

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 12, 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] Hear, O LORD, when I | cry a- loud; || be gracious to | me and an- swer | me! || You have said, | “Seek my face.” || My heart says to you, “Your face, | LORD __, do I | seek.”

Verse 1: The LORD is my light and | my sal- vation; || whom | shall I | fear? || The LORD is the stronghold | of my life; || of whom | shall I be a- fraid?

Verse 2: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will | I seek •after•: || that I may dwell in the | house__ of the | LORD || all the days | of my life, || to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire | in his tem-__ | ple.

Verse 3: For he will hide me in his shelter in the | day of •trouble•; || he will conceal me under the | cov- er of his | tent; || he will lift me high up- | on a rock. || For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the | LORD will take me | in.

Gloria: Glory 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 - migh- t - 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter: *O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

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

First Reading..... **Acts 1:12-26**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 John 5:9-15**

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[*Rise*] **Sequence Hymn** **Lord, Enthroned** **Burgundy Hymn 534**

Holy Gospel **St. John 17:11b-19**

[*The Gospel is announced.*]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]

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 DayChrist Is the World's BURGUNDY Hymn 539

[Rise for stanza 4.]

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] OffertoryCreate 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!

[Remaining 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 On Christ's Ascension Burgundy Hymn 492

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps RED Hymn 221

[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 Cantic 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.



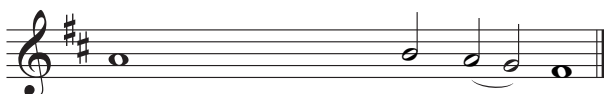
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



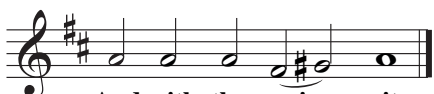
And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 Christ High-Ascended Burgundy Hymn 840

Postlude

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Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it";

and

"Let another take his office."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Epistle is 1 John 5:9-15

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

The Gospel is John 17:11b-19

[Jesus said,] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Hymns for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

LSB534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

George H. Bourne

1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;
We in worship join with them.
3. Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.
4. Life imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

LSB539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

attr. Columba

1. Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.
2. Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
This Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
3. Down in the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.
- △ 4. Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

LSB492 On Christ's Ascension Now I Build

Josua Wegelin

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1. On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension!"
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.
2. Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.
3. O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

TLH221 Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Thomas Kelly

1. Hark! ten thousand harps and voices Sound the note of praise above;
Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices—Jesus reigns, the God of Love.
See, He sits on yonder throne; Jesus rules the world alone.
2. Come, ye saints, unite your praises With the angels round His throne;
Soon, we hope, our God will raise us To the place where He is gone.
Meet it is that we should sing, "Glory, glory, to our King!"
3. Sing how Jesus came from heaven, How He bore the cross below,
How all pow'r to Him is given, How He reigns in glory now;
'Tis a great and endless theme, Oh, 'tis sweet to sing of Him!
4. Jesus, hail! Thy glory brightens All above and gives it worth;
Lord of Life, Thy smile enlightens, Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth.
When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.
5. King of Glory, reign forever; Thine an everlasting crown.
Nothing from Thy love shall sever Those whom Thou hast made Thine own,
Happy objects of Thy grace, Destined to behold Thy face.
6. Savior, hasten Thine appearing; Bring, oh, bring the glorious day
When, the awe-full summons hearing, Heaven and earth shall pass away;
Then with golden harps we'll sing, "Glory, glory, to our King!"

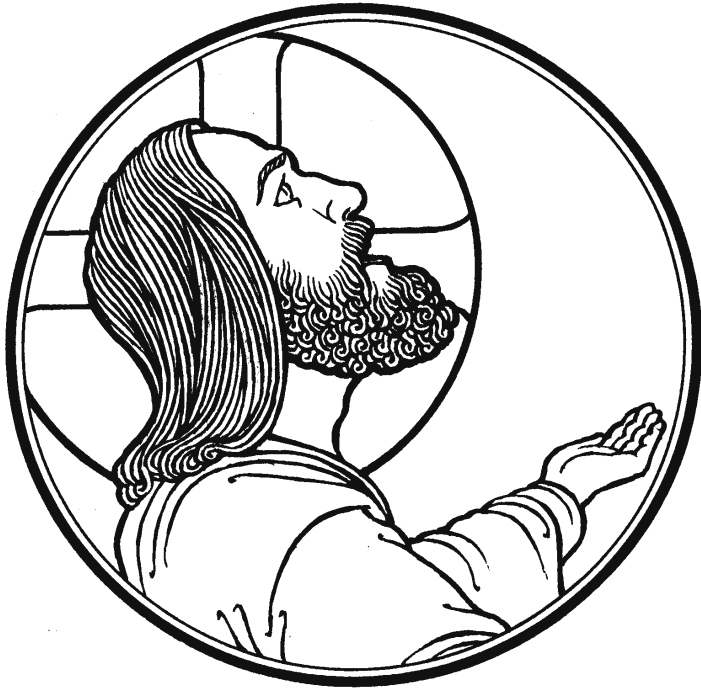
LSB840 Christ High-Ascended

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
Throned and exalted, victory completed,
Death's dread dominion finally defeated,
We are His witnesses.
2. Christ from the Father ev'ry power possessing,
Who on His chosen lifted hands in blessing,
Sends forth His servants, still in faith confessing,
We are His witnesses.
3. Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
We are His witnesses.
4. Christ in His splendor, all dominion gaining,
Christ with His people evermore remaining,
Christ to all ages gloriously reigning,
We are His witnesses.
5. As at His parting, joy shall banish grieving,
Faith in His presence strengthen our believing;
Filled with His Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
We are His witnesses.

The Seventh 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.

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)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), John Kuker (4th),
Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st),

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
- + 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
- + 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 Kevin Leininger, Amber Bahr, 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, especially James Crouse
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving to God for James Crouse's 75 years of life, having been born at the Doctors' Hospital in Washington DC on 12 May 1949, and brought up in the Lutheran faith by my parents, Robert Lyle Crouse and Viola Lillian (née Zinter) Crouse. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of Alyssa Seifert graduation from Ball State University on May 4th by DaVanna & David Seifert. 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 12, 2024 thru May 18, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	9:00 AM	LSUS Kindergarten Graduation	LSUS
	10:30 AM	Book of Concord	Bauer Hall
FRI.	4:00 PM	CTSFW Graduation	CTSFW
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

May 19, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
		LSUS 8 th Grade Graduation	Mount Calvary
	3:00 PM	Old Crown Brass	Church

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THANK YOU to Pastor-elect Erik Saunders for proclaiming the Word of God to us today. Pastor-elect Saunders, Katie, Stephen, and Eleanor will be departing for Miles City, MT soon, and he will be ordained in June.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Old Crown Brass Band will be performing here at Zion Sunday, May 19th at 3:00 PM

COOKBOOK: the new cookbook for Zion is looking good. 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: Mark 10:45 — “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many.” Last week's verse was Matthew 6:9-13.

GIFT PLANNING offers solutions for donors wishing to support ministry through their gifts. You may wonder how a ministry can best use a gift from your estate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate conversations between you and ministry leaders. For assistance, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

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 5:12 – “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL has multiple employment opportunities for the upcoming school year. We are currently seeking a JROTC instructor, multiple Study Center education staff, a school counselor, and other positions as well. To learn more about our high school's open employment positions or to apply, go online to: <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment>

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For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

John 17:11b-19
Luke 18:35-19:10
Luke 19:11-28
Luke 19:29-48
Luke 20:1-18
Luke 20:19-44
Luke 20:45-21:19

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Seventh Sunday in Easter

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 1:12-26
Numbers 14:26-45
Numbers 16:1-22
Numbers 16:23-40
Numbers 16:41-17:13
Numbers 20:1-21
Numbers 20:22-21:9

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 Feast of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Casting Lots ... Is It a Sin?

[Did the sailors sin] by casting lots [Jonah 1:7]. To do this is said to be wrong, since it tempts God. But Jonah was obliged to join in this casting of lots; therefore he, too, was involved in this sin, if it be sin. I reply first of all that the nature of some acts may be either good or evil. ... [I]t behooves us to look upon the motive of the heart in such acts. Whoever engages in such an act to gratify himself sins, but he who does this in obedience to a command of God or for the welfare of his neighbor is in the right. We renounce him who does this without the command of God or who is not impelled by his neighbor's need but does this wantonly and for self-gratification. Such a one does not do right even if he were to kneel and pray all day, even if he were to fast night and day, yes, even if he performed miracles. ...

In the second place, I declare that I am not so sure that casting of lots is forbidden. It is, admittedly, forbidden to tempt God; but to cast lots and to tempt God are two radically different things. The apostles cast lots over St. Matthias, as we read in Acts 1:26. Solomon declares (Prov. 16:33): "The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is wholly from the Lord." God does not denounce casting lots in those instances but rather approves of it. To be sure, some of the fathers say that such examples must not be imitated. But they have no good reason for this view. It is my opinion that casting of lots is in itself a real act of faith, subject, of course, to misuse by idle curiosity and self-gratification, similar to the misuse of sword and oath. That, however, is not the fault of the act but of the person, as we have already said. The fathers give no proof that casting of lots is tempting God.

Luther's Works, 19:60-1.



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:

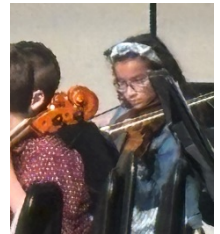
Jariah	Jaylon
Avionna	Kelsey
Yanuell	Elizabeth
Carreonna	Jayden
Layla	Camren
Paislee	Olivia
Sirah	Mrs. Bahr
Leilani	Mrs. Schwantz
Abigail	Mrs. Ramsey
Trinity	Ms. Maresh

All Teachers as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week!



Strings Concert Last Week

Our string students joined other Lutheran Schools string students and performed at Concordia High School Wednesday, May 1st. Our students, Max, Alex, and Abigail, have worked hard all year attending lessons with Dr. Dubach.



When: Thursday, May 23rd
@ 8:15am

Where: LSUS Gymnasium



When: Sunday, May 19th @ 2pm

Where: Mt. Calvary

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:

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

- Luke 19:40



WHAT LETTERS ARE EASILY FOUND IN EVERY SINGLE DAY OF THE WEEK?



Quest:

a usually adventurous journey made in search of something



Adventure Awaits at CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

www.lutherhaven.org

Albion, IN 260-636-7101

Financial Assistance Available



Camp Lutherhaven

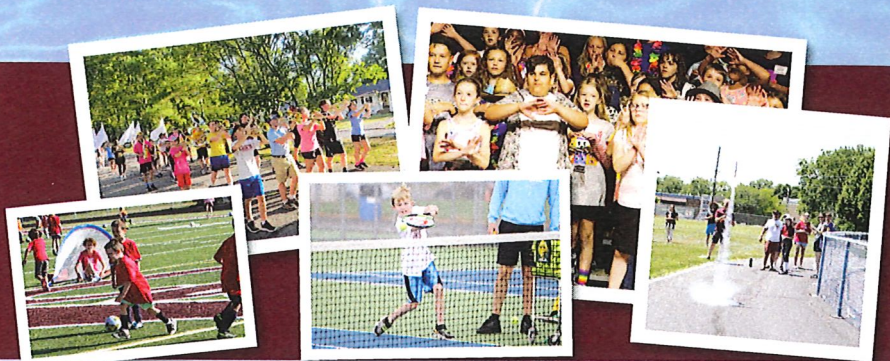




Summer Camps

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)