

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 8, 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!*

[Rise] Easter Acclamation



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.

Entrance Hymn All Who Believe and Are Baptized (LSB 601)

1. All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal-
2. With one ac-cord, O God, we pray, Grant us Your Ho - ly
va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They
Spir - it; Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through
are a new cre - a - tion; Through Christ's re-demp - tion
Je - sus' blood and mer - it; Grant us to grow in
they will stand A - mong the glo - rious heav'n-ly band Of
grace each day By ho - ly Bap - tism that we may E -
ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ter - nal life in - her - it.

The Rite of Holy Baptism (The Lutheran Formula of 1526)

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Lutheran Formula of 1526

James Gary Nelson

*Son of Kyle Patrick and Stephanie Lorraine Nelson
Born May 1, 2022*

*Reborn into Christ this Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022*

*Sponsors: Josef & Tessa Muench
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All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they will stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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MARTIN LUTHER'S ADMONITION TO THE BAPTISMAL PARTY AND THE CONGREGATION

"In all Christian earnestness I would ask all those who administer baptism, who hold the children, or witness it, to take this wonderful work to heart in all its seriousness. For here, in the words of these prayers, you hear how meekly and earnestly the Christian church concerns herself about the little child and how he confesses before God in plain undoubting words that he is possessed by the devil and is a child of sin and wrath, and prays very diligently for aid and grace through baptism that he becomes a child of God. Remember, therefore, that it is no joke to take sides against the devil and not only to drive him away from the little child, but to burden the child with such a mighty and lifelong enemy. Remember, too, that it is very necessary to aid the poor child with all your heart and strong faith, earnestly to intercede for him that God, in accordance with this prayer, would not only free him from the power of the devil, but also strengthen him, so that he may nobly resist the devil in life and death.

I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal. . . . See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God's Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, "Let us pray," he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God, . . . carrying the little child's need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper . . . to treat the matter with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil's tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God's own children, and brethren of Christ.

Ah, dear Christians, let us not value and administer this unspeakable gift so indolently and indifferently; for baptism is our only comfort and admits to every blessing of God and to the communion of all the saints. To this may God help us! Amen!"

+ THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

[*The baptismal party gathers at the baptismal font
during the Processional Hymn*]

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

+ THE EXORCISM +

[The Lutheran Church retained The Exorcism from the historic baptismal rite because of the Biblical doctrine of original sin. "It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God."]

[*To the candidate*]

*Depart O unclean spirit and make room for the Holy Spirit!
Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your mind ✠ and
upon your heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the
crucified..... Amen!*

[To the congregation]

*Let us pray: O Almighty eternal God, who according to Your righteous judgment did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood; and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family; and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of your baptism; and who through the baptism of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away for sins: We pray through Your same boundless mercy that You will graciously behold this **James Gary Nelson**, and bless him with true faith in his spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in him from Adam, and which he himself has added thereto, may be drowned in him and engulfed, and that he may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom, and serve Your name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers he may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!***

[To the candidate]

*I adjure you, O unclean spirit, by the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit ✠ that you come out of and depart from this servant of Jesus Christ, **James Gary Nelson**. **Amen!***

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

[God does bring blessings to those who are baptized, including infants: "It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him."]

*The Holy Gospel of St. Mark. **Glory be to You, O Lord!***

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, he shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them [Mark 10:13-16].

*This is the Gospel of the Lord! **Praise be to You, O Christ!***

+ THE OUR FATHER and THE BLESSING +

[In Holy Baptism, God is at work. It is a Sacrament, a divine activity, through which He gives His blessing: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."]

[We pray together for God's blessing on the candidates]

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen!

[To the candidate]

*The Lord preserve your going out and coming in now and forevermore. **Amen!***

+ THE CONFESSION OF THE FAITH +

[Baptism is based on the command and promise of Christ, who causes Baptism to bring saving grace to the candidates by the power of the Word: "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."]

[*To the sponsors, the parents, and the congregation*]

Because this candidate cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows upon this candidate in and through Baptism:

Do you renounce the devil? I do renounce him!
and all his works? I do renounce them!
and all his ways? I do renounce them!

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Do you desire to be a baptized and forgiven person? I do!

+ THE BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY TRINITY +

[Through Holy Baptism poor sinners are adopted into God's family in the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: "Without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."]

James Gary Nelson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

[*To the newly baptized and all the baptized here present*]

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth through water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting! Amen!

Peace be with you! Amen!


[*The baptismal party returns to the pews*]

+ A FINAL NOTE FOR BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS +


"What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

[Explanatory notes contain quotations from two primary statements of what Lutherans believe, teach and confess: The Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.]

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



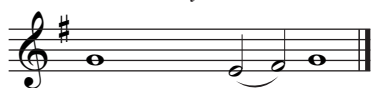
on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly



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 Fourth Sunday of Easter: *Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that, when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 +

First Reading **Acts 20:17-35**

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

Epistle of the Day **Revelation 7:9-17**

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn** **Our Paschal Lamb** **Burgundy Hymn 473**

Holy Gospel **St. John 10:22-30**

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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

Hymn of the Day **The King of Love** **Burgundy Hymn 709**

Sermon

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole church 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] **Offertory** **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 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.

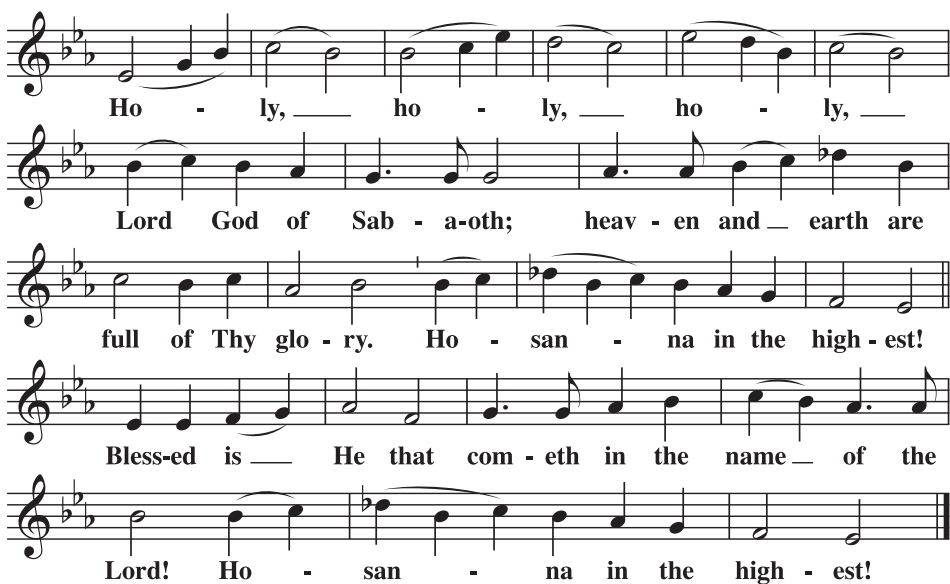


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



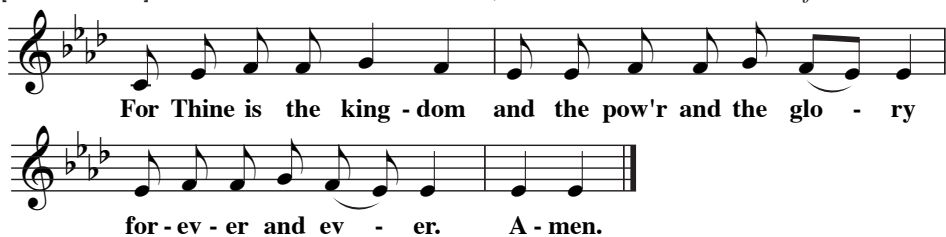
Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

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



[Remain Standing] Lord's Prayer

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



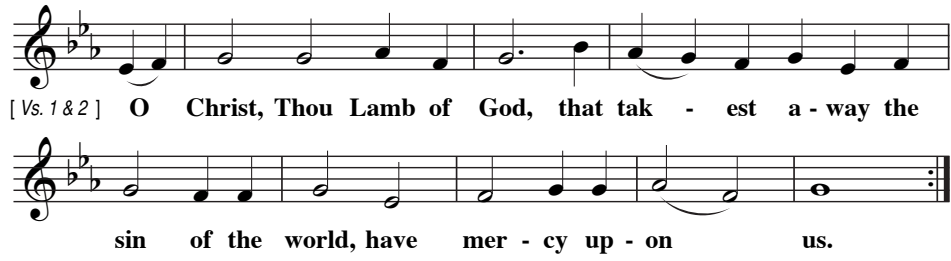
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



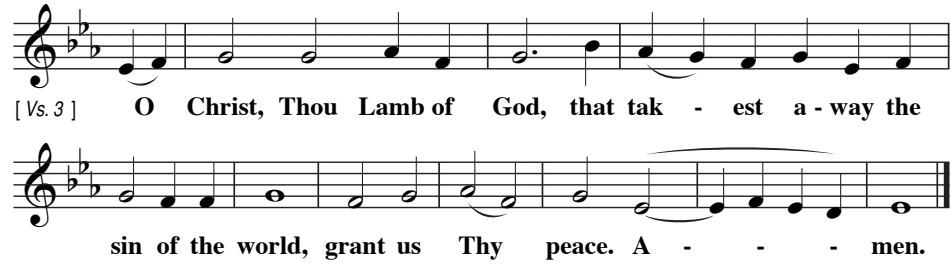
Agnus Dei

[Vs. 1 & 2]



sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[Vs. 3]



sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.


[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns God's Own Child Burgundy Hymn 594
Children of the Heavenly Father Burgundy Hymn 725

[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.



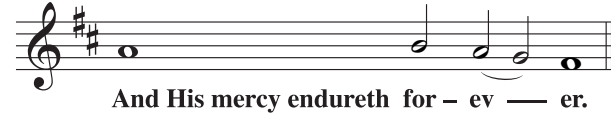
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



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 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb Burgundy Hymn 740

Postlude

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Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

The Epistle is Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Gospel is John 10:22-30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

LSB601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they will stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of every tribe and nation.
2. With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

LSB473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

Martin H. Franzmann

1. Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed. O keep
The feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Let all our lives now celebrate The feast; let malice die.
Let love grow strong anew, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Let all our deeds, unanimous, Confess Him as our Lord
Who by the Spirit lives in us, The Father's living Word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!

LSB709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Henry W. Baker

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

LSB594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Erdmann Neumeister

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1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
5. There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

LSB725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Carolina Sandell Berg

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1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

2. God, His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His, the loving purpose solely
To preserve them, pure and holy.

LSB740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Henrietta L. von Hayn

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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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.

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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 vicars-elect, including Erik Saunders, and pastors-elect, including Kyle Nelson.
- + 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, and those whom it has called — Amber Bahr as Principal, Emma Brand as 7th grade homeroom teacher, Abby Springer as Kindergarten teacher, and Abigail DeForest as 6th grade teacher — 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 Art Litke, William Wallschlaeger, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Tyler Muehl, Kathy Vlot, Willodean Bates, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Sheila Nehrenz, 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, including Max DeSalvo
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Walter Pickett
- + 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Walter Pickett by his daughter Karen Coleman and family. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the baptism of Max DeSalvo by Ardis Behrendt. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

May 8, 2021 thru May 14, 2022

SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
MON.			
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Bauer Hall
THURS.			
FRI.	6:30 PM		
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

May 15, 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our mothers, present and future. We remember you in our prayers today.

THE STAFF OF THE INDIANA DISTRICT meets for prayer and Bible Study on Monday mornings. At this time they pray for the congregations and schools of the district. This week our congregation will be specially named in their prayers. Continue to remember the District office in your prayers as they walk with us to carry out the work of the Kingdom.

SUPPORT THESE EVENTS: Thank you to those who attended the "Chicken around the World" event last Friday. There are still two "Reconnect — again" events coming up that underwrite Zion's support of quality education at Lutheran South Unity School.

•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. Money is due by May 20th.

•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. Money is due by June 4th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please consider for our landscaping committee, which is looking for people willing to help with weeding, pruning and other work needed to keep Zion's grounds beautiful. For more information or to volunteer, contact ClarAnn Bengs at 413-7740.

EVENT HELP: Next Sunday, 1 PM to 4 PM, is the first annual "Sanctuaries and Stained Glass Tour" that includes Zion and 11 other congregations. We have a treasure here in our stained glass. Can you help? Zion members are needed to help prepare snacks, greet and guide guests, and answer their questions. Contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896 to volunteer.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Psalm 119:11—"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Last week's verse was Nahum 1:7.

CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Science Teacher. The candidate would be teaching Biology, AP Environmental Biology (Advanced Placement), and Integrated Chemistry-Physics. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

CLHS: Summer Camp and Summer Class registration is now open! Summer Camps are available for K-12 grade students and feature something for all interests, including sports, computers, band, drama and rocket science! We also offer summer classes for students in grades 8-12 (during the 2021-22 school year). Learn more and register at <https://hubs.li/Q016xfPy0>.

INDIANA DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION is June 17-19, 2022. Women of all ages are invited to come. This is the Indiana District Biennial LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Convention. The theme is: "Transformed Together—Together We Serve" based on 2 Cor. 3:18. This is the 28th time, women from all over Indiana have met as a group. Opening and Closing Services will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with all other sessions at Concordia Lutheran High School. Registration Deadline is May 31, 2022. Please contact your church secretary for more detailed information and a registration form.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PROGRAMMING You can listen to Issues, Etc. live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org or on the LPR mobile app.

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

John 10:22-30

Luke 9:18-36

Luke 9:37-62

Luke 10:1-22

Luke 10:23-42

Luke 11:1-13

Luke 11:14-36

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 20:17-35

Leviticus 9:1-24

Leviticus 10:1-20

Leviticus 16:1-24

Leviticus 17:1-16

Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8

Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21: 1-7

John 16:12-22

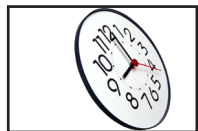


What Doctor Luther Says:

About Salvation — God's Choice, God's Work, Not Ours

For my own part, I frankly confess that even if it were possible, I should not wish to have free choice given to me, or to have anything left in my own hands by which I might strive toward salvation. For, on the one hand, I should be unable to stand firm and keep hold of it amid so many adversities and perils and so many assaults of demons, seeing that even one demon is mightier, than all men, and no man at all could be saved; and on the other hand, even if there were no perils or adversities or demons, I should nevertheless have to labor under perpetual uncertainty and to fight as one beating the air, since even if I lived and worked to eternity, my conscience would never be assured and certain how much it ought to do to satisfy God. For whatever work might be accomplished, there would always remain an anxious doubt whether it pleased God or whether he required something more, as the experience of all self-justifiers proves, and as I myself learned to my bitter cost through so many years. But now, since God has taken my salvation out of my hands into his, making it depend on his choice and not mine, and has promised to save me, not by my own work or exertion but by his grace and mercy, I am assured and certain both that he is faithful and will not he to me, and also that he is too great and powerful for any demons or any adversities to be able to break him or to snatch me from him. “No one,” he says, “shall snatch them out of my hand, because my Father who has given them to me is greater than all” [John 10:28 f.]. So it comes about that, if not all, some and indeed many are saved, whereas by the power of free choice none at all would be saved, but all would perish together. Moreover, we are also certain and sure that we please God, not by the merit of our own working, but by the favor of his mercy promised to us, and that if we do less than we should or do it badly, he does not hold this against us, but in a fatherly way pardons and corrects us.

Luther's Works, 33:288-9.



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 **May 6** 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 **May 26** 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?



FORT WAYNE CITY OF
CHURCHES TOUR

First Annual 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



Facebook Event



Apple Maps



Google Maps

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Zamara Niemeyer	Gaydoh Soe
Sirah Ochoa	Jasmine Goree
Addy Stewart	Martin Herrera
Jaylon Nettles	Jovan Antoine
Pyae Kyaw	Mrs. Benevides

Students participating in State Testing



STATE TESTING iLEARN

State Testing iLearn continues for grades 3 through 8. We ask that you keep these students in your prayers as they go through state testing the next couple of weeks.

A poster for the "Celebration of the Arts" event. It features a red border and a background of colorful musical notes. The text on the poster includes the school name, the event title, the date, time, location, and a description of the activities.

LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL

CELEBRATION
of the **ARTS**

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH, 2022

7:00 PM

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
3705 S. ANTHONY BLVD.

All Students will be participating with their classes and choirs.
Student Artwork will be on display.

NLSA Accreditation

The NLSA Accreditation visiting team were on site last week. They were impressed with our faculty/staff and how we work with our children to allow them to grow and learn. We scored very well but it won't be official until it is voted on by the district and national committees.

Thank you for everyone's input and prayers as we went through the accreditation process. It makes our school a positive source in the community.

Upcoming Events

- **Kdg Graduation:** Thursday, May 19th at LSUS during Chapel.
- **8th Grade Graduation:** Friday, May 20th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church after the Celebration of the Arts performance.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Lutheran South Unity School 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.

SAVE THE DATE

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE!

CELEBRATING THE TEACHING CAREERS OF
GENE KOCH, BARRY CHRZAN, CATHIE
WAKELAND, AND SHEILA NEHRENZ

SUNDAY • JUNE 5TH • 1-3PM

AT MT. CALVARY
1819 RESERVATION DR.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

For it we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. —Romans 6:5-6

Concordia University, Nebraska



Vocal Jazz Choir

Kurt E. von Kampen, director



CLHS AUDITORIUM

feat. CLHS Maroon Standard

TUESDAY, MAY 10 - 7:00 PM