Historic Zion Lutheran Church Divine service for the sixth sunday of easter

9:00 am Sunday, May 22, 2022

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

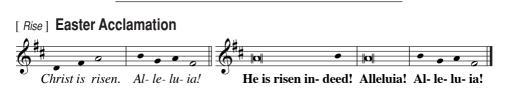
As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (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

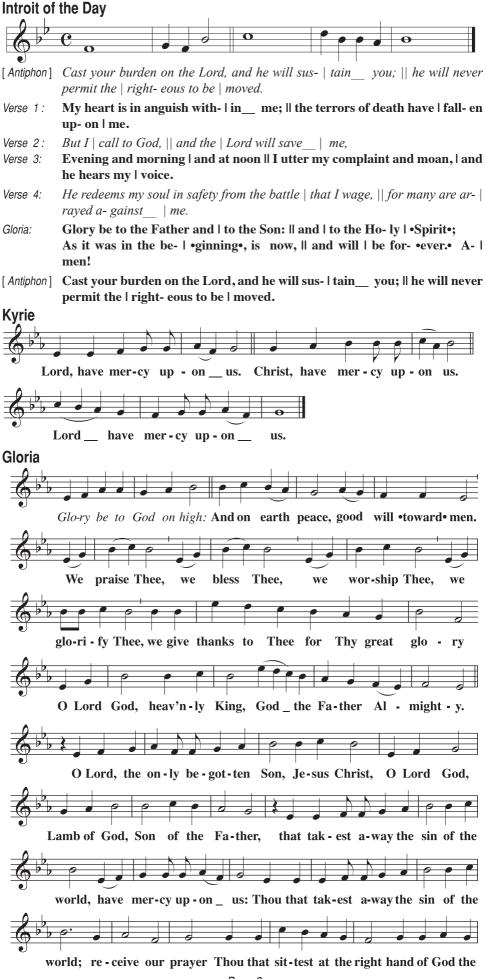
The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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.

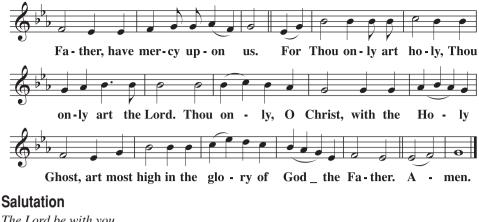
[Kneel]

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.

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.



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Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[Be Seated] + The C	Office of the Word of	God +
First Reading. [After the reading] This is the word	l of the Lord	Acts 16:9-15 Thanks be to God.
Epistle of the Day [After the reading] This is the word		
[Rise] Sequence Hymn	Christ is Arisen	Burgundy Hymn 459
Holy Gospel		St. John 16:23-33
[The Gospel is announced.]		[The Gospel is proclaimed.]
Glo-ry be to Thee, O	Lord! P	raise be to Thee, O Christ!

Christ! U

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

And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; [Bow] And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

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

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

Hymn of the Day Dear Christians Burgundy Hymn 556: 1 - 8

[Sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Sing stanzas 9 & 10 after the Sermon.]

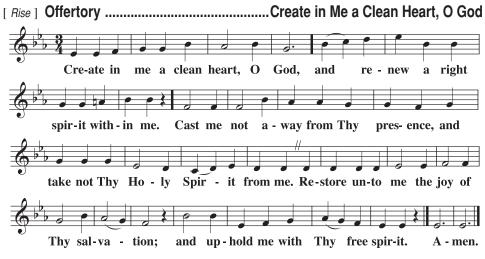
Sermon

Hymn of the Day Dear Christians Burgundy Hymn 556: 9 & 10

[All sing stanzas 9 & 10.]

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

[Be Seated] Offerings Voluntary



+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

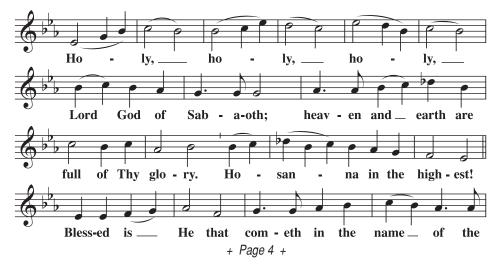


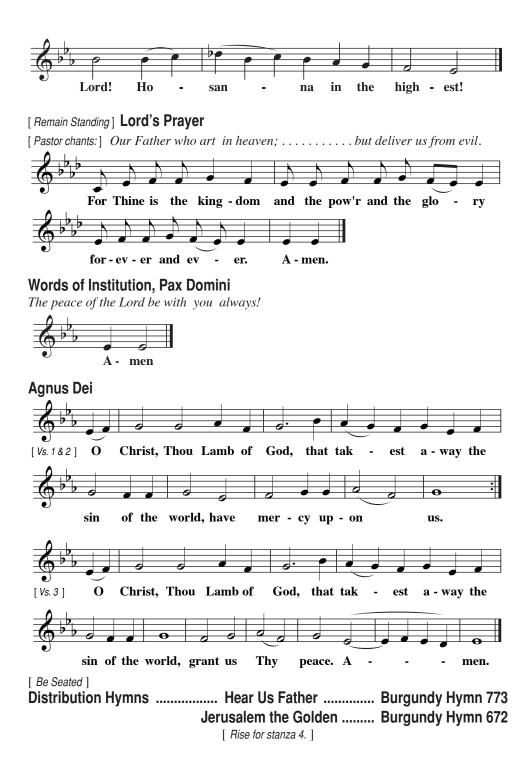
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



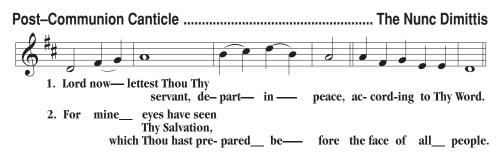
Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

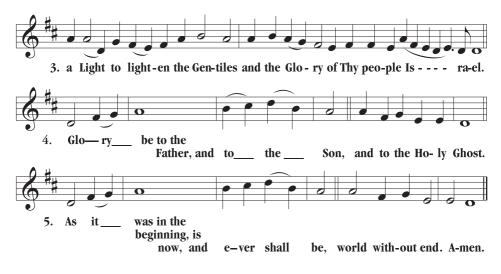
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:





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 .. Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won ... Burgundy Hymn 490

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 16:9-15

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

The Epistle is Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ...

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Gospel is John 16:23-33

[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

LSB459 Christ Is Arisen

German 12th-15th cent.

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- Christ is arisen From the grave's dark prison. So let our joy rise full and free; Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!
- Were Christ not arisen, Then death were still our prison. Now with Him to life restored, We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!
- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Now let our joy rise full and free; Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

- Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won, What price our ransom cost Him!
- Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.
- M 3. My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining; Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.
- W4. But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation, And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation. He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.
- M 5. God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."

- W6. The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother; And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the devil captive.
 - To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.
 - "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving, All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing. Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

- 9. "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending, And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.
- 10. "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

LSB773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

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- 1. Hear us, Father, when we pray, Through Your Son and in Your Spirit. By Your Spirit's Word convey All that we through Christ inherit, That as baptized heirs we may Truly pray.
- When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading, May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding; By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
- 3. Jesus, advocate on high, Sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar, Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may falter; Place them on Your Father's throne As your own.
- By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications, As like incense they ascend To Your heav'nly habitations. May their fragrance waft above, God of love.

Martin Luther

Chad L. Bird

LSB672 Jerusalem the Golden

- Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest — We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there; The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!
- Within those halls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels and all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene; The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.
- Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released, Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast. They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight, Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.
- △ 4. O sweet and blessèd country, The home of God's elect!
 O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
 In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
 With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

LSB490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won Christian Fürchtegott Gellert

- Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given. I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven. God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3. Jesus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, to Jesus living, Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving. All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
- Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever, Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever. God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
- 5. Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!

The Sixth Sunday of Kaster



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 Workers: 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, 3rd 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 6th 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 Richard Hollman
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Pastor Søren Urberg
- + 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl and Altar Vases are given in recognition of Richard Hollman's 90th birthday celebrated on May 19th with 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.

<u>CALENDAR</u>

May 22, 2021 thru May 28, 2022

SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
MON.	8:00 AM	Field Day	LSUS
	5:30 PM	CEA 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.	5:30 PM	Reconnect at the Muehls	Mark & Dana's home
	7:00 PM	Ascension Service	Church
FRI.	10:00 AM	IN District BOD	
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
		May 29, 2022	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	1:00 PM	CLHS Graduation	Embassy Theatre

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz is taking a break during the summer. He'll be back teaching in the fall. Seminarian Patrick Jackson will hold forth in Adult Bible Class for a couple Sundays. Join him in Bauer Hall. Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room.

THANKS to everyone that helped out with the stained glass window tour last Sunday here at the church.

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 23th.

•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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the CLHS A Cappella Choir (of which Brendon Seifert is a member)! They finished out the year in the state finals – the only Christian school, the only private school, and a small school among many other bigger schools. CLHS finished lowered than the top 8, but they did a great job.

CLHS GRADUATION is Sunday, May 29, 2022, at 1:00 PM at the Embassy Theatre.

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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Psalm 139:9-10—"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." Last week's verse was Revelation 2:10.

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.

WYNEKEN MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (Decatur, IN) is seeking a parttime teacher's aide for the 2022-2023 school year. Interested individuals should send a cover letter along with a resume to Mr. Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or <u>principal@wyneken.org</u>.

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For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer	DAILY LECTIONARY	Evening Prayer
John 16:23-33	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15
Luke 15:11-32	Monday	Numbers 8:5-26
Luke 16:1-18	Tuesday	Numbers 9:1-23
Luke 16:19-31	Wednesday	Numbers 10:11-36
Luke 17:1-19	Thursday	Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35
Luke 17:20-37	Friday	Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16
Luke 18:1-17	Saturday	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

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!

hear our prayer. Amen!

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter Revelation 22:1-20



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 26th, 7:00 p.m.



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Donors will earn a 50% state tax credit on gifts made through the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana but only if they hurry. The State limits the total amount of tax credits awarded each year, and when the gates open on July 1, it is a race to June 30 before the fuel runs out.

Donations of any amount, from \$5 to \$5 million, can be part of the crew.

Put your foot to the pedal and encourage your SGO donors to accelerate their giving this year and every year!



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LSUS NOTES

Praying for You! Please pray for these students/staff: I'Mani Lawson-Reyes Sebastian Ramierez Evoleth Hernandez Lundan Gray Aiden Slattery Dominic Price Jaz Dunham Montray Bland Ms. Johnson J'Leiana Little Miss. Mittelstaedt



Track and Field

Our athletes have worked hard this season! Come out and support our students in their final track meets: JV Meet at Concordia Seminary at 2pm 5/21; City meet trials at Concordia Lutheran High School (CLHS) at 4pm 5/24; and City meet finals at CLHS at 4pm 5/26.

Our track team includes:

<u>8th Grade</u> Jackson Goree Khang Ye Hein Di'Nestee Williams-White <u>6th Grade</u> Brandon Gaither Jasmine Goree Olivia Mann Olivia Rush Naomi Sims <u>Sth Grade</u> John Benson Camarion Henry Ben Mann Di'Mond Williams- White





RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE!

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

SUNDAY . JUNE STH . I-3PM

AT MT. CALVARY 1819 RESERVATION DR.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. -2 Corinthians 12:10

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. —Psalm 121:1-2