

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, May 19, 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!*

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.*

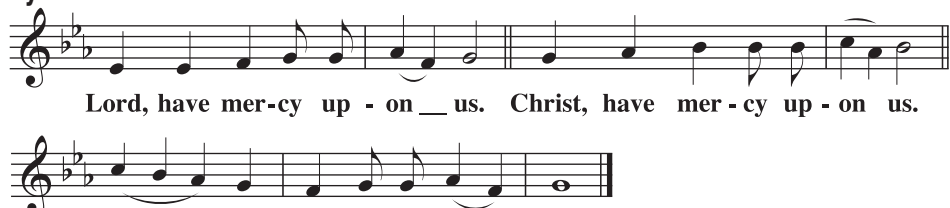
*O almighty God, merciful Father; I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all
my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your
temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely
repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy 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.*

Entrance Hymn O Holy Spirit, Enter In Burgundy Hymn 913

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.

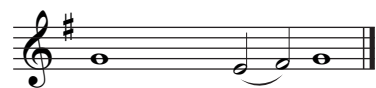
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry

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

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 Pentecost: *O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



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

Old Testament Reading **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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

Second Reading **Acts 2:1-21**

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

[Rise]

Sequence Hymn **Come, Holy Ghost** **Burgundy Hymn 497**

Holy Gospel **St. John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

[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 Day **Holy Spirit, Light Divine** **Burgundy Hymn 496**

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 Pentecost, 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!

[Kneel] **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!



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 Come Down, O Love Burgundy Hymn 501

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid.... Burgundy Hymn 500

[Rise for stanza 4.]

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- tles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - - ra-el.



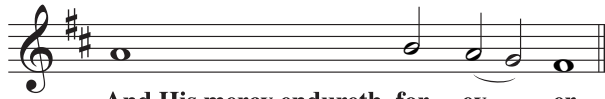
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



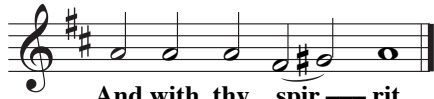
And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

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.

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn O Day Full of Grace Burgundy Hymn 503

Postlude

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Readings for the Feast of Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

The Second Reading is Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors

from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the
Lord shall be saved.”

The Gospel is John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

[Jesus said,] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. ...

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Hymns for the Feast of Pentecost

LSB913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Michael Schirmer

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.
2. Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
3. O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

LSB497 Come, Holy Ghost German, 5th cent. (st. 1); Martin Luther (sts. 2-3)

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1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite
From every land and every tongue;
This to Your praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Come, Holy Light, Guide divine,
Now cause the Word of truth to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From every error keep us free,
Let none but Christ our Master be,

That we in living faith abide,
In Him our Lord with all our might confide: Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Come, Holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide,
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your power prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death, to You, our Lord, ascend: Alleluia! Alleluia!

LSB496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Andrew Reed

1. Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
2. Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.
3. Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.
4. Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.
5. Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

LSB501 Come Down, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena

1. Come down, O Love divine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
No soul can guess His grace Till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

LSB500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Rabanus Maurus

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.
2. O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.
3. Giver of grace, descend from high;
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.
- △ 4. Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

LSB503 O Day Full of Grace

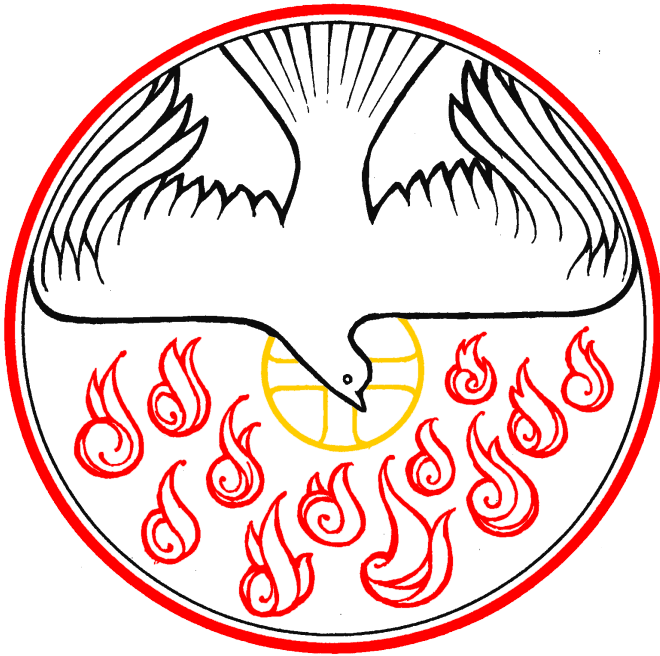
Scandinavian, c. 1450

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1. O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.
3. For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone
That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all His healing.
5. When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

The Feast of Pentecost



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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)
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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
- + 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, especially William Wallschlaeger
- + 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 Feast of Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in honor of William Wallschlaeger's birthday by his wife Carolyn Wallschlaeger 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

May 19, 2024 thru May 25, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
	2:00 PM	LSUS 8 th Grade Graduation	Mount Calvary
	3:00 PM	Old Crown Brass Band	Church
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.	8:10 AM	Kindergarten Celebration	LSUS
FRI.		LSUS Last Day of School	
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

May 26, 2024

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 OLD CROWN BRASS BAND will be performing here at Zion today at 3:00 PM.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed next Monday (not tomorrow) for the Memorial Day holiday.

COOKBOOK: Melvia will be submitting the cookbook to the press on May 31st. 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: Acts 2:38-39 — “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” Last week’s verse was Mark 10:45.

GIFT PLANNING offers solutions for donors wishing to support ministry through their gifts. A lump sum gift to ministry might be best. Or, a gift over time (endowment) might seem like the better plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through that. For assistance, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845, or mark.muehl@lfind.org.

RUMMAGE SALE: The Booster Club of Saint Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is having our 1st Annual Rummage Sale in the school's gymnasium- 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733- on Friday June 7th from 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturday June 8th from 8:00am-NOON. Saturday will be the bag sale day; \$2.00 each paper grocery bag or \$5.00 per 13 gallon garbage bag (bags are provided). Items available at our sale are: clothing, shoes, household items, toys, kitchen items, decor items, books, baby items, sporting goods and seasonal items.

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: Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord’s praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

CLHS has multiple employment opportunities for the upcoming school year. They’re 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, visit: www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment.

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Luke 22:1-23
Luke 22:24-46
Luke 22:47-71
Luke 23:1-25
Luke 23:26-56
Luke 24:1-27

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Feast of Pentecost

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Numbers 22:1-20
Numbers 22:21-23:3
Numbers 23:4-28
Numbers 24:1-25
Numbers 27:12-23
Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27

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 Festival of the Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8

Acts 2:14a-22-36

John 3:1-17



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Prophecy of Ezekiel

[The index to *Luther's Works* cites no other references to Ezekiel 37, other than this brief comment on “the spirit and kingdom of Christ” in Luther’s Prefaces to the Old Testament which follows.]

God raises up at Babylon [the] prophet Ezekiel, to encourage the captives and to prophesy against the false prophets at Jerusalem, as well as to substantiate the word of Jeremiah. Ezekiel does this thoroughly; he prophesies much harder and far more than Jeremiah that Jerusalem shall be destroyed and the people perish, along with the king and princes. Yet he promises also that the captives shall return home to the land of Judah. This is the most important thing that Ezekiel did in his time; he deals with this matter down to chapter twenty-five.

After that, to chapter thirty-four, he extends his prophecy also to all the other lands round about, which the king of Babylon was to afflict. There follow in addition four chapters [34—37] on the spirit and kingdom of Christ, and after that on the last tyrant in Christ’s kingdom, Gog and Magog [38—39]. At the end Jerusalem is rebuilt, and Ezekiel encourages the people to believe that they shall go home again [40—48]. Yet in the Spirit he means the eternal city, the heavenly Jerusalem, of which the Apocalypse also speaks [Revelation 21].

Luther's Works, 35:283.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, May 2, 2024
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary),
F. Jackson, W. Krause, K. Vlot.

Elder absent: T. Muehl, B. Scott.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by continuing the reading of Article IV on justification from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on deaths, matters of health, and other issues of members and friends of Zion. He reported on progress with the junior and adult catechumens, as well as items of interest from LSUS, CLHS (including reaccreditation), and calls and vicarage placements of CTSFW students associated with Zion.

The elders considered Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting April 1, 2024, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by June 30, 2024." Pastor Punke still needs to work on a phone script for contacts with people who are absent from worship for four consecutive weeks.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2024, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." After the initial training offered in January and February of this year, further work on this goal remains on hold until September 2024.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: "The Council of Elders will work with all the other leaders of Zion to investigate the possibility of using *re:Vitality* as a program of institutional outreach at the church, deciding by July 31, 2024, whether to pursue its use." The elders had the opportunity to review the ninety-five questions on the CADDs (Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status) survey with a document made available electronically before the meeting. The elders considered that the questions of the survey would be a good way to assess the impressions of Zion's members (and others), and approved con-

tinuing to work with other leader groups of the church (ushers and Administrative Council) to get support for using the *re:Vitality* program at Zion.

The By-laws of the congregation require that the secretary of the congregation make various administrative manuals available to any member of the congregation upon request. The chairman asked the elders to discuss the advisability of providing electronic access to the various manuals and other administrative documents (such as the constitution and by-laws). The consensus of the elders was that the idea was reasonable and proper. The Communication Policy and Practices Committee will take this under advisement, and will provide the necessary details for implementation.

The meeting was concluded with the praying of Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur E. Litke, secretary



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:

Dakota	De'Lyn
Myava	Ny'Omee
Blay	Trashawn
Anastasia	Nycole
Krishawn	Kaylen
Avenly	Quantre
Sebastian	Nalayah
Nyomi	



PRAISE ROCKS!

Thank you to everyone who came out and watched our Musical, Praise Rocks! The musical followed the Middle School Music Showcase. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Ramsey and the kids worked really hard for weeks and put on an amazing show!



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.



When: Thursday, May 23rd
@ 8:15am
Where: LSUS Gymnasium



When: Sunday, May 19th @ 2pm
Where: Mt. Calvary

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

- Exodus 20:12



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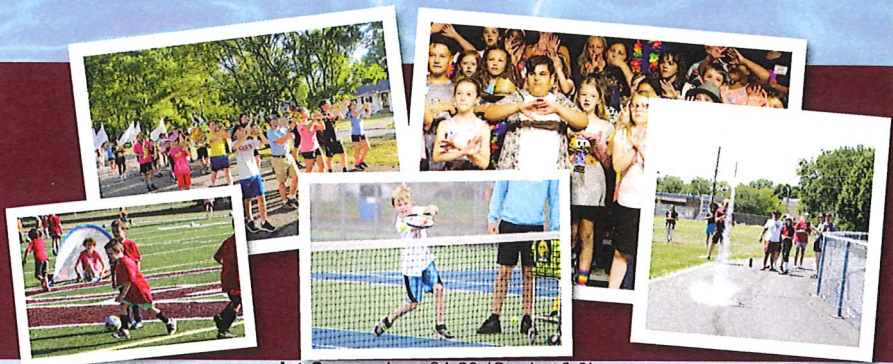




Summer Camps

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)