

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

9:00 am ..... Sunday, October 31, 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!**

*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.*

[ Rise ] **Invocation**

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

**Entrance Hymn ..... Thy Strong Word ..... Burgundy Hymn 578**

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

### Kyrie

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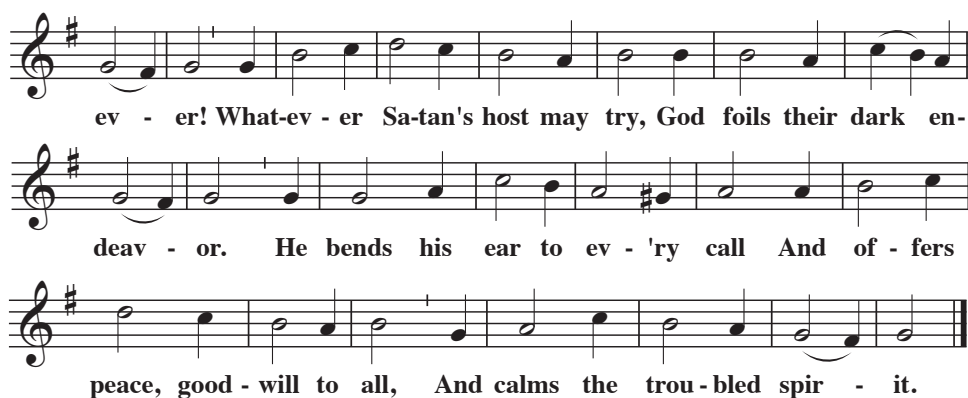
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### Gloria in Excelsis

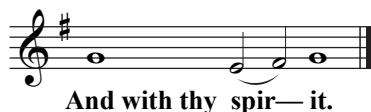
Glo - ry be to God in the high - est.

All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks to him for -



## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



**Collect for the Festival of the Reformation:** *Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 +

**First Reading** ..... **Revelation 14:6-7**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Romans 3:19-28**

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

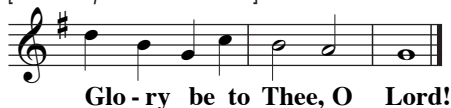
[ Rise ]

**Sequence Hymn** ..... **Salvation unto Us** .... **Burgundy Hymn 555: st 1-4**

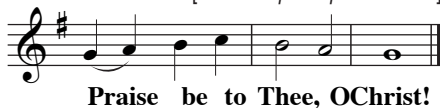
[ Sing stanzas 1 through 4 before the Gospel. ]

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. John 8:31-36**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]



[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



[ After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar, the congregation is seated. ]

**Hymn of the Day** ..... **Salvation unto Us** .... **Burgundy Hymn 555: st 5-10**

[ All sing stanza 5; Men sing stanzas 6 & 8; Women sing stanzas 7 & 9;

All sing stanza 10; Rise for stanza 10. ]

[ Be seated ]

## Sermon

[ Rise ]

## + The Office of Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution +

*Having heard the Word of God, and as we prepare for the great gift of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, let us confess our sins and receive God's 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!*

[ Rise ]

**Confession of Faith ..... We All Believe ..... Burgundy Hymn 954**

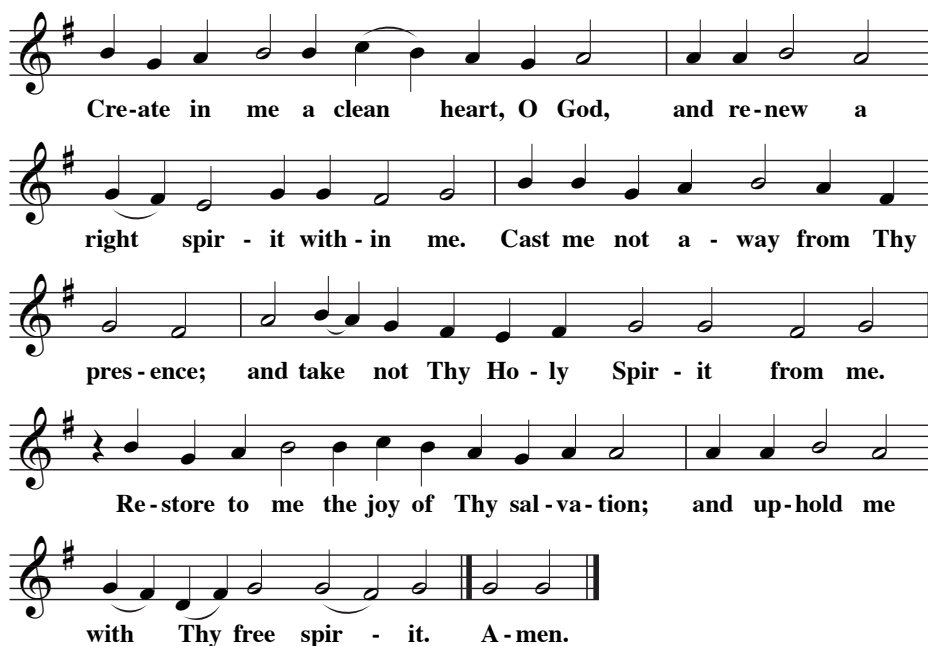
## Prayer of the Church

*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**

**Choral Voluntary ..... Lord, Keep Us Steadfast ..... D. Buxtehude**

[ Rise ] **Offertory Hymn ..... 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 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 hosts:  
Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

[ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r 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!

A - men.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
Stanzas 1 and 2 Stanza 3  
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[ Be Seated ]

Distribution Hymns ..... The Church's One ..... Burgundy Hymn 644  
I Know My Faith ..... Burgundy Hymn 587

[ Rise ] Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.  
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el.



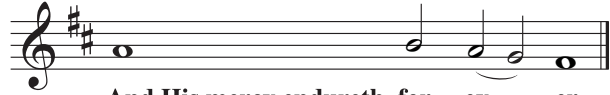
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it \_\_ was in the  
beginning, is  
now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

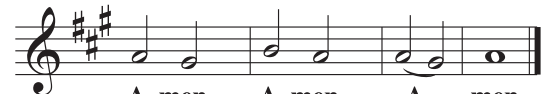
*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A - men, A - men, A - men.

*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

Recessional Hymn ..... A Mighty Fortress ..... Burgundy Hymn 656

Postlude

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## **Readings for the Festival of the Reformation**

### **The First Reading is Revelation 14:6-7**

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

### **The Epistle is Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

### **The Gospel is John 8:31-36**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

# Hymns for the Festival of the Reformation

## LSB578 Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzmann

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1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- W 3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- M 4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- △ 6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

## LSB947 All Glory Be to God on High

Nicolaus Decius

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1. All glory be to God on high And thanks to him forever;  
Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavor.  
He bends his ear to ev'ry call And offers peace, goodwill to all,  
And calms the troubled spirit.



## **LSB555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come, sts. 1-4**

**Paul Speratus**

1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
2. What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.
3. It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.
4. From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart —  
So deep is our corruption.

## **LSB555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come, sts. 5-10**

**Paul Speratus**

5. Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.
- M 6. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.
- W 7. Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken:  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.
- M 8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.

W 9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

Δ 10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.  
triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

## **LSB954 We All Believe in One True God**

**Martin Luther**

1. We all believe in one true God, Who created earth and heaven,  
The Father, who to us in love Has the right of children given.  
He in soul and body feeds us; All we need His hand provides us;  
Through all snares and perils leads us, Watching that no harm betide us.  
He cares for us by day and night; All things are governed by His might.
2. We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing  
An equal Godhead, throne, and might, Source of ev'ry grace and blessing;  
Born of Mary, virgin mother, By the power of the Spirit,  
Word made flesh, our elder brother; That the lost might life inherit,  
Was crucified for all our sin And raised by God to life again.
3. We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who, in highest heaven dwelling  
With God the Father and the Son, Comforts us beyond all telling;  
Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit.  
Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus' merit.  
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God eternally.  
Amen, amen.

## **LSB644 The Church's One Foundation**

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

### **LSB587 I Know My Faith Is Founded**

**Erdmann Neumeister**

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

# The Festival of the Reformation



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor

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

Field Worker:

Erik Saunders, Patrick Jackson

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)

Teachers:

Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,

Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill

John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

## **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Erik Saunders and Patrick Jackson
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including Trevor Manning and James Hall, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Jackie Schieferstein, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Stan Goglein, Kathy Vlot, Josefa Schapher, Willodean Bates, Kevin Leininger, Julie Ganaway, Paul Dolde, Walt Ostermeyer, Sherry Freeman, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, John Weber, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, 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, especially Callahan Muehl soon to be baptized
- + 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 Reformation Day. The Cross Bowl and Altar Vases are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Marge Punke with thanksgiving for the restoration of the Gospel of forgiveness full and free through faith in Christ Jesus. 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**

### **October 31, 2021 thru November 6, 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	
<b>TUES.</b>	6:00 PM	Lutheran Foundation Delegate Mtg	Parkview Mirro Ctr
	7:00 PM	Elder Council	Conference Room
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>	7:00 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
<b>SAT.</b>	9:30 AM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **November 7, 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
	10:30 AM	Sunday School (little ones)	Asst Pastor's Office
	1:30 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Bach Collegium Concert	Church

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Join Dr. Voelz for his continuing study of the Gospel according to St. Mark. Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room. Sunday School for the little ones begins next Sunday and will meet in the Assistant Pastor's Office in the office area.

**THANK YOU** to everyone that came to the fish fry, brought a card, or gave a token of love. Thanks! Ernestine Rogers

**OPENING NIGHT 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BACH COLLEGIUM CONCERT** will be held here at Zion next Sunday, November 7, at 7:00 PM the cost is \$25. Visit [bachcollegium.org/events](http://bachcollegium.org/events) to buy your ticket.

**INVITATION** The congregation is invited to the wedding of Miles Lammert to Annie Hrehov at 3 PM, Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Zion. Please join the young couple, their families and friends as they are united as one in Holy Matrimony.

**FOOD CO-OP INGATHERING:** This year Zion asking you to contribute to the CTS Food Co-op during the months November and December. These food items and gift cards are helpful to assist the students and their families enjoy their holiday season. Watch for the November Voice for the announcement of the details. We will collect these items from Wed., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> until Wed., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. As usual, a brown paper bag and list will be supplied.

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** *Please read this update if you want information on COVID. I'm not making oral comments regarding COVID unless some protocol needs changing.* The state is getting slower and slower about updating their website. There is little to update you on either. We will remain in orange at 2.0 with numbers declining. District hospitalizations and ICU bed usage are steady. Average number of daily deaths due to COVID remains 1. No update on the percentage of Delta variant infections compared to others. I'm sure it remains high. The percentages of breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are now 1.568%, 0.033%, and 0.016%, respectively. The breakthroughs continue to affect seniors mostly with the average age of breakthrough deaths now at 78. Vaccines remain the best way to get this pandemic under control. Get your vaccination if your health permits it. The state Vaccine website is now tracking booster shots, and a significant number of those have been administered. Boosters are now available for all three authorized vaccines if you're eligible. Visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/) for your eligibility.

**SPEAKER AND ELEVATOR** The speaker array has been sent to the manufacturer to engineer and install a special board. We're looking at the week of November 15 for installation. About the elevator, KONE has ordered another motherboard. No further update that I know of.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** This week's memory verse is perfect for Reformation: Acts 4:12 — "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Last week's verse was Mark 12:29-31.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & SALE** is at Emmaus Lutheran on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the gym. For more information, go to [www.emmausfortwayne.org](http://www.emmausfortwayne.org) and check out "Latest Announcements."

**CLHS** seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Head Girls & Boys Tennis Coach. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit [www.clhscadets.com/employment](http://www.clhscadets.com/employment).

**LIFE DEFENDERS WORKSHOP** Learn how to make the Case for Life on Saturday, November 13, 9 am to Noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, 1801 N Main St, Auburn, IN. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/ldw](http://www.ichooselife.org/ldw) for more info, or call 260-471-1849. Cost is \$5.

**CULTIVATING RESILIENCE AFTER TRAUMA:** Zion Lutheran Church Friedheim will be hosting a two-hour seminar at their Family Life Center (10655 N – 550 W Decatur, IN) on Tuesday, November 23, beginning with a meal at 6 p.m. and the presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. Reservation may be made by contacting Joe Gorman by cell at 260.706.0999 or by e-mail at [preblegormans@gmail.com](mailto:preblegormans@gmail.com). The reservation deadline is Sunday, November 14. There is no charge for the meal; however, a free-will donation may be received to offset the cost of the meal.

## 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

John 8:31-36

**Reformation Day**

Revelation 14:6-7

Matthew 21:1-22

Monday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Matthew 21:23-46

Tuesday

Jeremiah 1:1-19

Matthew 22:1-22

Wednesday

Jeremiah 3:6-4:2

Matthew 22:23-46

Thursday

Jeremiah 5:1-19

Matthew 23:1-12

Friday

Jeremiah 7:1-29

Matthew 23:13-39

Saturday

Jeremiah 8:18-9:12

## 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

**The Our Father**

## TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**All Saint's Day**

Revelation 7:2-17

1 John 3:1-3

Mark 5:1-12





# What Doctor Luther Says:

## Concerning Christian Freedom

Let us learn to place a high value on this freedom of ours; not the emperor, not an angel from heaven, but Christ, the Son of God, through whom all things were created in heaven and earth, obtained it for us by His death, to set us free, not from some physical and temporary slavery but from the spiritual and eternal slavery of those most cruel and invincible tyrants, the Law, sin, death, the devil, etc., and to reconcile us to God the Father. Now that these enemies have been defeated and now that we have been reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is certain that we are righteous in the sight of God and that all our actions are pleasing to Him; and if there is any sin left in us, this is not imputed to us but is forgiven for the sake of Christ. Paul is speaking very precisely when he says that we should stand in the freedom for which Christ has set us free. Therefore this freedom is granted to us, not on account of the Law or our righteousness but freely, on account of Christ. Paul testifies to this and demonstrates it at length throughout this epistle; and Christ says in John 8:36: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." He alone is thrust into the middle between us and the evils that oppress us. He conquers and abolishes them, so that they cannot harm us any longer. In fact, in place of sin and death He grants us righteousness and eternal life, and He changes slavery and the terrors of the Law into the freedom of conscience and the comfort of the Gospel, which says (Matt. 9:2): "Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven." Therefore he who believes in Christ has this freedom.

*Luther's Works, 27:5-6.*

## LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



### Please pray for these students/staff:

Avenly Hser

Zaelynn Simpson

Abigail Rodriguez

Melvin Lesure

Max Lassen

John Benson

Zane Hendryx

Jalasha Bell

Sophie Bubb

Parent-Teacher Conferences

## Food Drive

Thank you to all who gave to the Food Drive this month!! Our students have been working hard collecting items all month. We are accepting items until October 31<sup>st</sup> and will turn in our final count November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Virtual Walk Through Our Halls

If you miss seeing the bulletin boards full of art from your students just go to our website [www.LSUSFW.org](http://www.LSUSFW.org) click on the "Connect" tab at the top and select "A Walk Through Our Halls" You will see all the art that has been up in the hallways this year so far by class! Remember you can also find newsletters, calendars and other info on our website!

# Meet The Staff



The first grade teacher at LSUS is **Hannah Maresh**. She also is a curriculum leader and department head. She is a member of one of our affiliated churches.

In 2010 Ms. Maresh graduated from Concordia High School. She attended Valparaiso University for one year. She then completed her college career at IPFW in education with a minor in math.

Ms. Maresh did her student teaching at Lincoln Elementary and taught there from 2012 to 2015. Following a long term sub job in fifth grade at Lincoln Elementary, she taught for FWCS in second grade for

two years. In August, 2017, she joined the staff at LSUS as a kindergarten teacher. She taught this grade level for two years before she moved up to first grade. This is her third year teaching first grade.

Recently, Ms. Maresh moved to the southeast side of Fort Wayne. She has a coonhound, Cooper, who is 11 years old, and a cavapoo, Teddy, who is 8 months old. In her spare time she likes to travel with friends and for work. She loves working, art, biking, and walking her dog. Her home away from home is Chicago.

People say it takes a village to raise kids and she believes it to be the same with teaching. She believes she couldn't prepare students without church members, parents, and her staff at LSUS.

## **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

*We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.—1 John 4:19-20*



# Concordia Lutheran High School

It's time.

And it's a new time

It's a time to make things right

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



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

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

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

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# Life NEWS



[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## Life Newsbytes

**El Salvador is standing strong against mounting pressure from world powers to legalize the killing of unborn babies in abortions.**

On October 20, the El Salvadoran Congress voted to reject a petition from pro-abortion groups that would have legalized abortions on unborn babies conceived as a result of sexual violence and unborn babies with severe deformities, according to AFP. The vote means the country will maintain its laws that protect each unborn baby's right to life and ban all abortions. "We have legislated in favor of protecting life from its conception," said Congresswoman Rebeca Santos, of the New Ideas party, according to the report. However, pro-abortion lawmakers slammed their peers for rejecting women's "right" to abortion, AFP noted. El Salvador recognizes each unborn baby's right to life in its constitution, stating "as a human person every human being from the moment of conception" in Article 1 ... Pro-abortion groups, funded by some of the richest men in the world, are putting pressure on countries across Latin America and Africa to legalize the killing of unborn babies in abortions ... Argentina fell to the pressure in late 2020, voting to legalize abortion for any reason up to 14 weeks and later in a wide variety of circumstances. Less than four months later, a young woman died along with her unborn baby in a legal abortion ... Approximately 42.6 million unborn babies were killed in abortions across the world in 2020, according to Worldometer. (*LifeNews.com, 10/21/21*)

## Speaking up For Life

"Adoption can be an enormously unselfish gift to a baby, not only as a way to give a child a secure, loving, stable family but to give that child the most precious gift of all—life." *Dr. Jean Garton, former president of Lutherans For Life*

"Maybe you enjoy showing hospitality to others, whether at home or as part of a joint effort at church. Perhaps you invite people who are lonely or people who are hungry or homeless or far away from home. Perhaps you are reaching out to refugees or to international students. Perhaps you take a casserole to a family with a new baby or buy toothpaste and toilet paper for the local homeless shelter. If so, you are showing hospitality to Jesus. What an honor to be able to do so!" *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries*

"Christians engage in adopting not only because we desire to raise children but also—and above all—because the Most High desires their survival and salvation. We adopt because we have been so adopted. We adopt because little ones need homes. We adopt because we have homes and families to share. Life issues mean more than just political debates. Life issues involve more than just personal choices or someone else's problems. Life issues are always people and Gospel." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry for Lutherans For Life*





2021 LFL Regional Conferences

# God Chose You

*John 15:16*

Las Vegas • Sioux Falls • Conover

*Find videos of past 2021 regional conferences on our website.*

Lutherans For Life regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in. Please join us at our final 2021 regional conference.

We're excited to see you there!

- **FINAL 2021 CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 13**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Conover, North Carolina

Registration 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Conference 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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

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

**WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT LFL CONFERENCES:**

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

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



[lutheransforlife.org/conference](https://lutheransforlife.org/conference)

**Since 1973: 62,502,904 abortions in America**

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