Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, June 27, 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 \bigstar *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.

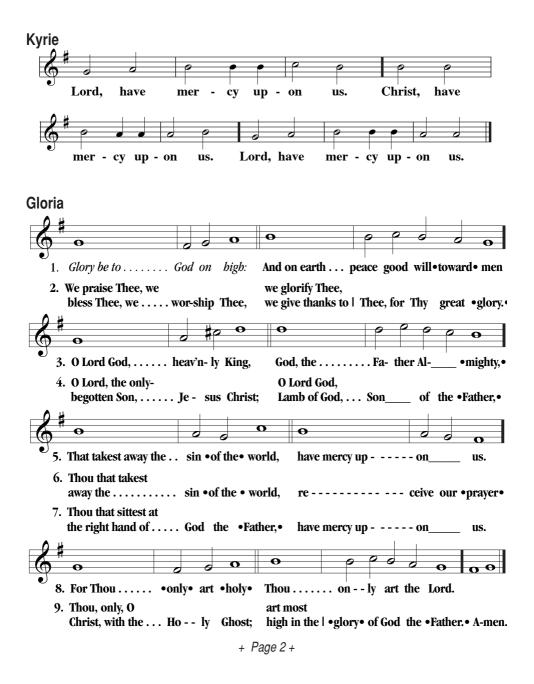
O almighty God, merciful Father; I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy 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.



- [Antiphon] I lift up my eyes | to the hills. || From | where does my help | come? || My help comes | from the Lord, || who made | hea- ven and ___ | earth.
- Verse 1: The Lord | is your •keeper•; || the Lord is your | shade on your right | hand. || The sun shall not strike | you by day, || nor the || moon__ by__ | night.
- Verse 2: The Lord will keep you | from all •evil•; || he will | keep__ your__ | life. || The Lord will keep your going out and your | com- ing in || from this time forth | and for- ev- er | more.
- *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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Salutation



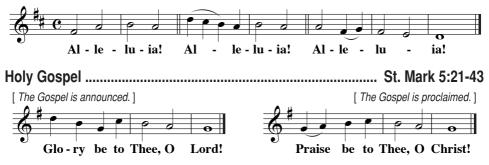
Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love towards You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[Be Seated] + The Office of the Word of God +

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. Alleluia!



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.

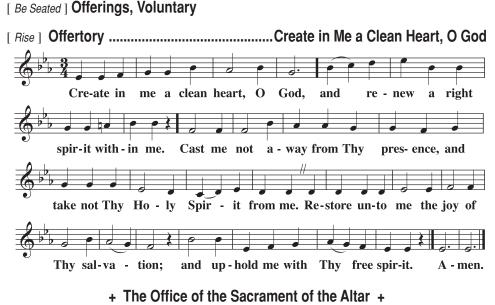
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life \pm of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day In the Very Midst of Life Burgundy Hymn 755

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church



Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



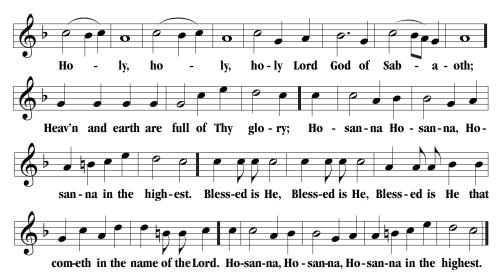
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

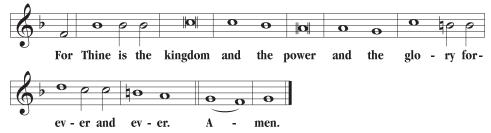
Common Preface, Sanctus

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



[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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

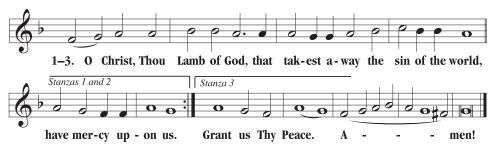


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei

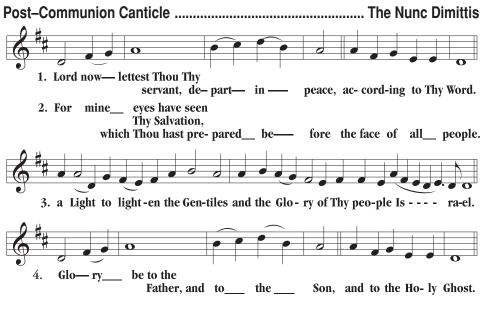


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Distribution Hymns Oh, How Great Burgundy Hymn 559 What God Ordains Burgundy Hymn 760

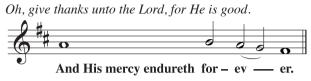
> [All sing stanza 1; Women alone sing stanzas 2 and 4; Men alone sing stanzas 3 and 5; All sing stanza 6.]

[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction





Post Communion Rite



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.



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 Thanks to Thee, O Christ Burgundy Hymn 548

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases: his mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD It is good for a man that he bear the voke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes. and let him be filled with insults For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ...

I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

The Gospel is Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?' " And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB755 In the Very Midst of Life

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- In the very midst of life Snares of death surround us; Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe confound us? Thou only, Lord, Thou only! We mourn that we have greatly erred That our sins Thy wrath have stirred. Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God! Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God! Save us lest we perish In the bitter pangs of death. Have mercy, O Lord!
- 2. In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'ertake us. Who will help when they assail, Who secure will make us? Thou only, Lord, Thou only! Thy heart is moved with tenderness, Pities us in our distress. Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God! Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God! Save us from the terror Of the fiery pit of hell.. Have mercy, O Lord!
- 3. In the midst of utter woe When our sins oppress us, Where shall we for refuge go, Where for grace to bless us? To Thee, Lord Jesus, only! Thy precious blood was shed to win Full atonement for our sin. Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God! Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God! Lord, preserve and keep us In the peace that faith can give. Have mercy, O Lord!

LSB559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

- 1. Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace, That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!
- 2. Your great love for this hath striven That we may, from sin made free, Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given And extends His gracious call, To His Supper leads us all.

Martin Luther

Johann Olearius

- 3. Firmly to our souls' salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord, In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation, Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
- 4. Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide. Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me, My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.
- 5. I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace, That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

Samuel Rodigast

LSB760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

- What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy. As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly. My God indeed In ev'ry need Knows well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.
- W 2. What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive me; He leads me in His righteous way, And never will He leave me. I take content What He has sent; His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.
- M 3. What God ordains is always good: His loving thought attends me; No poison can be in the cup That my physician sends me. My God is true; Each morning new I trust His grace unending, My life to Him commending.
- W 4. What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and Father; He suffers naught to do me harm Though many storms may gather. Now I may know Both joy and woe; Some day I shall see clearly That He has loved me dearly.
- M 5. What God ordains is always good: Though I the cup am drinking Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief God gives relief, My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.
 - 6. What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, For with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

LSB548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

- Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.
- Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.
- For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word; For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board; For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn, Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

The Fifth 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: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Erik Saunders

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Teachers:

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459) 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: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially Steven and Cindy Schumacher serving in Ghana, West Africa, our fieldworker Erik, and all who are going forth to proclaim the Gospel
- + For our nation, under duress because of racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, including Trevor Manning and James Hall, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary.
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including 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, Hannah Messman 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, especially Bryce Shull for his 100th birthday
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially Ned Hollman
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of Bryce Shull's 100^{th} birthday (June 28^{th}) by his family. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 25^{th} anniversary of the baptism of Ned Hollman by Ardis Behrendt. 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 27, 2021 thru July 3, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church			
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall			
MON.						
TUES.	1:00 PM	Junior Catechesis	Zoom			
WED.	1:00 PM	Junior Catechesis	Zoom			
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church			
THURS.	11:00 AM	District BOD meeting	Zoom			
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room			
FRI.						
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church			
July 4, 2021 — Independence Day						
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church			
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall			

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Seminarian Erik Saunders continues a study of St. John's first epistle using John's Gospel as a guide into his epistle. 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.

SUPPORT: This is the last week to order popcorn with Melvia the old-fashioned way by calling the church office and writing a check to Zion. She will be taking orders until July 4th. Get your popcorn on order and support Lutheran Education!

DIAPERS continue to come in. Thank you. So far we have received 3,594 diapers, we are at 42% of our goal of 8,500 diapers. The diaper giveaway on August 21^{st} . Please help as you can. Also, TruLaine will be looking for people to help bag the diapers and work the diaper drive. For more information please call her at 260-615-1873.

SEMI-ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS will be ready next Sunday, July 4th. 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.

ZION STAY-SAFE PROTOCOLS are done. All posters are down. No foolhardiness. Practice good hand and mouth hygiene. Let me know if you have special health needs for the Holy Communion.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County remains in blue with a two-metric score of 0.5. Our average daily positives is down to 1.8% and our weekly number of positives per 100,000 is down around 20 (both of these are hovering there, right now). District 3 hospitalizations and COVID ICU patients are all down. Breakthrough infections are 0.082% of those fully vaccinated — still very low. The vaccine works. Almost all of those catching the virus now are the unvaccinated; they remain at higher risk; the vaccinated have almost no risk. More than 50% of Hoosiers 16+ are fully vaccinated. There have been some reported side effects for young people (12-18), but it still seems that those side effects are preferable to catching the virus. Hoosiers in Zion's 46803 zip code (also 46806) remain some of the least vaccinated in the county (along with those in the Amish-dominated area around Grabill). I continue to encourage you to be vaccinated unless you have a good reason to avoid it; e.g., allergies or you already had COVID. Check with your doctor if you have questions. If you need help scheduling your vaccination or getting to the vaccination site, let the office know. We'll help.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE In this week's memory verse we are reminded that God's word is the way to know His goodness and His ways: Psalm 143:8—"Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul." Last week's verse was Colossian 3:23-24.

DON'T FORGET: Life Defenders Training is July 9 at 4:30 pm - July 10 at 5:00 pm. This overnight event, open to high school and college-aged students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time – abortion. The \$35 registration fee includes meals, dorm room housing, teaching materials, and a Life Defenders t-shirt. For more info, visit <u>www.ichooselife.org</u> and click on Upcoming Events.

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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 5:21-43	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Lam. 3:22-33
Acts 9:1-22	Monday	Joshua 3:1-17
Acts 9:23-43	Tuesday	Joshua 4:1-24
Acts 10:1-17	Wednesday	Joshua 5:1-6:5
Acts 10:18-33	Thursday	Joshua 6:6-27
Acts 10:34-48	Friday	Joshua 7:1-26
Acts 11:1-18	Saturday	Joshua 8:1-28

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:

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 2 Corinthians 12:1-10



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Christ, God's Powerful and Efficacious Word We have beheld His glory.

What does this mean? The evangelist wants to say that Christ not only demonstrated His humanity with His actions, by dwelling among the people so that they could see Him, hear Him, speak with Him, and live near Him until His thirty-fourth year, by suffering cold, hunger, and thirst in this feeble and wretched human form and nature, but that He also displayed His glory and power in proof of His divinity. Of this He gave proof with His teaching, His preaching, His signs and wonders, convincing anyone of His Godhead who was not blinded and hardened by the devil, as the high priests and scribes were. By word and deed He proved that He was God by nature: He healed the sick and raised the dead; in short, He wrought more and greater miracles than any prophet before Him, in fact, than any other human being ever was able to do.

By way of illustration, as God brought forth heaven and earth through the Word, that is, through Him, even so He, too, performed all that He wished by uttering a word. For instance: "Little girl, I say to you, arise" (Mark 5:41); and: "Young man, I say to you, arise" (Luke 7:14); and: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43); and to the paralytic: "Rise, take up your bed and go home, be delivered of your sickness" (Matt. 9:6); and to the lepers: "Be clean!" (Matt. 8:3; Luke 17:14). … When a great storm arose on the sea and the Lord rebuked the winds and the sea, all those in His ship marveled, saying: "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey Him?" (Matt. 8:27). With His words He also exorcised the evil spirits. All this He could accomplish with a single word.

Luther's Works, 22:114.



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.

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