

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ..... Sunday, May 15, 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.

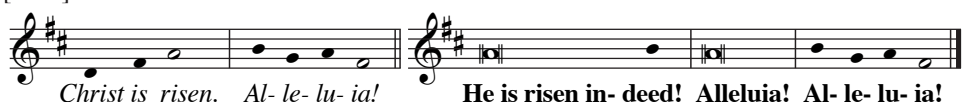
Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one 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 ..... To Jordan Came the Christ ... (LSB 406: st. 5 & 7)



- 1. To His dis-ci-ples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'-ry na-tion,
- 2. All that the mor-tal eye be-holds Is wa-ter as we pour it.



And bring to them the liv-ing Word And this my in-vi-ta-tion:  
Be-fore the eye of faith un-folds The pow'r of Je-sus' mer-it.



Let ev'-ry one a-ban-don sin And come in true con-tri-tion  
For here it sees the crim-son flood To all our ills bring heal-ing;



To be bap-tized and there-by win Full par-don and re-mis-sion  
The won-ders of His pre-cious blood The love of God re-veal-ing,



And heav'n-ly bliss in-her-it."  
As-sur-ing his own par-don.

### 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

Kelice Ann Ramirez

*Daughter of  
Hillario and Estella Ramirez*

*Born November 2, 2010  
Reborn into Christ this  
Fifth Sunday of Easter,  
May 15, 2022*

*Sponsors: Ed & Janice Grim*

To His disciples spoke the Lord, “Go out to ev’ry nation,  
And bring to them the Living Word And this My invitation:  
Let ev’ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission  
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”

All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,  
Assuring his own pardon.

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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 **Kelice Ann Ramirez**, and bless her with true faith in her spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in her from Adam, and which she herself has added thereto, may be drowned in her and engulfed, and that she 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 she 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, **Kelice Ann Ramirez**. .... **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 according to St. Mark..... **Glory be to You, O Lord!** And they were bringing children to [Jesus] that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on 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 candidate ]

**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 congregation* ]

*Let us all, together with this candidate, her parents, and sponsors, 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."]

***Kelice Ann Ramirez, 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!*

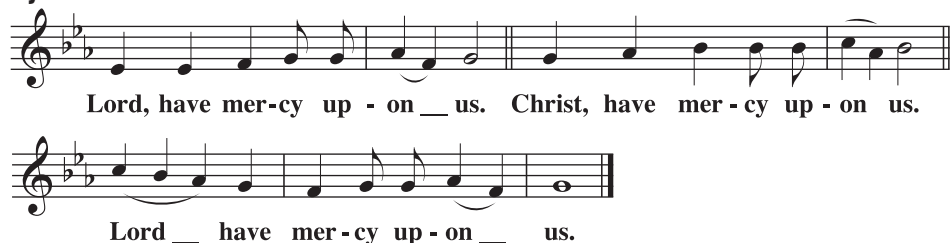
[ *The baptismal party returns to the pews* ]

## **+ 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



## 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.

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

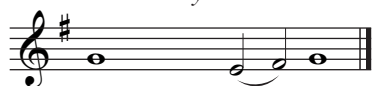
Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter:** *O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 +

**First Reading** ..... Acts 11:1-18

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... Revelation 21:1-7

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

[ Rise ] **Sequence Hymn** ..... We Know That Christ ..... Burgundy Hymn 603

**Holy Gospel** ..... St. John 16:12-22

[ 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** ..... At the Lamb's High Feast ..... Burgundy Hymn 633

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5;

Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8. ]

## Sermon

[ 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.*

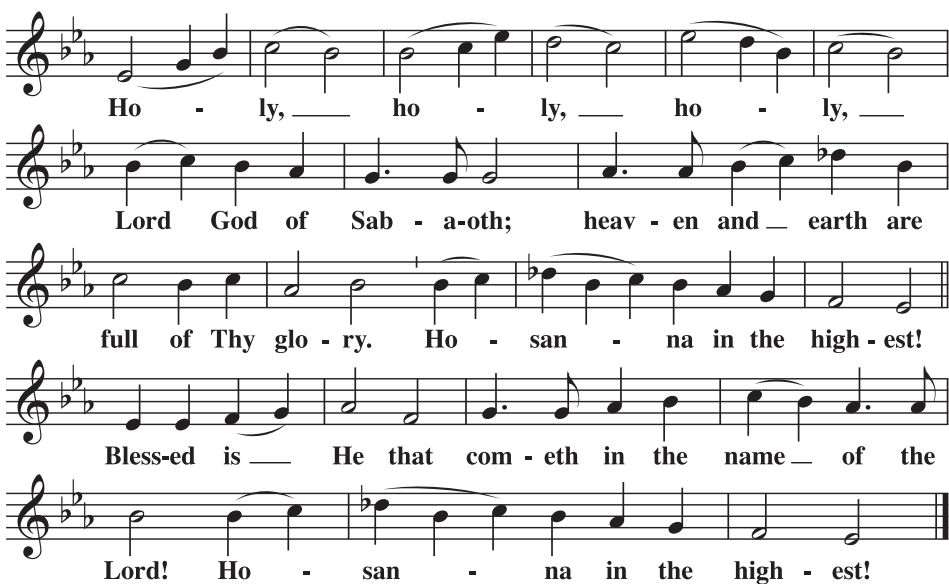


*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



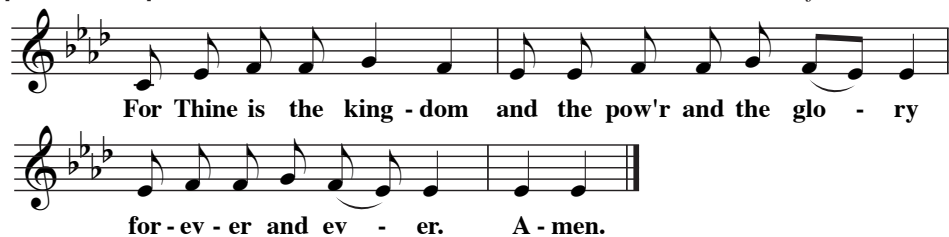
### Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

*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!*



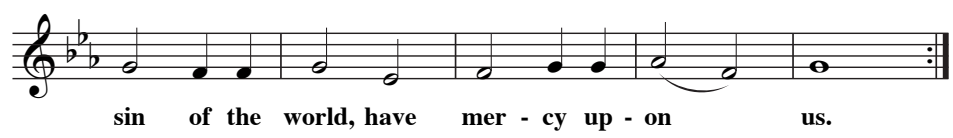


**Agnus Dei**

[ Vs. 1 & 2 ]




O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the




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

[ Vs. 3 ]



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the



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


[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns ..... Wide Open Stand the Gates ... Burgundy Hymn 639**  
**Oh, What Their Joy ..... Burgundy Hymn 675**  
[ Rise for stanza 4. ]

**Eucharistic Benediction**

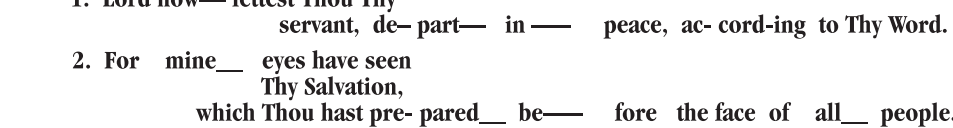
*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

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

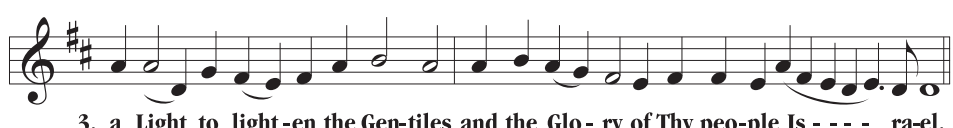


1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.

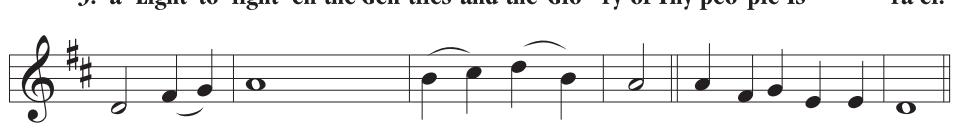
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



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



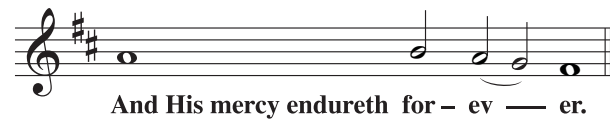
4. Glo- ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.*

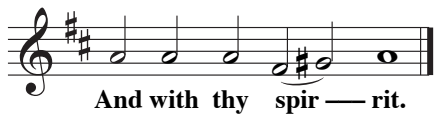


And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ... now and forever.



*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 ..... Scatter the Darkness ..... Burgundy Hymn 481**

**Postlude**

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

### **The First Reading is Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

### **The Epistle is Revelation 21:1-7**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be

mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

### **The Gospel is John 16:12-22**

[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

## Hymns for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

### **LSB406 To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord**

**Martin Luther**

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5. To His disciples spoke the Lord, “Go out to ev’ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:  
Let ev’ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission  
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”
7. All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing.  
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

### **LSB603 We Know That Christ Is Raised**

**John B. Geyer**

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1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;  
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in His saving death.  
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

### **LSB633 At the Lamb’s High Feast**

**Latin, c. 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> cent.**

1. At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His Body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- M 3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

- W 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!
- M 5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!
- W 6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!
- △ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

### **LSB639 Wide Open Stand the Gates**

**J. K. Wilhelm Loehe**

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1. Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,  
While round God's golden throne  
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,  
And joyous praise the Son!  
They watch Him now descending To visit waiting earth.  
The Lord of Life unending Brings dying hope new birth!
2. He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:  
"This is My flesh and blood!"  
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness  
This gift of holy food.  
All human thought must falter—Our God stoops low to heal,  
Now present on the altar, For us both host and meal!
3. The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,  
While saints in wonder kneel,  
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright  
No earthly masks conceal.  
This sacrament God gives us Binds us in unity,  
Joins earth with heav'n beyond us, Time with eternity!

## LSB675 Oh, What Their Joy

Peter Abelard

1. Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,  
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!  
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.
2. In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,  
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;  
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,  
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.
3. We, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;  
While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.
- △ 4. Now let us worship our Lord and our King,  
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:  
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One.

## LSB481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

Stephen P. Starke

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1. Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb  
Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows,  
Life unclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!
2. Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die;  
He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again—our foes defeated!  
Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
3. Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world!  
Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing!  
Let there begin the jubilee—Christ has gained the victory!

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor  
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 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, Abby Springer as Kindergarten teacher, and Abigail DeForest as 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher — along with the congregations affected by the calls, 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, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially William Wallschlaeger
- + 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
- + 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of William Wallschlaeger birthday by his family. 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 15, 2021 thru May 21, 2022**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	All Day	Northern Region Pastors' Conf.	Grand Wayne Center
<b>WED.</b>	Till 2 PM	Northern Region Pastors' Conf.	Grand Wayne Center
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	8:00 AM	Kindergarten Graduation	LSUS Gym
	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Conference Room
	4:00 PM	District CCM	Zoom
<b>FRI.</b>	7:00 PM	Celebration of the Arts	Bethlehem
	8:00 PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation	Bethlehem
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **May 22, 2022**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz continues with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark. This will be his last class until the fall. We're working on our summer schedule. Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room.

**LSUS NEWS:** Emma Brand declined the call as 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. But we did have a good visit with the Bahr family this week. We continue to pray for good news with regard to our calls.

**SUPPORT THESE EVENTS:** Now's the time to "Reconnect — again" by reserving your place at one or more of two remaining events to 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

•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 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**IT'S HERE!** The Sanctuaries and Stained Glass Tour that includes Zion and 11 other congregations is today from 1 to 4 p.m. Zion members who have volunteered and those who haven't yet are needed to help prepare snacks, greet and guide guests, and answer their questions. Talk to Kevin Leininger or just show up at 1 p.m.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Revelation 2:10—"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Last week's verse was Psalm 119:11.

**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. They also are looking for someone to serve as receptionist. The receptionist is responsible for answering the phone and welcoming visitors into the building. He or she ensures that the Main Office activity and business are efficiently and effectively organized. To view the positions description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit [www.clhscadets.com/employment](http://www.clhscadets.com/employment).

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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

John 16:12-22

Luke 12:1-12

Luke 12:13-34

Luke 12:35-53

Luke 12:54-13:17

Luke 13:18-35

Luke 14:1-24

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Acts 11:1-18

Leviticus 21:1-24

Leviticus 23:1-22

Leviticus 23:23-44

Leviticus 24:1-23

Leviticus 26:1-20

Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44

## 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

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21: 9-14, 21-27

John 16:23-33



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Christ's Teaching on the Office of the Holy Spirit*

Here Christ defines the Holy Spirit's office and points out what and about what He is to teach. ... "[The Spirit's] message will have substance; it will be the certain and absolute truth, for He will preach what He receives from the Father and from Me. And you will be able to recognize Him by the fact that He does not speak on His own authority — as the spirit of lies, the devil, and his mobs do — but will preach about what He will hear. Thus He will speak exclusively of Me and will glorify Me, so that the people will believe in Me."

In this way Christ sets bounds for the message of the Holy Spirit Himself. He is not to preach anything new or anything else than Christ and His Word. Thus we have a sure guide and touchstone for judging the false spirits. We can declare that it surely does not indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit when a person proclaims his own thoughts and notions and begins to teach in Christendom something apart from or in addition to what Christ taught. No, that betrays the presence of the loathsome spirit of lies, the devil, of whom Christ declares in John 8:44: "When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature," that is, what he himself has fabricated. ... This is the plain and simple meaning of this text concerning the office of the Holy Spirit.

*Luther's Works, 24:362-3.*

## LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

**Please pray for these students/staff:**

Skylar Starks

Di'Mond Williams-White

Lani Pearson

Zane Hendryx

Santiago Oliva

Malachi Foster

Emeraude Hernandez

Makhi Williams

Mikah Edgell

Mrs. Nehrenz



## 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.

## Upcoming Events

**Kdg Graduation:** Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at LSUS during Chapel.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem Lutheran Church after the Celebration of the Arts performance

## Field Day

We are asking for volunteers that would be willing to help with our Field Day on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00-11:30 AM at LSUS. (rain make-up, May 25<sup>th</sup>). We need help with set up, leading a station, and clean-up. Examples may include tug-of-war, parachute, water games, etc. Contact the office, 744-0459, if you are interested!

## Retirement Party

Lutheran South Unity School is getting closer to the end of the '21 – '22 school year. This means it is time to recognize our retiring teachers. LSUS has the distinct honor of retiring four faculty members this year. They will be greatly missed. There will be an **"Open House"** on **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. It will be held at **Mount Calvary Lutheran Church**.

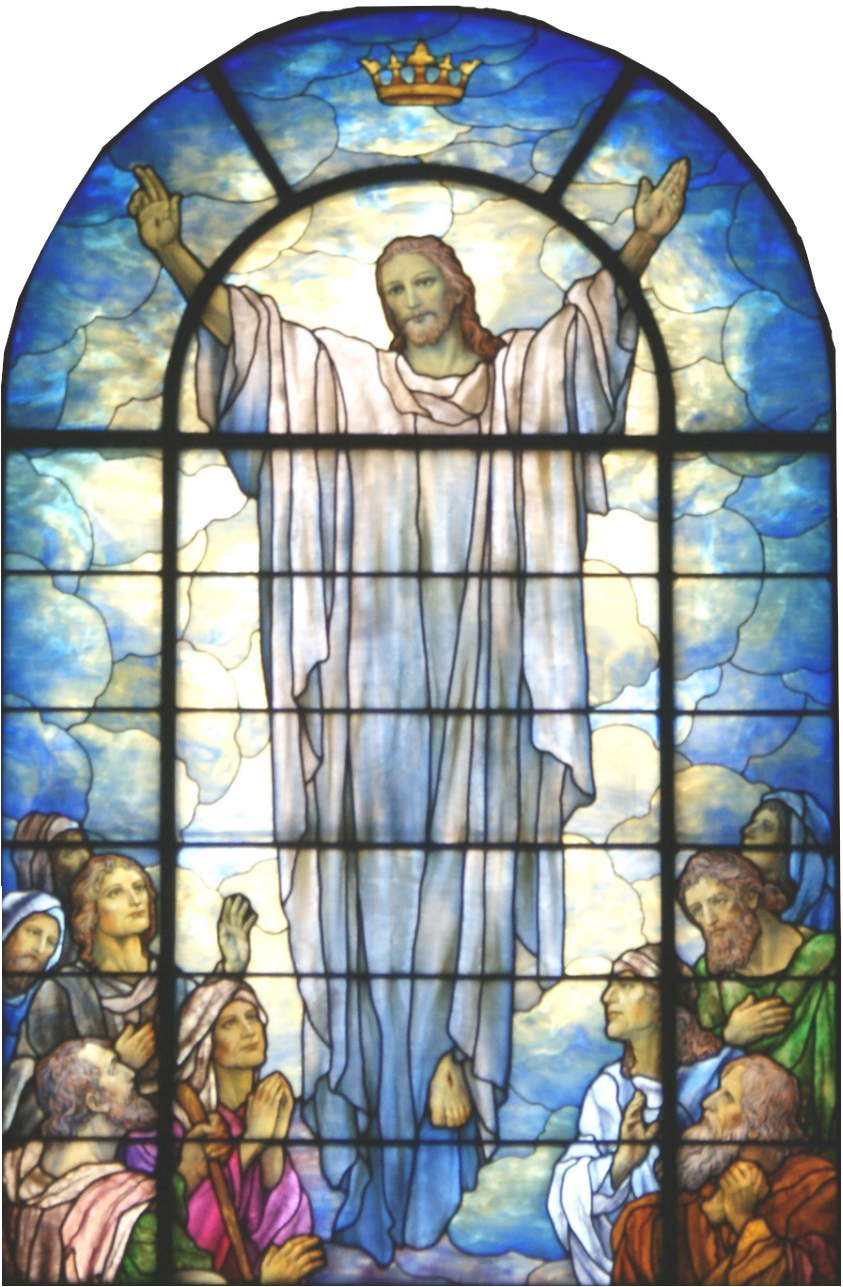
The four teachers and principal who are retiring are Mr. Barry Chrzan, Mr. Gene Koch, Mrs. Sheila Nehrenz, and Mrs. Cathie Wakeland. They have given many years to teaching not only the academic subjects but also serving their Lord in the teaching ministry. Mr. Chrzan has taught for eleven years subbing and teaching full time. Mrs. Wakeland has taught for thirty years in both public and Lutheran schools. Finally, Mr. Koch and Mrs. Nehrenz have taught for forty plus years. Most of those years have been with LSUS and the churches that support LSUS. We truly appreciate these teachers' dedication and years of service that they have given to help educate Christ's children. God is good all the time and has truly blessed our children with dedicated teachers.

One of the ways we would like to celebrate our appreciation for their service is to sponsor a **Card Shower**. You may drop cards off at the school or send them to LSUS, 5401 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN, 46807.

We will miss them but we wish that the Lord may continue to bless them as they begin their next adventure and relaxation during their retirement.

### Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. —Proverbs 22: 6



As they were looking on, he was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1:9

# The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.