Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, July 10, 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

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Greeting And Announcements: The Lord be with you! And also with you!
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In the name of the Father and of the 4 Son and of the Holy Spirit
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
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, nnocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \(\frac{1}{2}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit

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

Introit



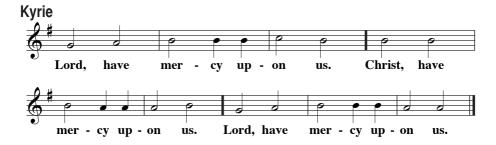
Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good, || for his steadfast | love en-dures for-| ev- er. || Give thanks to the | God of gods, || for his steadfast | love en- dures for- | •ever•.

It is he who remembered us in our | low es- tate, || for his steadfast | love Verse 1: en-dures for-lev-er; || and rescued us | from our foes, || for his steadfast | love en- dures for- | •ever•;

Verse 2: he who gives food | to all flesh, || for his steadfast | love en-dures for- | ev- er. || Give thanks to the | God of •heaven•, || for his steadfast | love en-dures for-•ever•.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son II and I to the Ho- ly I Spir- it; II As it Gloria: was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever.• A- | men!

Give thanks to the Lord, for I he is good, II for his steadfast I love en-dures [Antiphon] for- | ev- er. || Give thanks to the | God of gods, || for his steadfast | love endures for- | •ever•.





art most

Thou..... on -- ly art the Lord.

high in the | •glory• of God the •Father.• A-men.

8. For Thou • only• art • holy•

Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost;

9. Thou, only, O

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[Be Seated]

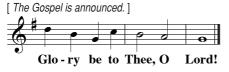
+ The Office of the Word of God +

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Alleluia!



Holy Gospel St. Luke 10:25-37





Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day Son of God, Eternal Savior Burgundy Hymn 842

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

[Be Seated] Offerings, Voluntary



+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

And with thy spir - it.

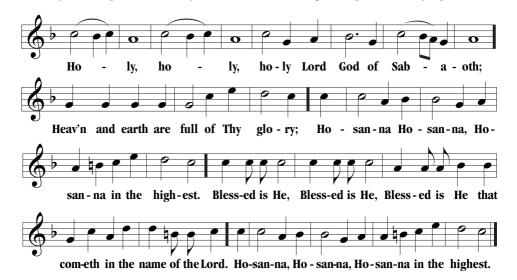
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

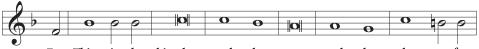
Common Preface, Sanctus

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



[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for-

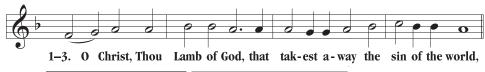


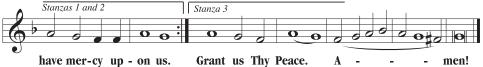
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei





[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymn Lord of Glory, Burgundy Hymn 851

Thee We Adore Burgundy Hymn 640

[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



- 1. Lord now— lettest frou fry
 - 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.



Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.

Thanks be to

Bless we the Lord.

God.



Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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 O God of Mercy Burgundy Hymn 852

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. ...

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Epistle is Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it

also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Gospel is Luke 10:25-37

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Somerset T. C. Lowry

- 1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2. As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of Love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease. By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope's fruition; Here on earth Your will be done.

LSB851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Eliza S. Alderson

- 1. Lord of Glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice; And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
 With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures,
 Warmed by You, at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed
 'Tis to give than to receive.

- 3. Wondrous honor You have given
 To our humblest charity
 In Your own mysterious sentence,
 "You have done it all to Me."
 Can it be, O gracious Master,
 That You deign for alms to sue,
 Saying by Your poor and needy,
 "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
 Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

LSB640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior Thomas Aquinas

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- Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, Who in Thy Sacrament art please to be; Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
- 2. In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord, Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford: Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee, And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
- 3. Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood, Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food; Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
- 4. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
- 5. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, May what we thirst for soon our portion be:

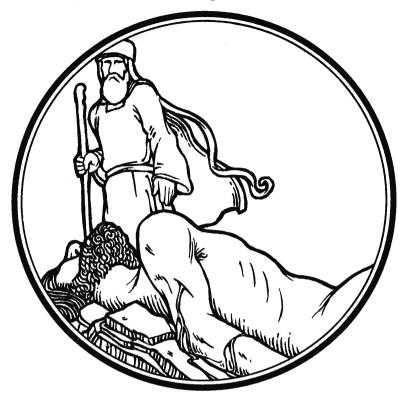
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face, The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.

LSB852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

Godfrey Thring

- O God of mercy, God of might, In love and pity infinite, Teach us, as ever in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee
- 2. And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost world might live thereby, O hear us; for to Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
- 3. Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:
 To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,
 That ev'ry word and deed and thought
 May work a work for Thee.
- 4. All are redeemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and grace provide To love them all in Thee!
- 5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, May we each other's burdens share; May we, where help is needed, there Give help as unto Thee!
- 6. And may Thy Holy Spirit move
 All those who live to live in love
 Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above
 All those who live in Thee.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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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: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)
Field Worker: Patrick Jackson

The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)

Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz, Lily Hoffman, Abigail DeForest, Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Abbey Zelt,

John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Abby Springer, 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, especially the Indiana District meeting in Convention this week
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworker Patrick Jackson
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including James Hall, especially at this perilous time in our world
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, those who have accepted our calls Amber Bahr & Abigail DeForest, and those whom we have contracted Abby Springer, Lily Hoffman, & Abbey Zelt
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death, including Willie Manning
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Josefa Schaper, Debra Busche, Art Litke, William Wallschlaeger, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Tyler Muehl, Kathy Vlot, Willodean Bates, Julie Ganaway, Sherry Freeman, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, 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 Carolyn Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Jessica Krause at the death of her mother, Marianne Billings
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Marianne Billings
- + 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 after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in recognition of Carolyn Wallschlaelger's birthday, which will be celebrated on July 12th by her 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>

	,	July 10, 2021 thru July 16, 2022	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.			
WED.	10:00 AM	Junior Catechesis	Zoom
	5:30PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS. FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
		July 17, 2022	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class will meet in Bauer Hall after Divine Service. No Sunday School or Junior Catechesis on Sundays during the summer.

ZION'S BIANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY will be held next Sunday, July 17, after the Divine Service. Business includes next year's budget, elections to congregational offices, and elections and/or nominations for next year's Synod Convention. Copies of the budget proposal and ballot should be available on the table in the narthex.

SEMIANNUAL giving statements are available at Julie's table today after service. If you have any questions, please contact Melvia at the office. Mailing date for leftover statements will be July 15th.

FROM JULY STEWARDCAST NEWSLETTER: There is ample anecdotal evidence that the prime source for stewardship education and formation is the home. The most faithful stewards of all of life and life's resources for God's purposes will tell of how parents and grandparents modeled faithful stewardship for them in formative years. This stewardship influence within home and family even outpaces the influence of pastors and congregational steward leaders. The converse is also true. Those stewards who are less than faithful or even have an open aversion to faithful stewardship will recount their negative formation. ... It all starts at home.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Numbers 23:19—"God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will not fulfill it?" Last week's verse was Isaiah 64:8.

EMMAUS LUTHERAN SCHOOL, 8626 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is searching for a full-time elementary school secretary. Individual will report to the school principal and work with parents and teachers. Benefits include insurance, retirement, and paid time off. For more information, contact Joann Olsen, Interim Principal, 260-459-7722, press option 3.

EMMANUEL/ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Finance Manager. This is a full-time position. Candidates preferably should have a Bachelor's degree in Finance or Accounting and 5-10 years of experience in those fields. Applications will be accepted through July 11. Learn more and access application forms by calling the school office at 260.422.6712 or email principal@esmeagles.com.

LIFE DEFENDERS TRAINING Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana July 15 at 4:30 pm - July 16 at 5:00 pm. This overnight event, open to high school and college-age students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time – abortion. The \$35 registration fee includes meals, dorm room housing, teaching materials, and a Life Defenders t-shirt. For more info, visit: www.ichooselife.org/Training.

CULTIVATING RESILIENCE AFTER TRAUMA is an event being held at Zion Friedheim on Thursday, August 18, beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation starting at 6 p.m. Reservations may be made by contacting Joe Gorman by cell at 260.706.0999 or by e-mail at preblegormans@gmail.com. The reservation deadline is Sunday, August 7, 2022. There is no charge for the meal; however, a free-will donation may be received to offset the cost of the meal. This one and one-half hour workshop will explore understanding how the neurobiology of trauma affects us as humans.

STRIDES OF HOPE WALKATHON 22 will be held on Saturday, August 20, at Morsches Park, Columbia City. The walk begins at 9:00 AM with a check in time of 8:30 AM. The 2-mile paved walk is fun for the whole family; or you can get a small group together and walk to save lives. To register for this event go to www.ahopecenter.org or call 260-969-4357.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer	DAILY LECTIONARY	Evening Prayer
Luke 10:25-37	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18
Acts 15:6-21	Monday	Judges 6:25-40
Galatians 1:1-24	Tuesday	Judges 7:1-23
Galatians 2:1-21	Wednesday	Judges 13:1-25
Galatians 3:1-22	Thursday	Judges 14:1-20
Galatians 3:23-4:11	Friday	Judges 15:1–16:3
Galatians 4:12-31	Saturday	Judges 16:4-30

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 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,

[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

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-14 Colossians 1:21-29 Luke 10:38-42



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Distinguishing between Law and Grace

Let everyone who is godly ... learn to distinguish carefully between Law and grace, both in feeling and in practice, not only in words, as the pope and the fanatics do. So far as the words are concerned, they admit that the two are distinct things; but in fact, ... they confuse them, because they do not concede that faith justifies without works. ... Thus the Christ whom faith grasps is not the Justifier; grace is useless; and faith cannot be true without love — or, as the Anabaptists say, without the cross, suffering, and bloodshed. But if love, works, and the cross are present, then faith is true, and it justifies.

With this doctrine the fanatics obscure the blessings of Christ today; they deprive Him of His honor as the Justifier and set Him up as an agent of sin. They have learned nothing from us except to recite the words; they do not accept the content. They want to give the impression that they, too, teach the Gospel and faith in Christ as purely as we do; but when it comes to the practice, they are teachers of the Law, just like the false apostles. Throughout all the churches the false apostles required, in addition to faith in Christ, that there be circumcision and the observance of the Law, without which they denied that faith could justify. "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses," they said, "you cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1). In the same way today the sectarians require, in addition to the righteousness of faith, the observance of the Commandments of God. They cite these passages: "Do this, and you will live" (Luke 10:28) and "If you would enter life, keep the Commandments" (Matt. 19:17). Therefore there is no one among them, though he seem ever so wise, who understands the distinction between Law and grace; for they are convicted by their own practice and by the evidence of the facts.

Luther's Works, 26:144-5.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

100th Birthday

PARTY HONORING

DORIS YERGER

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