

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ..... Sunday, April 28, 2024

### 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

*Christ is risen. Al-le-lu-ia!*      **He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

### Invocation

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ Kneel ]

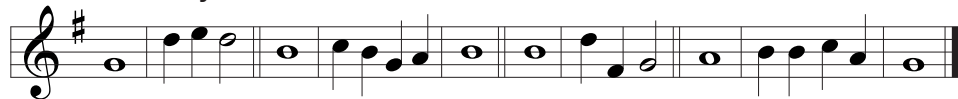
*Our help is in the name of the Lord ..... Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. .... And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*O almighty God, merciful Father, ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

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

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

## Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *A little while, and you will see me no | long-\_\_ er; || and again a little while, and | you will see\_\_ | me. || I will extol you, my | God and King, || and bless your | name for- •ever• and | •ever•.*

Verse 1: **Every day I will | bless\_\_ you || and praise your | name for- •ever• and | •ever•. || The Lord is gracious and | mer- ci- ful, || slow to anger and a- | •bounding• in stead- fast | love.**

Verse 2: *All your works shall give thanks to | you, O Lord, || and all your | saints shall bless\_\_ | you! || My mouth will speak the praise | of the Lord, || and let all flesh bless his holy | name for- •ever• and | •ever•.*

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

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## Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on\_\_ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord\_\_ have mer - cy up - on\_\_ us.

## Gloria



*Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.*



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God\_\_ the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on\_\_ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



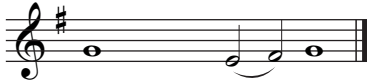
world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the



Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us. For Thou on-ly art ho-ly, Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**Salutation**

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir-it.

**Collect for the 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 8:26-40**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **1 John 4:1-21**

[ 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 15:1-8**

[ *The Gospel is announced.* ]

[ *The Gospel is proclaimed.* ]



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**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 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 ..... 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

#### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... **Hear our prayer.**

[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... **Amen.**

#### [ Be Seated ] Offerings

#### Voluntary

#### [ Rise ] Offertory ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of  
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

#### + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

#### Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir-it. We lift \_ them up un-to \_ the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet \_\_\_ and right so \_\_\_ to do. \_\_\_

#### Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, \_\_\_ ho - ly, \_\_\_ ho - ly, \_\_\_  
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and \_ earth are  
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless-ed is \_\_\_ He that com - eth in the name \_\_\_ of the

Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[ Remain standing ] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry  
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

A - men

**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** ..... O Blessed Spring ..... Burgundy Hymn 595

Lord Jesus Christ ..... Burgundy Hymn 585

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanza 3; Men sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6. ]

[ Rise ] **Eucharistic Benediction**

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

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

1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



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



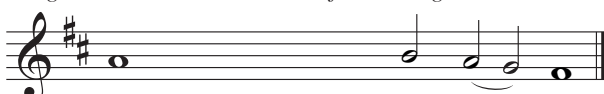
4. Glo— ry\_\_\_ be to the Father, and to\_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it \_\_\_ was in the beginning, is now, and e— ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Post Communion Rite

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



And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



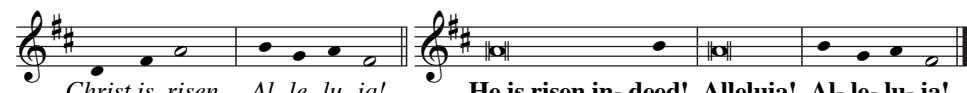
Thanks be to God.

### 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.*



A-men, A-men, A - men.



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

*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 ..... Faith and Truth and Life ..... Burgundy Hymn 584

### Postlude

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## Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

### The First Reading is Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### The Epistle is 1 John 4:1-21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater

than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

### **The Gospel is John 15:1-8**

[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."



## Hymns for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

### **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 pierced 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!

### **LSB595 O Blessed Spring**

**Susan Palo Cherwein**

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1. O blessed spring, where Word and sign  
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
Here Christ enjoins each one to be  
A branch of this life-giving Tree.
2. Through summer heat of youthful years,  
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain,  
The boughs will shout for joy again.
3. When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
4. As winter comes, as winters must,  
We breathe our last, return to dust;  
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing  
And trust the promise of the spring.
5. Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,  
Be praised for this blest mystery:  
That word and water thus revive  
And join us to your Tree of Life.

### **LSB585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**

**Philip Melancthon**

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In those last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.

- W3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.
- M 4. May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through –  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

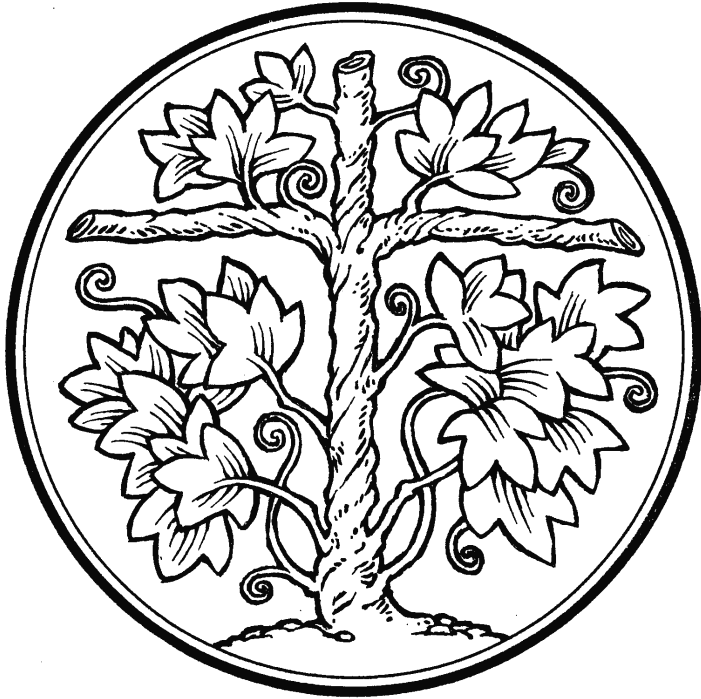
### **LSB584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing**

**Timothy Dudley-Smith**

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1. Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,  
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.  
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,  
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.
2. May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,  
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.  
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
  - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
  - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)  
Field Workers: Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))  
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),  
Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), John Kuker (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>),  
Cathie Wakeland (K-A), Rachel Wiegman (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music),  
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

### The Support Staff

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

## PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Paul Mroczenski and Matthew Harrison, including those who this week received their vicarage placements and divine calls, especially Paul Mroczenski and Erik Saunders
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall; especially at this perilous time in our world
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including David Seifert, Bryson Scott, Connie Houser, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Vanessa Smith
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

## IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Vanessa Smith on the occasion of her birthday by David & DaVanna Seifert and 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

### **April 28, 2024 thru May 4, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	Early voting for the Indiana Primary continues. For info on early voting, visit <a href="http://allencountyinvoters.gov/three-ways-to-vote/#VoteEarly">allencountyinvoters.gov/three-ways-to-vote/#VoteEarly</a>		
	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Council Meeting	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>	6:30 PM	LSUS Spring Musical	Mt. Calvary
<b>SAT.</b>	9:00 AM	Great American Clean up	Zion Neighborhood
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

### **May 5, 2024**

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

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall with Seminarian Matthew Harrison again leading the study. As needed, Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS** to Erik Saunders (Katie, Stephen, and Eleanor) who received a Divine Call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Miles City, MT; to Joseph Greenmyer (Faith, Abraham, Boaz) who received a Divine Call to Faith Lutheran Church, Parkston, SD, and St. Peter Lutheran Church Emery, SD; Christopher Warneke (Sarah) who received a Divine Call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Arkansas City, KS, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Winfield, KS; and to Paul Mroczenski (Courtney) who received his vicarage placement with the LCMS Office of International Mission. Paul's vicarage will take place in Latin America, and, because of the extra training in Spanish language and culture, his vicarage will be two years. These men and families and all those going forth are in our prayers.

**THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE'S "GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP"** is this Saturday, May 4, 9 AM to 11 AM. We need 20 volunteers to help clean up the neighborhood. Gloves, T-shirts, and trash bags will be supplied. A sign-up sheet is on Julie's table.

**LSUS:** the Kdg-8th Grade musical, Praise Rocks! is a musical about giving God the glory! It's based on Luke 19:40 – "He answered, 'I tell you if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'" Middle School Students will have a music showcase! Student artwork will also be on display! Join us at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 PM as we celebrate the arts giving God the glory!

**COOKBOOK:** the new cookbook for Zion is shaping up. Thank you to those that have given recipes. They have been add to the cookbook. Now it's time for the rest of you who haven't given any. We are still short of recipes to complete our book. Melvia would like it to be published by June, so if you have any recipes that you would like to share, please send them to her via email at [mculpher@zionfw.org](mailto:mculpher@zionfw.org), or leave a paper copy on her desk. Thanks.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** John 16:33—"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." Last week's verse was John 14:27.

**GIFT PLANNING** creates solutions for donors. A good plan can help to navigate challenging family dynamics. Sometimes there are family conversations that seem too awkward to have. The result is that they never happen. This is often true when parents put together a gift plan in their estate, with inheritance gifts for family and ministry gifts that will support the sharing of Jesus in generations to come through the Church. It is wise to communicate these plans to family now, so that in the future, if family members become involved in helping to manage your estate, they know how to respect your wishes. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you by facilitating those family conversations. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or email him at [Mark.Muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:Mark.Muehl@lfnd.org).

**SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE:** Trinity Lutheran church, 7819 Decatur Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816 on Thursday, May 2 from 4:00 PM-7:00PM, Friday May 3 10:00 AM-6:00PM. The \$3 bag sale will be Saturday, May 4 from 9:00AM-12noon.

**RLNI:** Come celebrate the anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade! Take a stand for LIFE in your Indiana county on Saturday, June 22nd from 10a- 11a, at Allen County Courthouse, 715 S. Calhoun St.. This peaceful gathering shows Northeast Indiana we are ready to stand beside mothers-in-need, children, families, faith leaders and our pro-life legislators in a loving and law abiding manner. Bring your family and connect with like-minded friends that share your heart for our most vulnerable citizens.

**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 15:1-8  
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 in Easter**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

Acts 8:26-40  
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 Richard, 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**

**The Sixth Sunday in Easter**

Acts 10:34-48

1 John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Proffered Grace Which Is Received by Faith*

I give thanks to God that I may live at this time, when this word “promise” resounds in my ears and in the ears of all the godly. For he who hears the Word easily understands the divine promise, which was obscure and unknown to all the theologians throughout the papacy.

But the Word which God promises must be connected with faith, which, like the Word and the promise, was not understood. And this was their customary teaching: The sacraments confer grace on those who partake of them. They confer grace without the Word and without faith. If someone is baptized, he has no need of faith. The sacraments have so much power that they give grace by the mere performance of the act.

But this is the chief point of our doctrine: that a sacrament does not work grace without faith. For when the eunuch in Acts said: “See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?” Philip told him: “If you believe with all your heart, you may” (8:36-37). [Verse 37, and so Philip’s answer, is not well attested among the manuscripts. Luther’s point is still true, however. The benefits of baptism are received by faith.] Philip does not want to baptize him if he does not believe. He does not say: “Baptism benefits you and justifies you whether you believe or not,” as the papists dream that grace is poured even into little children by virtue of the sacrament. This is completely false; for they are saved and receive the Holy Spirit by virtue of the promise, because Christ said: “Let the children come to Me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 19:14).

Therefore let us learn from such examples the true power of the faith by which we are freed from death and pass over into eternal life.

*Luther’s Works*, 8:192.





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WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY

*Celebration*  
*for*

**David & Janeen Kaiser**

**MAY 11, 2024**

**1:00-5:00 PM**

**IN BAUER HALL**

**\*NO GIFTS -YOUR PRESENCE ADDS TO  
THE JOY OF THIS CELEBRATION**



# Time to Reconnect



Zion depends upon the support and generosity of its members, so please make plans to enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship Saturday, June 8, starting at 5 p.m. at the home of Kevin and Maribeth Leininger, 4831 Orchard Green Place. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, snacks and drinks. There will also be an opportunity to make an additional donation to support our ministry at Zion and Lutheran South Unity School. Reservations and payment should be made to the church office by June 3.



Zion is also planning a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction featuring a variety of gift baskets. If you'd like to donate items for a basket (non-perishable food items or liquor have proven popular in the past) or create complete baskets, please contact the church office at 744-1389. A date for the auction and raffle drawing will be announced soon.

## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!



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

Braylee	Max
Kyu Kyu	Jordyn
Amira	Kaylen
Corlesiya	Camarion
Simeon	Lay Ku
Kennedy	Ms. Selig
Ivan	Office Staff
Ta'Mya	"Praise Rocks" Musical
All Students: ILearn testing!	

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### **ILearn testing under way!**

Students started ILearn testing this past week. Please keep students in your prayers as they continue to test the next few weeks!

## ENROLLING NOW

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Schedule a visit and see our classrooms, programs, and all of the benefits we have to offer. We seek to share our faith with all who enter our building. Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll! 260-744-0459

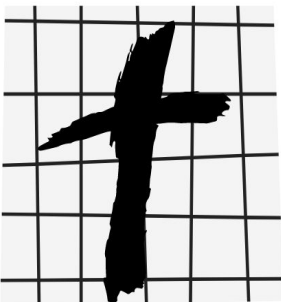
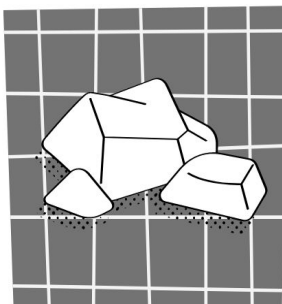
We have financial aid and scholarships available.  
We also accept School Choice vouchers.

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

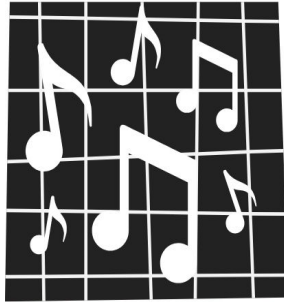
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

—1 Corinthians 15-20

K-8TH GRADE STUDENTS  
LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL MUSICAL



**LUKE**  
**19:40**



# **PRAISE ROCKS**

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD, 2024

**6:30 PM**

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH GYM  
1819 RESERVATION DRIVE

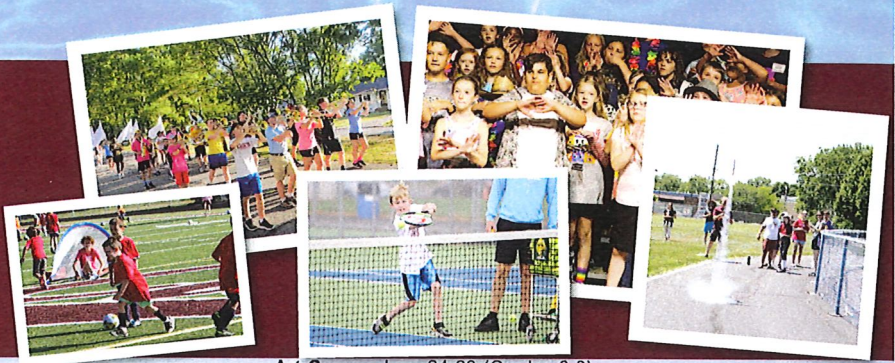
MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC SHOWCASE  
STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY



# Summer Camps

**At Concordia Lutheran High School**

**Register online at [www.clhscadets.com/summer](http://www.clhscadets.com/summer)**



- Art Camp - June 24-28 (Grades 6-8)
- Junior Cadets Band Camp - July 1-3, 5, 8-12 (Grades 5-9)
- Cadet Baseball Camp - June 10-14 (Boys, Grades 2-8)
- Boys Basketball Camp - June 17-21 (Grades 3-8)
- Lady Cadets Basketball Camp - June 10-13 (Grades 4-9)
- Cheer Camp - June 24-26 (Girls, Grades K-8)
- Junior Cadets Color Guard Camp - July 1-3, 5, 8-12 (Grades 6-9)
- Computer Camp--Raspberry Jam: Video Game System - June 10-13 (Grades 5-12)
- Computer Camp - Summer of Code with Robots - June 17-20 (Grades 5-12)
- Drama Camp - July 1-5 (Camp will meet on July 4) (Grades 4-9)
- Filmmaking Camp - June 10-13 (Grades 6-12)
- Fundamentals Football Camp - June 24-27 (Boys, Grades 4-8)
- Golf Camp - June 17-21 (Grades 3-8)
- Journalism Camp - June 10-13 (Grades 6-10)
- Photography Camp - June 17-20 (Grades 6-12)
- Rocket Science Camp - June 11-14 (Grades 6-8)
- Rowing (Crew) Camp - June 17-21 (Grades 7-9)
- Soccer Camps - July 8-12 (Co-ed, Grades K-4); July 22-26 (Girls, Grades 4-8); and July 15-19 (Boys, Grades 3-8)
- Softball Camp - July 17 (Girls, Grades 1-8)
- Tech Theater Camp - July 1, 3, 5 (Grades 7-9)
- Tennis Camps - June 3-6 (rainout date is June 9) (Grades 1-12)
- Textiles Camp - June 24-28 (Grades 6-12)
- Volleyball Camps --June 5-7 (Girls, Grades K-8)