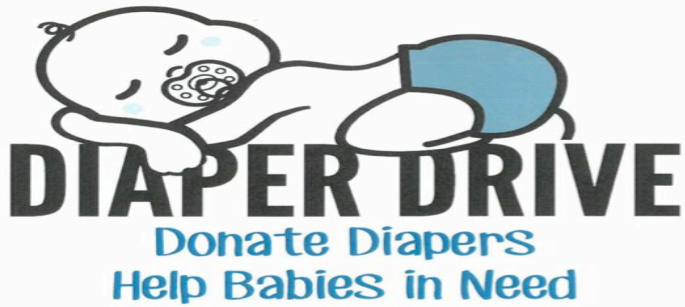
You're invited and encouraged to attend any of the four upcoming events intended to promote fellowship and financial support for the ministry at Zion and Lutheran South Unity School.

The parties, which will replace the annual dinner dance and auction canceled this year because of the pandemic, will offer a variety of food, drink and fun. Cost is \$25 per person, and **an additional appeal for support will be made at each event.** Space is limited, so please express your interest in any of the following by calling the church office as soon as possible at 744-1389:

- \*June 4 at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Jim and Judy Voelz and Pastor and Marge Punke, featuring fine French wines.
- \*June 5 at 5 p.m. Hosted in Zion's Bauer Hall by award-winning Chef Eric and Jennifer Braun, featuring gourmet appetizers and delectable desserts.
- \*June 17 at 6 p.m. A taste of "Little Italy" hosted by Mark and Dana Muehl.
- \*June 19 at 5 p.m. Hosted by Kevin and Maribeth Leininger, featuring fine food, drink and cigars (outside, of course!) for those who enjoy them.

After informing the office of your preference, you will be called to confirm your interest and formalize your reservation.

The annual gala is an important part of our budget, so please prayerfully consider how you can support the work of the Lord at Zion and LSUS by attending one of these entertaining events. Or by sending a contribution to the office for Let's Reconnect



Did you know:

1 in 3 U.S. moms report suffering from Diaper Need

**URGENT, URGENT, URGENT**

The need is greater we have a goal to collect  
8500 diapers

Zion is collecting diapers for the  
community diaper give-a-way event on August 21st

**ALL size diapers**

are needed, just bring your diapers to the church and place  
them into the

bassinet. Last day to bring diapers will be August 6th.

**For more information contact**

**TruLaine Starks**

**260-441-0753**



# 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

• **ANNIVERSARY:** Aug. 7

• **HOME DISTRICT:** Indiana

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