## Historic Zion Lutheran Church

#### DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ...... Sunday, July 4, 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:

- 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;
- who believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received (c) 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.
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 $\maltese$ Son and of the Holy Spirit
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
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord
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 4 Son and of the Holy Spirit

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



Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good! || Blessed is the man who | takes [ Antiphon ] •refuge• in | him! || Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints, || ffor those who | fear him lack | •nothing•!

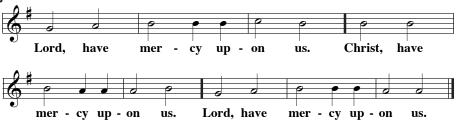
Verse 1: For the LORD has | cho- sen •Zion•; || he has desired it | for his dwell- ing | place: || "This is my resting | place for- evere; || here I will dwell, for I | have de- •sired•\_\_ | it.

I will abundantly bless | her pro- •visions•; || I will satis- | fy her poor with | Verse 2: bread. | Her priests I will clothe | with sal- •vation•, | and her | saints will *shout for* | *joy*.

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

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good! | Blessed is the man who | takes\_\_ •refuge• in | him! || Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints, || for those who | fear him lack\_\_ | •nothing•!





#### Gloria

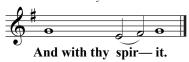


8. For Thou . . . . • only• art • holy• Thou..... on -- ly art the Lord.

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

#### Salutation

The Lord be with you.



**Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, 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 +

Old Testament Reading ...... Ezekiel 2:1-5

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

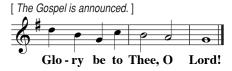
[ Rise ]

#### Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia!



Holy Gospel ...... St. Mark 6:1-13





#### **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!

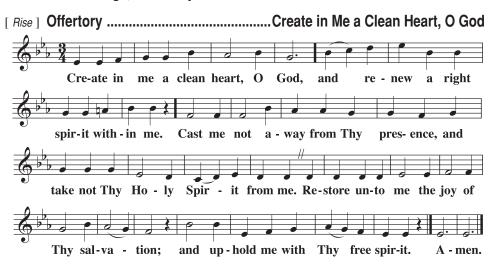
[ Be Seated ]

Hymn of the Day ...... O Christ, Our True ...... Burgundy Hymn 839

#### Sermon

#### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

#### [ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary



#### + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

#### **Preface**

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir-it.

We lift them up un-to the Lord.

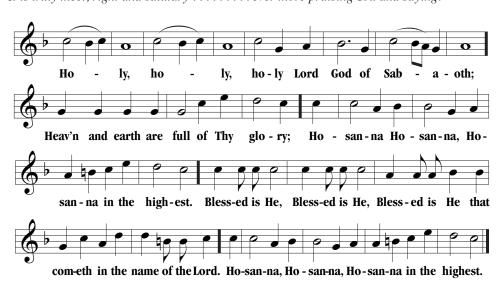
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

#### **Common Preface, Sanctus**

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



#### [Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for-



#### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



#### Agnus Dei



Grant us Thy Peace.

men!

[ Be Seated ]

Distribution Hymns ......God Has Spoken ......Burgundy Hymn 583

Hope of the World ......Burgundy Hymn 690

#### [ Rise ] Eucharistic Benediction

have mer-cy up - on us.





1. Loru now— lettest mou my

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

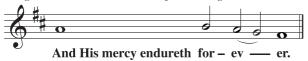
Father, and to \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

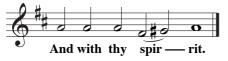


Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.





#### 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 ...... Before You, Lord, We Bow ..... Burgundy Hymn 966

#### **Postlude**

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#### Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

#### The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

#### The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### The Gospel is Mark 6:1-13

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the

son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief

And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

#### Hymns for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

#### LSB839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Johann Heermann

- 1. O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze; Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3. O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way! Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In you find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4. Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'rers to Your fold. Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5. That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

#### LSB583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

George W. Briggs

- 1. God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word; Each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord. In the world's despair and turmoil One firm anchor holds us fast: God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.
- 2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one; Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was; Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.
- 3. God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again, In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then. Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast; God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

#### LSB690 Hope of the World

Georgia Harkness

- 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.
- 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.

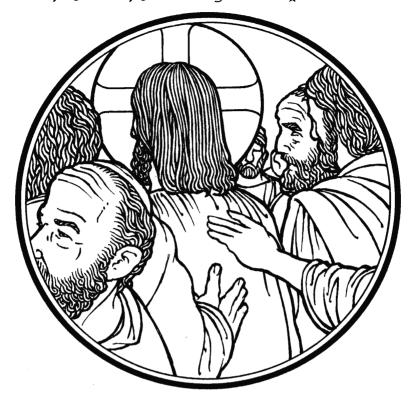
- 3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light, Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways Lure us away from Thee to endless night.
- 4. Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt, We render back the 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!

#### LSB966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

Francis Scott Key

- 1. Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- The nation You have blest May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land— Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
- 3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song.
- 4. Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.
- 5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



# Zion Kvangelical Lutheran Church

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

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;

Teachers:

Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

#### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)
Field Worker: Erik Saunders

#### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459) Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan, Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

#### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM
Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

#### **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially 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, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Hannah Messmann Jackson, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Marty & Judy Thomas
- + 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 Eva Widner
- + 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in honor of Eva Widner whose birthday is on July 4<sup>th</sup> by her daughter Joyce Gottschalk. The Altar Vase is given in celebration of Marty & Judy Thomas 25<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary. 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.

#### <u>CALENDAR</u>

hily 4 2021 thru hily 10 2021

	July 4, 2021 tillu July 10, 20	<b>4</b> I
9:00 AM	Divine Service Independence Day	Church
10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting??	
1:00 PM	Junior Catechesis	Zoom
7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
1:00 PM	Junior Catechesis	Zoom
5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
6:30 PM	Adult Catechesis	Zoom
11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	July 11, 2021	
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10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
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#### **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.

**SPEAKER ARRAY** Some have asked; others surely have noticed. Our speaker array in church is not working (narthex and transept speakers still work). Innovative Concepts has come to look at it, diagnose, and either repair it or give us a quote for a replacement. I don't have an estimated time for repair now. Until it's fixed, we'll try to speak up.

**SUPPORT:** Today is the last day to order popcorn the old-fashioned way. Stop by Julie's Scrip table, choose your popcorn, and write your check to Zion. Melvia will send the orders off on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Get your popcorn on order and support Lutheran Education!

**DIAPERS** continue to come in. Thank you. Count is 3,772, 44% of our goal. The diaper giveaway on August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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** are ready you can pick them up at Julie'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 metric has crept up to 2.4%, but our weekly number of positives per 100,000 is steady at around 20. District 3 hospitalizations and COVID ICU patients are down significantly. Breakthrough infections are 0.087% of those fully vaccinated; breakthrough hospitalizations are 0.004%; and breakthrough deaths are 0.001%. The vaccine works. Should a vaccinated person get the virus, it is very unlikely that he will get sick enough to be hospitalized or die. Almost all of those catching the virus (including its variants) now are the unvaccinated. Don't let it be you; get your vaccination if your health permits it. Don't let undue fears or unfounded conspiracy theories deter you. Check with your doctor if you have questions. If you need help scheduling your vaccination or getting to the vaccination site, let the office know. We'll help.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** In this week's memory verse the prophet reminds us that the Lord is with us and for us: Isaiah 41:10—"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Last week's verse was Psalm 143:8.

**SHEPHERD OF THE CITY** will be having their annual Community BBQ on Saturday, August 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also that day will be there back to school health fair from 11 a.m. to 2 pm more information will be coming in the next couple of weeks

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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.

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	DAILY LECTIONARY	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mark 6:1-13	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 2:1-5
Acts 11:19-30	Monday	Joshua 10:1-25
Acts 12:1-25	Tuesday	Joshua 23:1-16
Acts 13:1-12	Wednesday	Joshua 24:1-31
Acts 13:13-41	Thursday	Judges 2:6-23
Acts 13:42-52	Friday	Judges 3:7-31
Acts 14:1-18	Saturday	Judges 4:1-24

#### 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:

[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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



# What Doctor Luther Says:

# About Anointing the Sick — It's No Sacrament

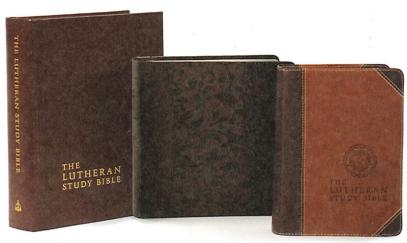
I take it that this unction [anointing] is the same as that practiced by the apostles, of whom it is written in Mark 6 [:13]: "They anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them." It was a rite of the early church, by which they worked miracles on the sick, and which has long since ceased. In the same way Christ, in the last chapter of Mark [16:18], gave to believers the power to pick up serpents, lay hands on the sick, etc. It is a wonder that they have not made sacraments of those words also, for they have the same power and promise as these words of James [5:15]. Therefore this extreme —which is to say fictitious—unction is not a sacrament, but a counsel of James, which anyone who will may follow; and it is derived from Mark 6 [:13], as I have said. I do not believe that it was a counsel given to all sick persons, for the church's infirmity is her glory and death is gain [Phil. 1:21]; but it was given only to such as might bear their sickness impatiently and with little faith, those whom the Lord allowed to remain in order that miracles and the power of faith might be manifest in them.

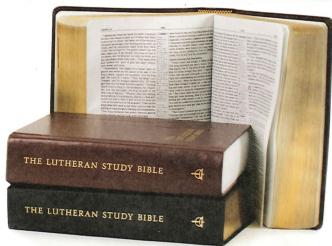
James made careful and diligent provision in this case by attaching the promise of healing and the forgiveness of sins not to the unction, but to the prayer of faith. For he says: "And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" [Jas. 5:15]. A sacrament does not demand prayer and faith on the part of the minister, since even a wicked person may baptize and consecrate without prayer; a sacrament depends solely on the promise and institution of God, and requires faith on the part of the recipient.

Luther's Works, 36:121.



# 2021 BIBLE SALE





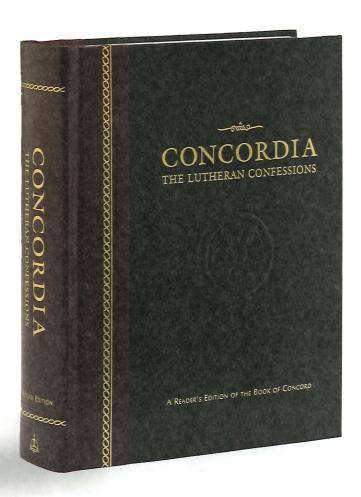
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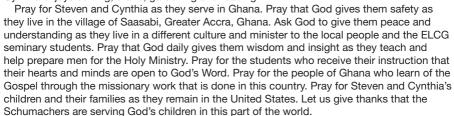
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