

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 5, 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] *Come and hear, all you | who fear God, || and I will tell what he | has done for my | soul.*

Verse 1: **Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; || sing the glory of his name; give | to him glo- •rious• | praise!**

Verse 2: *Bless our God, O | peo-__ ples; || let the sound | of his praise be | heard,*

Verse 3: **who has kept our soul among the | liv-__ ing || and has | not let our feet | slip.**

Verse 4: *Blessed | be__ God, || because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his | stead- fast love from | me!.*

Gloria: **Glor-y be to the Fa-ther and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho-ly | •Spi-rit•; As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

[Antiphon] *Come and hear, all you | who fear God, || and I will tell what he | has done for my | soul.*

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on __ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord __ have mer - cy up - on __ us.

Gloria



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the 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.*

A ——— men!

[Be Seated] + **The Office of the Word of God** +

First Reading **Acts 10:34-48**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 John 5:1-8**

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn** **Dear Christians** **Burgundy Hymn 556: 1-4**

[Sing stanzas 1 thru 4 before the Gospel. Sing stanzas 5 thru 10 after the Creed.]

Holy Gospel **St. John 15:9-17**

[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 Dear Christians Burgundy Hymn 556: 5-10

[All sing stanza 5; Women sing stanza 6; All sing stanza 7; Men sing stanza 8; All sing stanzas 9 & 10.]

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:

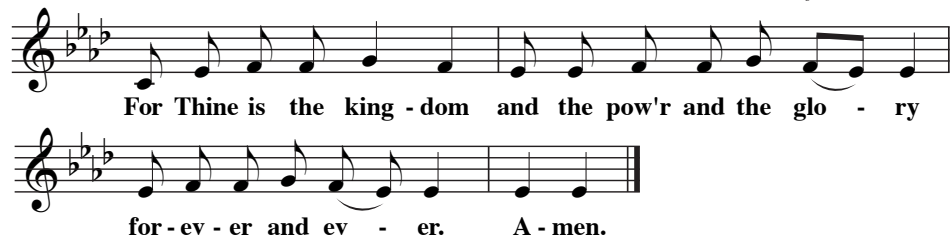
Ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is ___ He that com - eth in the name _ of the



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.

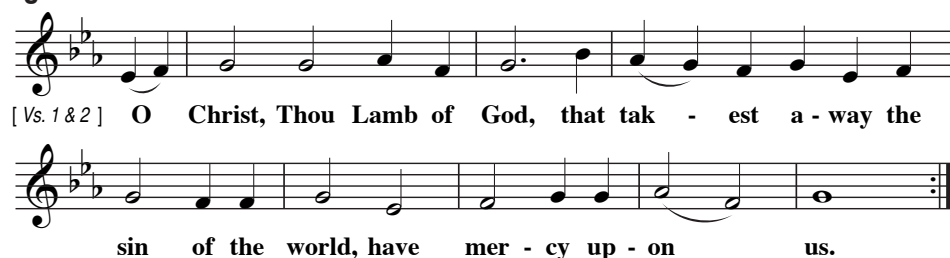
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

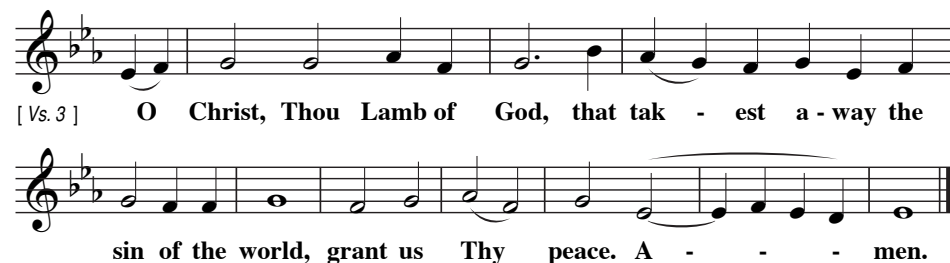


A - men

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 Water, Blood, and Spirit Burgundy Hymn 597

How Wide the Love of Christ ... Burgundy Hymn 535

Wide Open Stand Burgundy Hymn 639

[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.



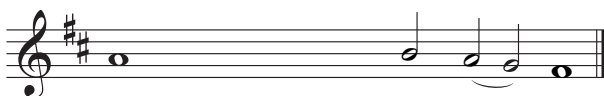
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



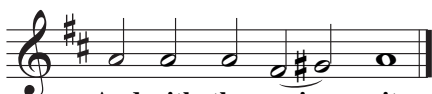
And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A - men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - rit.

Bless we the Lord.



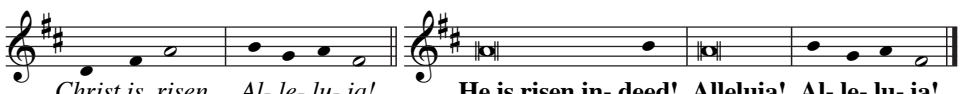
Thanks be to God.

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 Lord, 'Tis Not Burgundy Hymn 573

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

The Epistle is 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

The Gospel is John 15:9-17

[Jesus said,] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

1. 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!
2. 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.
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.
4. 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.

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

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."
- W 6. 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.
7. 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.
- M 8. "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.

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."

LSB597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

Stephen P. Starke

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1. Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying Life has come, with life for all.
2. In a wat'ry grave are buried All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried Us across death's raging flood.
3. Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us With His body and His blood.
4. Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing Through the living, active Word.
5. Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.

LSB535 How Wide the Love of Christ

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

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1. How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity Within its broad embrace.
2. How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound In everlasting peace.
3. How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives Unmeasured mercy pours.
4. How deep the love of Christ, Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands All human pain and loss.
5. All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space With endless life and light!

LSB639 Wide Open Stand the Gates

J. K. Wilhelm Loehe

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

LSB573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

Josiah Conder

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.
2. It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
- △ 3. Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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.

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The Support Staff

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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
- + 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; and for our graduates, especially Alyssa Seifert
- + 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, especially Connie & Steve Houser
- + 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 Walter Pickett and Bernice Dirks
- + 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 is given in loving memory of Walter Pickett by daughter Karen Coleman and family. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the 29th wedding anniversary of Connie and Steve Houser. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in loving memory of Bernice Dirks by her son Bruce Allen. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

May 5, 2024 thru May 11, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS
TUES.		Pastors' Conference	Valparaiso, IN
WED.		Pastors' Conference	Valparaiso, IN
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	7:00 PM	Ascension Festival Service	Church
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Kaiser's 50th Anniversary Celebration	Bauer Hall
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

May 12, 2024 (Mother's Day)

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall. Dr. Voelz will be picking things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark. As needed, Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE'S "GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP" was held yesterday. Thanks to everyone that helped with the clean up.

ASCENSION FESTIVAL DIVINE SERVICE is on this Thursday, May 9th, 7 PM, here at Zion. Please come and celebrate this lesser Christ festival.

COOKBOOK: the new cookbook for Zion is looking good. We're just shy of 50 recipes. Thank you to those that have given recipes. They have been added to the cookbook. Now it's time for you who haven't given any to step up. 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, or leave a paper copy on her desk. Thanks.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Matthew 6:9-13 — "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'" Last week's verse was John 16:33.

GIFT PLANNING offers solutions for donors wishing to support ministry through their gifts. One of those solutions might be the simplification of the plan. Instead of trying to support 30 different ministries, maybe the estate should focus on the special ones in your heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think and pray about this. Contact Mark Muehl (260-241-4845, mark.muehl@lfnf.org) for more information.

A HOPE CENTER is hosting a charity golf scramble Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at Chestnut Hills Golf course. For singles \$100 and for teams of 4 \$400. Contact Lindsey Maley 260-755-1068 or email her at LinseyMaley@ahcfriends.org for more information.

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 that 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.

MOUNT CALVARY will be holding a rummage and bake sale May 23-25, at 1819 Reservation Drive. May 23 8am-7pm, May 24 8am-4pm, and a bag sale on May 25 8am-1pm. For more information contact Gabrielle Murphy at church@mtcfw.org.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: 1 John 5:3 – "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." John says that God's commandments are not burdensome, but that's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

PRIMARY ELECTION: Don't forget, the primary election is this Tuesday at your polling place. For all kinds of voting information, visit allencountyinvoters.gov.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PROGRAMMING: You can listen to Issues, Etc. live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org or on the LPR mobile app. Sign up for their podcasts to listen when you want. Similarly, you can listen to KFUEO at KFUEO.org. Programs also are archived at KFUEO.org for 24/7 on-demand listening, streaming or downloading their podcast.

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 15:9-17
Luke 15:11-32
Luke 16:1-18
Luke 16:19-31
Luke 17:1-19
Luke 17:20-37
Luke 18:1-17

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Sixth Sunday in Easter

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 10:34-48
Numbers 8:5-26
Numbers 9:1-23
Numbers 10:11-36
Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35
Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16
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:

[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 Seventh Sunday in Easter

Acts 1:12-26

1 John 5:9-15

John 17:11b-19



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Righteousness by Faith, Not Person or Status

28. *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female.*

“You are righteous,” says Paul, not because you are a Jew and an observer of the Law, but because by believing in Christ you have put on Christ. ... It is characteristic of human and legalistic kinds of righteousness to be divided into sects, and for distinctions to be made according to works. Some profess, advocate, and pursue this; others, that. In Christ, however, all things are common to all; all things are one thing, and one thing is all things. Thus Paul says later, in [Galatians] chapter 5:6: “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith and the new creature.” ... [F]or this reason Scripture calls the church concealed and hidden; and one observes very well that as often as the righteous are described, they are described without any term for sect or status, as in Ps. 1:6: “For the Lord knows the way of the righteous.” (He does not say “of the Jews, of men, of the aged, of children.”) And in Ps. 15:1 we read: “O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tent?” He answers (v. 2): “He who walks blamelessly.” (He does not say “the Jew, or one of this or that profession.”) And in Ps. 111:1 it says: “In the company of the upright, in the congregation.” (He does not say “of priests, of monks, of bishops.”) One must pronounce the same judgment concerning every other status, because God does not regard the person (Acts 10:34). Therefore there is neither rich nor poor, neither handsome nor ugly, neither citizen nor farmer, neither Benedictine nor Carthusian, neither Minorite nor Augustinian. All these things are of such a nature that they do not make a Christian if they are present or an unbeliever if they are lacking

Luther's Works, 27:280-1.



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

The Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 9th, 7:00 p.m.



50TH

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:

Ramya	Santiago
Aniyah	CJ
Ja'Maire	Anthony
K'Maire	Justin
Alexia	Tianna
Avah	Evoeth
Vaeda	I-Learn testing
Than	"Praise Rocks" Musical



Junior Achievements: Biztown

4th and 5th Grade participated in a Junior Achievement program called, Biztown. LSUS Students along with a couple other Lutheran school students got to run their own town for a day. They worked in the classroom leading up to the day planning businesses and assigning roles. Some included: Bank, City Hall, Retail, Hospital, and more!



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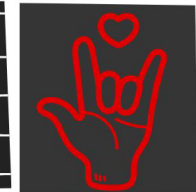
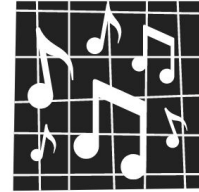
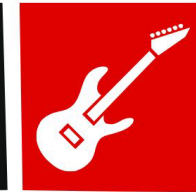
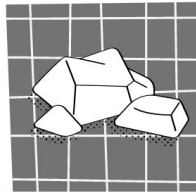
Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Schedule a visit and see our classrooms, programs, and all of the benefits we have to offer. We seek to share our faith with all who 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:

And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. —Genesis 2:9

K-8TH GRADE STUDENTS LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL MUSICAL



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

LIFE NEWS—MAY 2024



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Life Newsbytes

France Becomes First Country in the World to Make Killing Babies in Abortions a Constitutional Right

– France made history by becoming the first country to embed a fictitious “right” to abortion in its constitution. Lawmakers from both chambers of parliament convened on March 4 and easily passed this horrific amendment. The bill in this liberal nation garnered an overwhelming 780-72 vote in favor, prompting nearly the entire joint session to rise for a prolonged standing ovation. Leading pro-life campaigners were saddened to see politicians clapping for killing babies. French President Emmanuel Macron pledged to safeguard abortion against any potential future attempts to protect women and their babies ... Earlier this year, during the annual March for Life in Paris, about 20,000 people urged lawmakers to reject the pro-abortion change. Nicolas Bauer, associate researcher at the European Centre for Law and Justice, said the proposed amendment is a radical move by pro-abortion leftists. “By inserting it into the constitution, the left wants to make abortion sacred as if it were a value at the heart of the national ‘social contract,’” Bauer told the Catholic News Agency last year. “From being a crime, abortion has become a banal medical act, and the left now is seeking to make it a fundamental right, superior to every other right.” (*LifeNews.com, 3/4/24*)

Speaking up For Life

“We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose.” *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska*

“This, dear friends, is why Christ’s ascension is a good goodbye. Jesus leaves you with everything! He has done it all. The grave is empty. Death is defeated. Life is yours. So, people of God, ‘Why do you stand here looking into the sky?’ You have an ascension victory to celebrate and an ascended Savior to proclaim!” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

“Jesus became incarnate as embryo, fetus and teenager, infant and adult. In this way He consecrates humankind of all ages, appearances, and abilities. The Good Lord comes close in skin and bone, the same as ours. He remains near with muscle and blood like we have. He humbly bears these sicknesses and gently carries these sorrows of ours. Jesus has crucifix-ed God on you, ever the servant and once-for-all sacrifice.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*



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Unchanging

by Pastor Michael Salemink

Only another—and greater—certainty can deliver us.

Springtime brings changes. Weather, wildlife, and wardrobe are switching. Timepieces, taxes, and athletics are shifting. Improvement? Erosion? Or just over and over again? Whichever, we rarely and barely keep up with all the moving targets.

The sanctity of life has also seen its share of changes. Medical ultrasound machines arrived in the 1940s. Chemists first synthesized hormonal birth control in the 1950s. The “sexual revolution” started in the 1960s. Abortion access became mandatory in the 1970s. In vitro fertilization commenced in the 1980s. Physician-assisted suicide gained acceptance in the 1990s. Pill abortions arose in the 2000s. CRISPR genetic engineering originated in the 2010s.

Public regulations and political regimes continue to fluctuate. Novel measures using death as a solution keep emerging. As the hymnwriter memorably said, “Change and decay in all around I see.” It echoes the Apostle: “... **the present form of this world is passing away**” (1 Corinthians 7:31, in a discourse directly addressing marriage and sexuality).

The whole creation convulses in the aftershocks of humankind’s fall. Since the forbidden fruit, sin and death have remained a constant of our race and our universe. Whatever our size or skills or circumstances, brokenness retains its hold. Evil may change clothes but never its core.

Only another—and greater—certainty can deliver us. The grace of Almighty God stands universal. The love of Jesus Christ still prevails as it always has and ever will. His work of creating proclaims every human life special—fact. His labor of redeeming proves every human life precious—truth. His activity of calling pronounces every human life priceless—reality. From the beginning—both the first moment of creation and the split-second of fertilization—until eternity this Gospel endures.

We speak this truth because it changes even the hardest and darkest hearts. We show this love because it saves lives in the most desperate situations and despite age, appearance, or ability. And we receive every neighbor as a gift and privilege because we delight together in a steadfast, faithful, and unchanging God.



Coming this fall: 2024 LFL Regional Conferences

September 14, 2024 • Bristol, Connecticut (Hartford area)

October 12, 2024 • Shawnee, Kansas (Kansas City area)

November 9, 2024 • Winter Garden, Florida (Orlando area)



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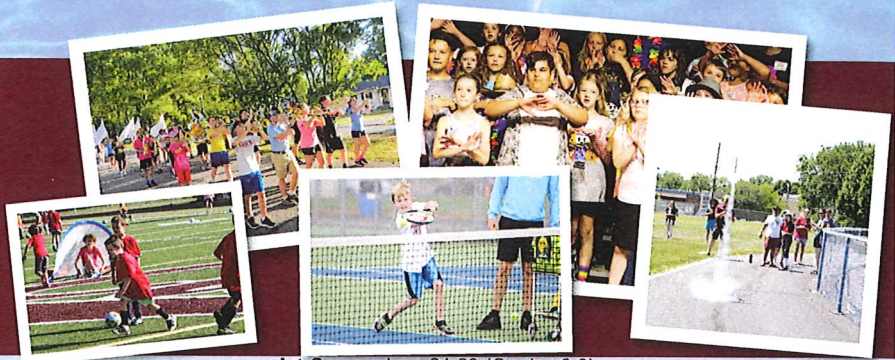
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Summer Camps

At Concordia Lutheran High School

Register online at 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)