

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Sunday, August 15, 2021

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

Greeting And Announcements: *The Lord be with you!* **And also with you!**

Invocation

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *I will bless the Lord | at all times: || His praise shall continual- | ly be in my | mouth.*

Verse 1: **My soul shall make her boast | in the Lord: || the humble shall hear | thereof and be | glad.**

Verse 2: *Oh, magnify the | Lord with me: || and let us exalt His | name to- geth- | er.*

Verse 3: **I sought the Lord, and | He heard me: || and delivered | me from all my | fears.**

Verse 4: *They looked unto Him | and were •lightened•: || and their | •faces• were not a- | shamed.*

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!

[Antiphon] *I will bless the Lord | at all times: || His praise shall continual- | ly be in my | mouth.*

Kyrie



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



Lord__ have mer-cy up - on__ us.

Gloria



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



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



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



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God _ the Fa-ther Al - mighty - y.



O Lord, the on-ly be - got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on__ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the

Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God_ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir—it.

Collect for the Commemoration of St. Mary, Mother of our Lord: *Almighty God, You chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A — men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading..... **Isaiah 61:7-11**

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

Epistle of the Day **Galatians 4:4-7**

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;" Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 1:39-55**

[The Gospel is announced.]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right

hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

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

[Be Seated] Hymn of the Day Ye Watchers Burgundy Hymn 670
[Rise for stanza 4.]

Sermon

Installation of Officers

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

[Be Seated] Offerings, Voluntary

[Rise] OffertoryCreate in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

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

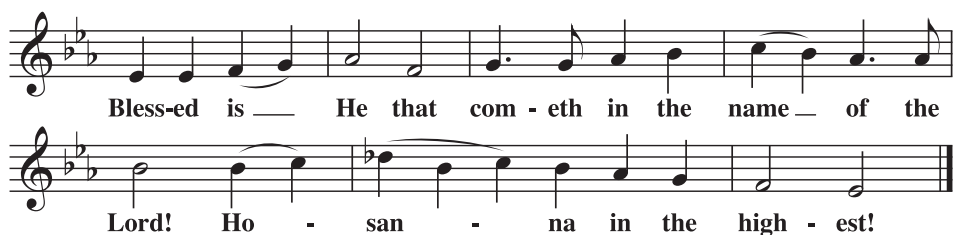
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

Proper Preface for St. Mary, Mother of our Lord, Sanctus

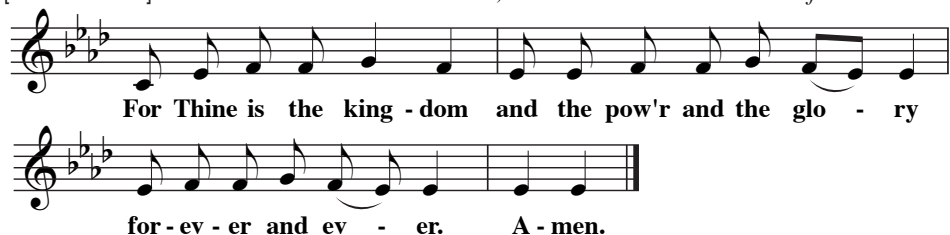
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer**

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

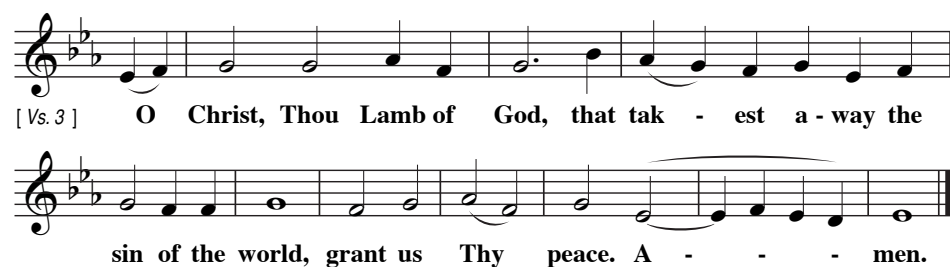
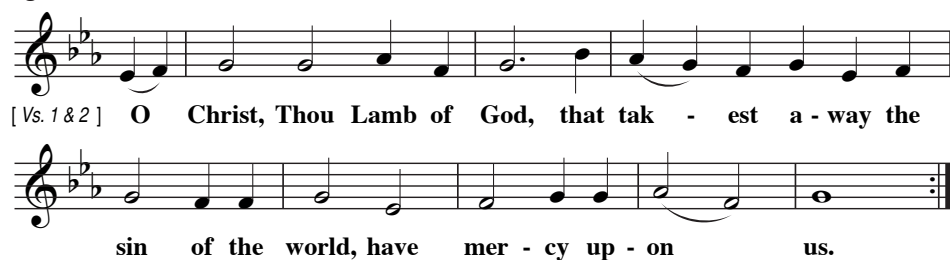


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Let the Earth Now Praise..... Burgundy Hymn 352

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

For All the Faithful Women Burgundy Hymn 855

[*Sing stanzas 1, 8, 3, & 4. Rise for stanza 4.]*

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.



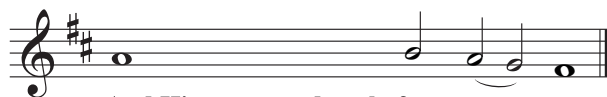
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.

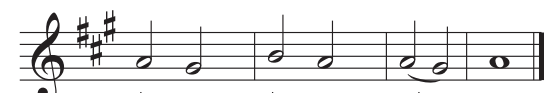
Bless we the Lord.



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 Tell Out, My Soul Burgundy Hymn 935

Postlude

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Readings for the Festival of St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 61:7-11

Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;

I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

The Epistle is Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

The Gospel is Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and

blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Hymns for the Festival of St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

LSB670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

J. Athelstan L. Riley

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
2. O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim, Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest: “Alleluia, alleluia!”
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
- △ 4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing: “Alleluia, alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

LSB352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Heinrich Held

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.
2. What the fathers most desired, What the prophets’ heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- W 3. Abram’s promised great reward, Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—Truly came, as long foretold.
- M 4. As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me Which is Yours eternally.
5. Bruise for me the serpent’s head That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.

6. Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

LSB855 For All the Faithful Women

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.
8. We sing of Mary, mother, Fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother, Who came to save our race.
May we, with her, surrender Ourselves to Your command
And lay upon Your altar Our gifts of heart and hand.
3. O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,
In whom through all the ages Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service, Our lives may sing your praise.
- △ 4. All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit, Who binds the Church as one!
With saints who went before us, With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias And strive to do Your will.

LSB935 Tell Out My Soul

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

The Festival of St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

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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 Kevin Leininger, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jeff Springer, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, Hannah Messmann Jackson, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Celesta Kaiser & Doris Yerger
- + 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, including Norma Jean Marshall, James & Lena Coleman
- + 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 15th birthday of Celesta Kaiser by her grandparents Janeen & Dave Kaiser. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of Doris Yerger's 99th Birthday by Karen Coleman & family. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given memory of Norma Jean Marshall (mother), James & Lena Coleman (grandparents) by daughter & son-in-law Evelyn & Tomey Maxwell. 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

August 15, 2021 thru August 21, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.	8:15 AM	Devotion at LSUS	LSUS
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	8:15 AM	Devotion at LSUS	LSUS
	9:00 AM	Meeting with Sheila	Peace Lutheran
	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Conference Room
FRI.	10:30 AM	Divine Service at LLV	Lutheran Life Village
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	12 NOON	Annual Diaper Drive	Zion Parking Lot

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ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Until we return to Mark a bit later in the fall, I've decided to consider some confessional writings from the Book of Concord. We began with a look at an essay outlining why our pastors and teachers subscribe unconditionally to our Confessions. In the days ahead, we'll take a look at the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord. Come and join us as we look at these confessions forged in the days that followed Luther's death.

DIAPERS Thanks to everyone who contributed diapers—we made it to 100% of our goal. Thanks also to those who helped repackage the diapers. Now DaVanna & TruLaine are looking for individuals to work the diaper drive — Saturday, August 21, noon – 3 PM. For more information or to volunteer, please call TruLaine at 260-615-1873.

PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES, there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: *Please read this update if you want the information I've been giving. I'll not be making any oral comments regarding COVID in the future unless some protocol needs changing.* Allen County has risen to orange with a two-metric score of 2.0. Our numbers continue to go up. Average daily positives metric was reported as 7.79% on the updated map, and the weekly number of positives per 100,000 was 215. The Delta variant remains the major culprit at 87.6% of infections. District 3 hospitalizations (149) and COVID ICU patients (21.1%) have risen further. We're now seeing numbers like we had at the end of January. The seven-day moving average of daily deaths has moved up to 1. Of the 2,967,326 Hoosiers vaccinated, 5,323 have caught the virus, 185 have been hospitalized, and 69 have died (these are the breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths). It's clear. The vaccine lowers the chance of getting the virus and lessens the symptoms of the vaccinated. Talk to your doctor. Get your vaccination if your health permits it. Don't let undue fears or unfounded conspiracy theories deter you. 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 wise Solomon encourages us in faith and in the ways of the Lord. Proverbs 3:5-6—"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Last week's verse was Lamentations 3:22-23.

RIGHT TO LIFE NIGHT at the Tin Caps is Tuesday, Aug. 10th! Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana and enjoy a game. The game starts at 7:05 p vs. South Bend. Tickets are \$15 for seats or \$10 for lawn, with \$5 to benefit RLNI. This event takes place on Family Feast Night, with discounts on select concession items, such as hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks. Purchase your tickets for a last family outing before school starts or enjoy a date night! Learn more at www.ichooselife.org/tincaps or call 260-471-1849.

CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Spanish Teacher. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

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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

Luke 1:39-55

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 61:7-11

1 Corinthians 9:1-23

Monday

2 Samuel 6:1-19

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22

Tuesday

2 Samuel 7:1-17

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16

Wednesday

2 Samuel 7:18-29

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Thursday

2 Samuel 11:1-27

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Friday

2 Samuel 12:1-25

1 Corinthians 12:14-31

Saturday

1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 29:11-19

Ephesians 5:22-23

Mark 7:1-13



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Jesus, Both True God and Man of Mary's Flesh

[W]e do not let ourselves be troubled by the blasphemies which the devil, through the mouths of his lying servants [Luther is speaking of heretical groups like the Arians and Manichaeans], speaks against Christ the Lord — now against His divinity, now against His humanity — and by the attacks which he then makes against Christ's office and work. But we cling to the Scriptures of the prophets and apostles, who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). Their testimony about Christ is clear. He is our Brother; we are members of His body, flesh and bone of His flesh and bone. According to His humanity, He, Christ, our Savior, was the real and natural fruit of Mary's virginal womb (of which Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to her in Luke 1:42: "Blessed is the fruit of your womb!"). This was without the co-operation of a man, and she remained a virgin after that. Everything else that a mother imparts to a child was imparted by Mary, the mother of God's eternal Son. Even the milk He sucked had no other source than the breasts of this holy and pure mother.

To sum up, we must, first of all, have a Savior who can save us from the power of this world's god (2 Cor. 4:4) and prince (John 16:11), the devil, that is, from sin and death. This means that He must be the true, eternal God, through whom all believers in Him become righteous and are saved. ...

But, secondly, we must have a Savior who is also our Brother, who is of our flesh and blood, who became like us in all respects but sin. ...

[E]verything depends on this doctrine. It serves to maintain and support all other doctrines of our Christian faith.

Luther's Works, 22:23-5.



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EPHESIANS 6:10-18

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