

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, July 14, 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.

Introit



[Antiphon] For your name's | sake, O Lord, || pre- | serve_ my_ | life_! || In your | right-
eous-ness || bring | my soul out of | •trouble•!

Verse 1: Hear my | •prayer•, O Lord; || give ear | to my pleas for | mer- cy! || In your
faithfulness answer me, in your | righ- teous- ness! || Enter not into judg-
ment with your servant, for no one living is | •righteous• be- fore_ | you.

Verse 2: Let me hear in the morning of your | stead-fast love, || for | in_ you I | trust_ . ||
Make me know the way | I should go, || for to you | I lift up my | soul.

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

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Kyrie



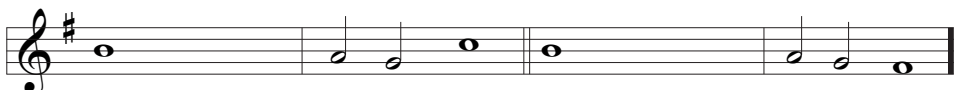
Gloria



1. *Glory be to God on high:* And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men
2. We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,
bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•



3. O Lord God, heav'n- ly King, God, the Fa- ther Al-___ •mighty•,
4. O Lord, the only- O Lord God,
begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son___ of the •Father•,



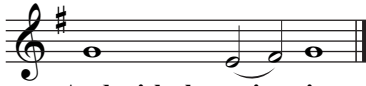
5. That takest away the . . sin •of the• world, have mercy up - - - - - on___ us.
6. Thou that takest
away the sin •of the• world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•
7. Thou that sittest at
the right hand of God the •Father•, have mercy up - - - - - on___ us.



8. For Thou •only• art •holy• Thou on - - - ly art the Lord.
9. Thou, only, O art most
Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father• A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: *O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 +

Old Testament Reading **Amos 7:7-15**

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

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 1:3-14**

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel **St. Mark 6:14-29**

[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!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day **Jesus, Priceless Treasure** **Burgundy Hymn 743**

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

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.

Common Preface, 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'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that
com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer**

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

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

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
 Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3
 have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns ... Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly... Burgundy Hymn 623

From God Can Nothing Move Me ... Burgundy Hymn 713

[All sing stanza 1; Women alone sing stanzas 2 & 4; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5;
 All sing stanzas 6 & 7; Rise for stanza 7.]

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

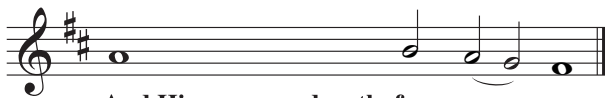
1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
 servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
 2. For mine__ eyes have seen
 Thy Salvation,
 which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.
 3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.
 4. Glo— ry__ be 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.



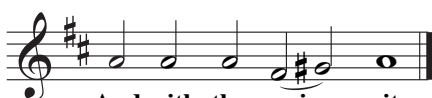
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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.

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 of Our Life Burgundy Hymn 659

Postlude

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Readings for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Epistle is Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in

Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel is Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Hymns for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Johann Franck

1. Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee, Naught I ask beside Thee.
2. In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunder crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.
- W 3. Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him, Silent bow before Him.
- M 5. Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.
6. Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

LSB623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Henry E. Jacobs

1. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

2. Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
3. By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
4. One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
5. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

LSB713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

Ludwig Hembold

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1. From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.
He stretches out His hand In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning Wherever I may stand.
- W 2. When those whom I regarded As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed, God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.
- M 3. The Lord my life arranges; Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes All sorrows into joy.
So let me then be still My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit According to His will
- W 4. Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure In Jesus Christ, His Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!

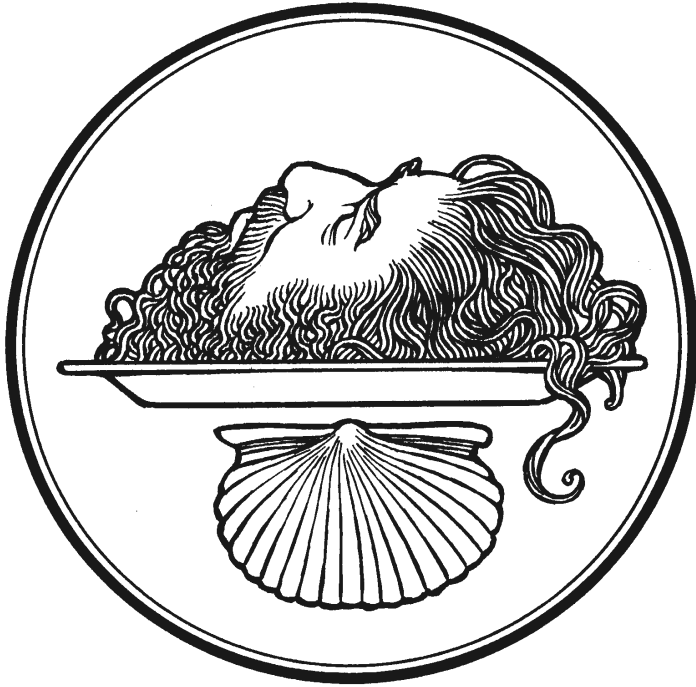
- M 5. Praise God with acclamation And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing That will forever last!
6. Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,
And though the day's grow rougher And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine, Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure, Forever shall be mine.
- △ 7. For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come, To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in One!

LSB659 Lord of Our Life

Matthäus Apelles von Löwenstern

1. Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of ev'ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.
2. See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,
O Lord, preserve us.
3. Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;
And in the day when hell itself assails us,
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
4. Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,
Peace in Your heaven.

The Eighth Sunday after 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)
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
- + 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 Estella Ramirez, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Amber Bahr, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jane Porter-Gresham, Jerry & Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, 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 Carolyn Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Willodean Bates at the death of her son Gregory Hogan
- + 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of Carolyn Wallschlaeger birthday by her family. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

July 14, 2024 thru July 20, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:45 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Bauer Hall
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

July 21, 2024

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall for now. We're doing a Lutheran Difference study on Worship. Dr. Voelz is on summer break and will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark in the fall. Sunday School is on summer break.

VOLUNTEERS: Do you like to work in the yard? If so, Zion needs you! The trustees need help to maintain Zion's flowerbeds and shrubs. If you can help, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

HELP: Bethlehem need help sorting for the Rummage sale – every Tuesday and Thursday 9 am-12 pm. Come when you can; leave when you must. Also, we need volunteers from Zion to help with this extra large rummage sale on September 26-28. If not sure if we are meeting, call the church office: 744-3229

SAVE THE DATE: we will be holding Congregational Assembly on July 28, right after church service. Please plan to attend the meeting.

TRAINING: Frank Jackson has a sign up sheet at the usher's corner for CPR & AED training. Please let him know what day works best for you. Let's get this done.

IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3: You can now give from you home computer or cell phone, anytime and anywhere. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to the church and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give by going to www.zionfw.org and click on the GIVE button. You can give as much as you want to and as many times as you want.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Galatians 2:20—"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Last week's verse was Colossians 3:16-17.

TO CREATE THE APPROPRIATE ESTATE PLAN requires the use of your personal attorney. However, for some, that prospect creates anxiety. Many worry about the cost of using an attorney. But keep in mind, you are seeking out professional advice governing many dollars. It is a good thing to pay for this professional advice to avoid difficulties in the future. To avoid spending unnecessary time with your attorney incurring higher than necessary expenses, being organized is essential. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you with this. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

RLNI: Have a passion for helping women choose life? On Thursday, July 18th, learn how to do Sidewalk Advocacy and save lives in Northeast Indiana. The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place at the Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am-Noon. You'll learn how peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly to approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This 3 hr introductory training will empower you to turn your passion into action. Call the RLNI office at 260-471-1849 or email rlni@ichooselife.org.

GRIEF SHARE: If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited and encouraged to register for the Grief Share program. Grief Share groups meet weekly to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Grief Share will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne in Room 1 on Tuesdays starting August 20, 2024 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the workbook. Please register by August 15 by contacting Rhonda in the church office at (260) 744-3228. This program is sponsored by the Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Mark 6:14-29

**The Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Amos 7:1-15

Galatians 3:23-4:11

Monday

Judges 15:1-16:3

Galatians 4:12-31

Tuesday

Judges 16:4-30

Galatians 5:1-26

Wednesday

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Galatians 6:1-18

Thursday

1 Samuel 1:21-2:17

Acts 15:22-41

Friday

1 Samuel 2:18-36

Acts 16:1-22

Saturday

1 Samuel 3:1-21

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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-44



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Persecution and Slaughter of the Prophets
15. *So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him, Bethel.*

The special fame of this place above others is to be noted. For now it is called Bethel a third time. But would this not produce false prophets and idolatry? Jeroboam, to be sure, abused this fame and shifted all the divine worship of religion to that place (1 Kings 12:29). For this reason Hosea and the prophets of his day had such great conflicts and difficulty in condemning and abolishing idolatry at Bethel. ... For the false prophets made objections to the godly priests and prophets, saying: "Why is it that you glory in the temple at Jerusalem? Read Genesis, and there you will find that God appeared to Jacob in this place and that therefore it was called בֵּית־אֵל [Bethel] and אֵל בֵּית־אֵל [El Bethel]." What more certain and more reliable argument could be advanced? It also seems an irrefutable argument. ...

This, then, was the occasion and cause for persecuting and slaughtering the godly teachers and prophets, as Amaziah reproaches Amos bitterly, saying (Amos 7:12-13): "Flee away to the land of Judah and eat bread there and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom," that is, it is the house of God which King Jeroboam founded.

But the true answer to these specious objections of the false prophets was this: "God spoke with the prophets at His own time and in His own places, but later He clearly said through Moses (Ex. 20:24): 'In every place where I cause My name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you,' not in any place you please — mountain, meadow, or river, but you should have regard for that place which the Lord has chosen."

Luther's Works, 6:264-5.



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The Academic Center

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Dear Congregation Members, Attendees, & Friends,

You may have read recently in the *Fort Wayne Lutheran* about the tremendous early success of our school's "**Power UP**" Campaign. Of the \$1,500,000 goal, we have already received approximately **\$775,000**, including gifts from The Lutheran Foundation, the Tippmann Foundation, and few lead individual gifts.

Now is the time to finish our goals! Please make a special effort to attend our annual meeting on **Sunday, July 28 after worship at 10:45 a.m.** as we will be sharing how you can be a part of the effort to improve the school with needed HVAC and lighting upgrades, including bringing air conditioning for the first time to Lutheran South Unity School. **Help the school continue to grow and teach the saving grace of Jesus Christ to over 200 students next year.**

We hope to see you on July 28!

Pastor Punke
Your Congregational Board
Mark & Dana Muehl, Campaign Co-Chairs



PRAY FOR Vicar Paul and Courtney Mroczenski

Vicar
Serving the Lord in Puerto Rico



Vicar Paul Mroczenski serves the Lord in Puerto Rico, where he is spending his vicarage before returning to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., to complete his fourth year of seminary. In this role, Paul serves under the supervision of the Rev. James Neuendorf, missionary to Puerto Rico. Paul's primary responsibility is to teach and preach at various churches and sites in both Spanish and English. Paul also assists with church planting and other evangelism and mercy work efforts.

Paul was born in Athens, Wis. After graduating from high school, Paul served as a volunteer for ten months in Baton Rouge, La., through the Lutheran Young

Adult Corps program (LYAC). He then earned his Bachelor of Arts in theological languages, with minors in philosophy and youth ministry, from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis. Paul enjoys fishing, ping pong, playing board games, and watching Wisconsin Badger basketball and football.

Courtney was born in Torrance, Calif., and calls Aurora, Co. home. After high school, she also served as a LYAC volunteer in New Orleans. She attended Colorado State University and studied social work. After college, she worked as a case manager at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, and as a memory care support specialist at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Facility in Fort Wayne. Courtney enjoys gardening and caring for house plants, reading, hiking and playing board games.

Please pray for the Mroczenski family as they serve in Puerto Rico. Pray that they may learn Spanish quickly and thoroughly. The Mroczenkis also have their first child on the way (due October 2024), so pray for a safe delivery and a healthy baby, as well as for peace and provision in the midst of moving to a new country with a new child. Pray that the Lord will bless Paul as he teaches and preaches God's Word, that all may come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

BIRTHDAYS: Paul — Sept. 22, Courtney — May 7

ANNIVERSARY: Jan. 1

HOME DISTRICT: North Wisconsin and Rocky Mountain



**Pray daily
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It's diaper drive time

FACTS: 1 in 2 U.S. families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their infant or child clean, dry, and healthy.

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on Sept 14th.

NEWBORN to 7 size diapers are needed.

Just bring your diapers to the church and place them into the bassinet.

Last day to bring diapers will be August 18th.

***Last year we gave away 10,620 diapers to the community**

**For more information contact
TruLaine Starks 260-615-1873**

LaToya's Story



LaToya came to Lutheran Social Services through LSSI Works. Like many of the participants in the program, she was tired of struggling day to day, just to get by. A single mom in recovery from substance use, she had worked so hard but felt like she couldn't get traction to anything more than merely "surviving."

While at LSSI Works, during a session about other supports LSSI offered, she learned about and expressed interest in Recovery Care. Almost immediately, she was enrolled in services to further support her addiction recovery as she began full-time employment and provided for her child's needs.



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During her time in both programs, LaToya established important connections within the recovery community that would help her continue to create her new sober lifestyle. She worked with staff to establish a wellness recovery plan that identified the triggers that previously would cause her to relapse and identify the tools she needed to maintain her recovery when life got difficult. Most importantly, LaToya learned of her own value and worth. She finally started to understand the life that she and her child could have with continued work and focus.

This summer, LaToya will celebrate one year of employment at General Motors. Her path to economic and family stability is much broader and stronger today than it ever has been!



In 2023, more than 5,000 people were impacted by LSSI Services. 83% of these families were at or below the federal poverty line. More than 2500 of these individuals impacted were children.

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- 84% of LSSI clients made progress toward economic stability
- 98% of families improved parenting skills
- 98% of program participants reported improved quality of life because of LSSI services.
- 96% of Recovery Care clients completed individualized goals related to understanding and maintaining their recovery
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