Historic Zion Lutheran Church divine service for the second sunday of easter

9:00 am ...... Sunday, April 24, 2022

#### 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:

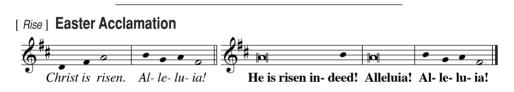
- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, 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

#### 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.

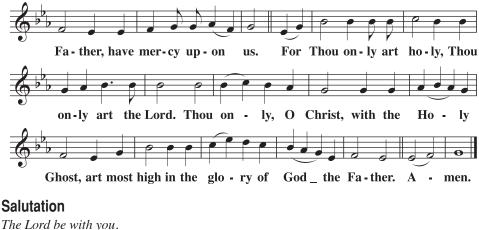
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

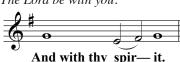
The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

## Introit of the Day

- [Antiphon] Like | newborn •infants•, || long for the | pure\_\_\_\_•spiri•-\_•tual• | milk, || that by it you may grow up in-\_ | to sal-\_•vation•—|| if indeed you have tasted | that the Lord is | good.
- Verse 1: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; || make known his | deeds a- mong the | •peoples•! || Sing to him, sing | •praises• to him; || tell of | all his won- drous | works!
- Verse 2: Glory in his | ho- ly name; || let the hearts of those who | seek the LORD re- | joice! || Seek the LORD | and his strength; || seek his | •presence• con- tin- ual- | ly!
- Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever.• A- | men!
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**Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter:** Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.
 Acts 5:12-32

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

 Second Reading
 Revelation 1:4-18

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

 [ Rise ] Sequence Hymn
 O Sons and Daughters
 Burgundy Hymn 471

 [ All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Deacon sings stanza 1; Women sing stanza 2; Men sing stanza 3; All sing the "Alleluia".
 St. John 20:19-31

 [ The Gospel is announced. ]
 [ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



#### **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  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the world to come. Amen! [ After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated. ]

Hymn of the Day ...... O Sons and Daughters ...... Burgundy Hymn 471

[ All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Men sing stanzas 4 & 6; Women sing stanzas 5 & 7; All sing stanzas 8, 9 and the final "Alleluia". ]

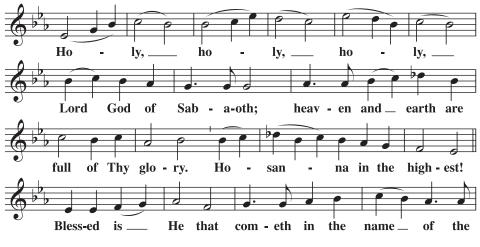
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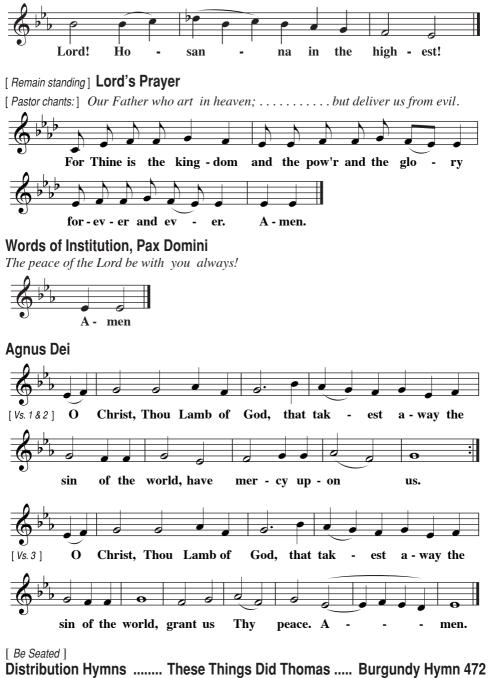
#### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

#### [ Be Seated ] Offerings Voluntary



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

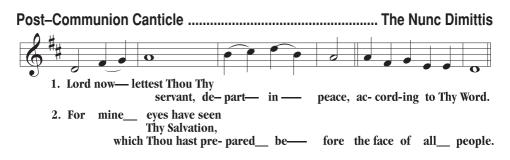


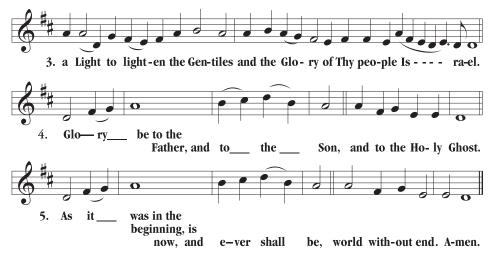


I Am Content ..... Burgundy Hymn 468

[Rise]

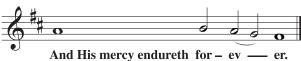
#### **Eucharistic Benediction**





#### 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 ...... Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! ..... RED Hymn 188

#### Postlude

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#### **Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter**

#### The First Reading is Acts 5:12-32

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

#### The Epistle is Revelation 1:4-18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

#### The Gospel is John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### Hymns for the Second Sunday of Easter

#### LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (Sequence) Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

- D 1. O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia!
- That Easter morn, at break of day, W 2. The faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
- M 3. An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three, "Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!
- All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

#### LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (HOTD)

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

- M 4. That night the Apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
- W 5. When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- M 6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- W7. No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
  - 8. How blest are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
  - 9. On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Jean Tisserand

#### LSB472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real Thomas H Troeger

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- These things did Thomas count as real: The warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
- The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough to make him blind To any unexpected act Too large for his small world of fact.
- His reasoned certainties denied That one could live when one had died, Until his fingers read like braille The marking of the spear and nail.
- May we, O God, by grace believe And thus the risen Christ receive, Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

#### LSB468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives Johann Joachim Möller

- I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased. He has fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased. Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever. I am content! I am content!
- I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony. Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus' resurrection. I am content! I am content!
- 3. I am content! My Jesus is my light, My radiant sun of grace. His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace. This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation. I am content! I am content!
- 4. I am content! At length I shall be free, Awakened from the dead, Arising glorious evermore to be With You, my living head. The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever. I am content! I am content!

#### TLH188 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

- Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One; From the gloomy halls of death Christ the Conqueror has gone, Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to rise.
- 2. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice! Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth. Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth. Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.
- 3. Jesus lives! Why weepest thou? Why that sad and frequent sigh? He who died our Brother here Lives our Brother still on high. Lives forever to bestow Blessings on His Church below.
- 4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee; Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too shalt be; With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.
- 5. Jesus lives! To Him my heart Draws with ever new delight. Earthly vanities, depart, Hinder not my heavenward flight. Let this spirit ever rise To its Magnet in the skies.
- 6. Hallelujah, angels, sing! Join us in our hymn of praise; Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feebler voices raise; Glory to our God above And on earth His peace and love!





## Zion Hvangelical Autheran 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 Field Worker: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Erik Saunders, Patrick Jackson

#### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Teachers:

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459) Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan, Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, 3<sup>rd</sup> vacant, John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

#### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher

#### **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Erik Saunders and Patrick Jackson
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including James Hall, especially at this perilous time in our world
- For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School (accreditation and call committees—especially call to Abigail DeForest, 6<sup>th</sup> grade), Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death, including Willie Manning
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including William Wallschlaeger, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Tyler Muehl, Kathy Vlot, Willodean Bates, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Hailey Horn, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Marianne Billings, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Richard & Diane Lammert
- + 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 Vanessa Smith
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

#### **IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

Today is the Divine Service for the Second Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving to the Lord for his many blessings by Lois & George Lange. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Vanessa Smith on the occasion of her birthday by David & DaVanna Seifert. 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**

#### April 24, 2021 thru April 30, 2022

SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	Lammert Birthday and	Bauer Hall
		Anniversary Celebration	
MON.	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	
	7:00 PM	CEA Delegate Meeting	
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Bauer Hall
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
		May 1, 2022	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

#### **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark. Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room; Sunday School meets in the Assoc. Pastor's office.

**SUPPORT THESE EVENTS:** Now's the time to "Reconnect — again" by reserving your place at one or more of three upcoming events to underwrite Zion's support of quality education at Lutheran South Unity School.

•At 6:30 p.m. on May 6 in Zion's Bauer Hall, 2313 S. Hanna St., Pastor and Marge Punke, the Rev. Jim and Judy Voelz, and award-winning chef Eric Braun will host a feast of "chicken around the word," pairing recipes and wines (mostly) from various continents. Dishes will be as diverse as their places of origin, including French chicken merlot with mushrooms, Argentinian chicken chimichurri, Indian chicken tiki marsala, and USA Southern BBQ chicken with cheddar grits and Lone Star beer. Reservations are \$100 per person in advance. Call the church office *now* to make your reservation.

•At 5:30 p.m. on May 26, Mark and Dana Muehl will host an "American-themed" dinner at their home at 1525 Rapids Way, featuring a menu that will include ribs and chicken, cheesy potato casserole, salads and desserts. Reservations are \$50 per person in advance.

•Finally, at 5 p.m. on June 11, Kevin and Maribeth Leininger will host an evening of gourmet heavy hors d'oeuvres, accompanied by desserts, various libations and even cigars for those who want one (outside, of course!) at their home at 4831 Orchard Green Place. Reservations are \$50 per person in advance.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** There will be a sign up table for the Church Directory the next two Sundays, today and May 1. Please save May  $3^{rd}$  for photos, and sign up to get your picture taken for the church directory on that date — 2 PM until 8 PM, in Bauer Hall. If you want more information, please contact DaVanna at 260-494-0803.

VICARAGE PLACEMENT AND CALL SERVICES are this week (7 PM, Tues. and Wed.). You can watch online at <u>callday.ctsfw.edu</u>. Pray for Erik Saunders and Kyle Nelson and families.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**: Do you like to work in the yard? If so, please consider putting your skills to work around Zion. Our landscaping committee is looking for people willing to help with weeding, pruning and other work needed to keep Zion's grounds beautiful. You can donate as little or as much time as you like, and focus on areas of most interest to you. For more information or to volunteer, contact ClarAnn Bengs at 413-7740.

**EVENT HELP:** The day nears when you can help share the treasure of Zion's stained-glass windows with visitors by helping on the first annual "Sanctuaries and Stained Glass Tour" that includes Zion and 11 other congregations. It is May 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Zion members are needed to help prepare snacks, greet and guide guests and answer their questions. To help or for more information, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** Psalm 103:13—"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him." Last week's verse was 1 Cor. 15:55.

**SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Rd., is Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM -7:00 PM & Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. A \$2.00 Bag sale will be Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM -12 noon.

**CAMP LUTHERHAVEN** is a place where you can experience how awesome God is while having fun, enjoying His creation, and making new friends. Visit <u>www.lutherhaven.org</u> today, or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

**LSUS:** Save the Date June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 PM at Mt. Calvary — Retirement Open House for Gene Koch, Barry Chrzan, Cathie Wakeland, and Sheila Nehrenz.

**LSUS** has opened up enrollment to the community. If you know of anyone who is looking for a new school for their child or children, please have them call the office (744-0459) and contact Barb Johnson. We will be happy to let you visit our school so that you can see all of the benefits that our school has to offer.

#### 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>
John 20:19-31	The Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:12-32
Luke 4: 16-30	Monday	Exodus 22:20-23:13
Luke 4:31-44	Tuesday	Exodus 23:14-33
Luke 5:1-16	Wednesday	Exodus 24:1-18
Luke 5:17-39	Thursday	Exodus 25:1-22
Luke 6:1-19	Friday	Exodus 31:1-18
Luke 6:20-38	Saturday	Exodus 32:1-14

#### 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 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 praver. Amen!

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

**Third Sunday of Easter** Revelation 5: 1-14



# What Doctor Luther Says:

### About Christ's Works that Make Us Good

[S]omeone may say: Look, my friend, you are saying a lot about faith, and claiming that our salvation depends solely upon it; now, I ask you, how does one come to faith? I will tell you. Our Lord Christ said, "Peace be with you. Behold my hands, etc." [John 20:26-27]. [In other words, he is saying:] Look, man, I am the only one who has taken away your sins and redeemed you, etc.; now be at peace. Just as you inherited sin from Adam—not that you committed it, for I did not eat the apple, any more than you did, and yet this is how we came to be in sin—so we have not suffered [as Christ did], and therefore we were made free from death and sin by God's work, not by our works. Therefore God says: Behold, man, I am your redemption [cf. Isa. 43:3]; just as Paul said to the Corinthians: Christ is our justification, redemption, etc. [I Cor. 1:30]. Christ is our justification and redemption, as Paul says in this passage. And here our [Roman] masters say: Yes, *Redemptor*, Redeemer; this is true, but it is not enough.

Therefore, I say again: Alien works, these make us good! Our Lord Christ says: I am your justification. I have destroyed the sins you have upon you. Therefore only believe in me; believe that I am he who has done this; then you will be justified. For it is written, *Justicia est fides*, righteousness is identical with faith and comes through faith. Therefore, if we want to have faith, we should believe the gospel, Paul, etc.

Luther's Works, 51:62-3.

# Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!

Celebrating faith. Connecting families. Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

**Directory** Committee

## **Connections** Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

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- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

### Set your appointment with Universal today!

Gathering families,

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES Connecting generations.





### It's time to "Reconnect -- again."



Zion has scheduled three unique events that will provide an opportunity for food, fellowship and financial support for quality education provided by Lutheran South Unity School. More information and reservation details will be coming soon, but for now please consider reserving time for one or more of the following events:

\* On <u>May 6</u> in Bauer Hall, Pastor and Marge Punke, the Rev. Jim and Judy Voelz and award-winning Chef Eric Braun will host a feast of "chicken around the world," pairing unique recipes and wines from various continents. Reservations will be \$100 in advance.

\* On <u>May 26</u> Mark and Dana Muehl will host an Americana-themed dinner in their home. Reservations will be \$50 in advance.

\* Finally, on **June 11**, Kevin and Maribeth Leininger will host at their home an afternoon of heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages (beer, wine, bourbon and more), and cigars for those who want one (outside, of course). Reservations will be \$50 in advance.

Each event will provide an opportunity to make an additional contribution in support of Zion's education ministry. If you cannot attend, please consider supporting "Reconnect-again" by placing a clearly marked gift in the collection plate or sending it to the Zion office.

What better way to kick off summer and prepare for the vacation season than to "reconnect" in support of Zion and Lutheran education?

CHURCHES TOUR

## **First Annual** FORT WAYNE **Sanctuaries & Stained Glass Tour**

15 May 2022, 1pm - 4pm\*

**Bethlehem Lutheran Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception First Missionary Historic Turner Chapel AME Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox** St. John Lutheran St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox St. Patrick's Catholic\* St. Paul's Lutheran **Trinity English Lutheran Trinity Episcopal Zion Lutheran** 

For more information, please find us on Facebook, send an email to brice@fwcityofchurches.com, call 260-705-0718, or scan the following QR Codes. We're looking forward to seeing you!

\*St. Patrick's tour time is 2-5





Apple Maps





#### **LSUS NOTES**

Praying for You! Please pray for these students/staff: La'Bella Jones Ethan DuMont Ivan Martinez Nalayah Ferguson Abigail Rodiguez Ja'Mear Cryer\_Morgan Keiayla Graham-Coats Di'Nestee Williams-White Max Lassen

#### What's happening in the classrooms?

4th Grade has learned about electricity! 5th grade learned about coordinate planes and made their own battleship games.

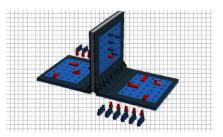


















## **OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Lutheran South Unity School has <u>opened up enrollment</u> to the community. If you know of anyone who is looking for a new school for their child or children, please have them call the office (744-0459) and contact Barb Johnson. We will be happy to let you visit our school so that you can see all of the benefits that our school has to offer.

The school strives to fill our classrooms with children and families who desire a high-quality Christ-centered education. Our desire is to equip and empower the children to become leaders and believers in our churches and community. We also want the children to make their own path and not follow others. Also we want students who are willing to serve others with grateful hearts.

We have financial aid and scholarships available. Also accepted are School Choice vouchers.

LSUS would like to share this opportunity with you of all the blessings we have to offer your child. We also seek to share our faith with all who enter our building. Please stop by and visit with us. See our classrooms and programs that are available our school.



#### **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said, "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. —John 19:28-30

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."—Matthew 28:5-6



### 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT/FUNDRAISER!!



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM 1601 ST. JOE RIVER DR. FORT WAYNE, IN, 46805

FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM CONTACT:

DAN HEATH ptheath1955@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 per person (Single Fee Includes T-Shirt, Gender & Mixed Play Entries)

ALL FEES BENEFIT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

ROUND ROBIN BY SKILL LEVEL

Beginner/Intermediate (2.5 - 3.0) Advanced (3.5 - 4.0)

Men's Doubles (9:00 am – Noon) Women's Doubles (9:00 am – Noon) Mixed Doubles (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)



## **Dairy Queen Day** April 26 5-8 PM

3103 N. Anthony Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN (down the street from CLHS)

Support Concordia Lutheran High School by eating and getting your favorite ice cream treat at Dairy Queen (N. Anthony location only) on April 26.

# 15% of sales will go to support student scholarships

Present this flyer at checkout.



Concordia Lutheran High School