Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ...... Sunday, July 21, 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

## The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

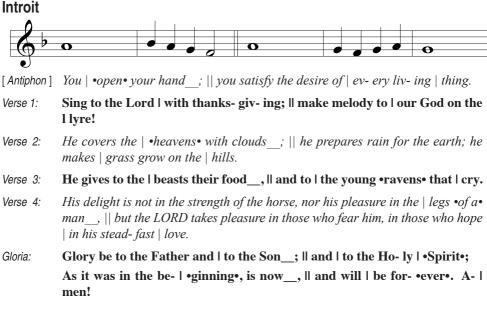
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

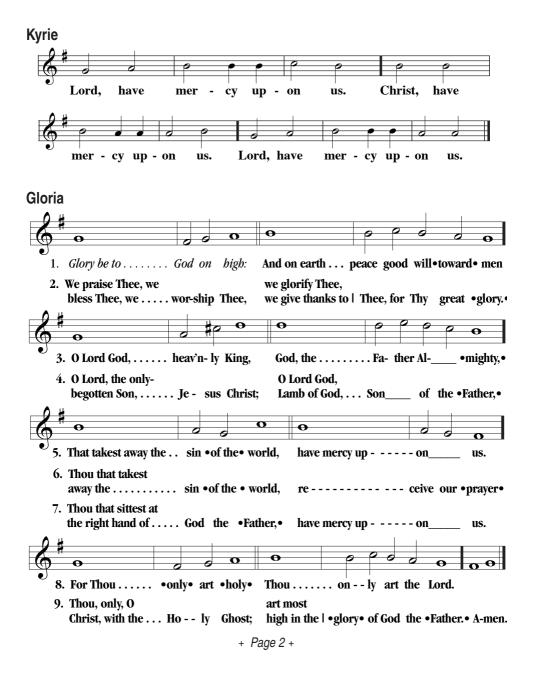
Our help is in the name of the Lord	Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord	And You forgave the
	iniquity of my sin.

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.



[Antiphon] You | •open• your hand\_; || you satisfy the desire of | ev- ery liv- ing | thing.



## Salutation



**Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:** *Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.* 



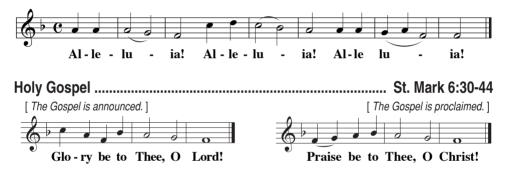
[ Be Seated ] + The Office of the Word of God +

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Epistle of the Day ...... Ephesians 2:11-22 [ After the reading ] This is the word of the Lord. ..... Thanks be to God. [ Rise ]

#### Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia!



### **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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen!

[ Be Seated ]

Hymn of the Day ...... The Church's One ..... Burgundy Hymn 644

# Sermon

#### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

[ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

#### Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



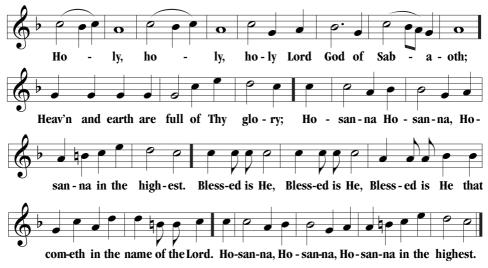
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

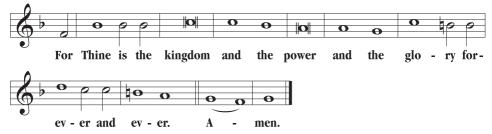
## **Common Preface, Sanctus**

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



### [Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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

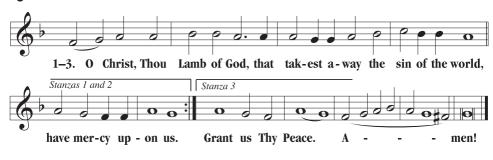


#### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



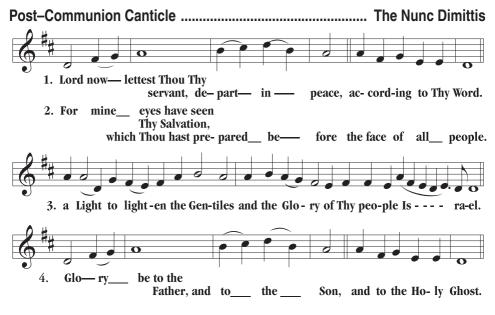
Agnus Dei



[ Be Seated ] Distribution Hymns ...... A Multitude Comes ..... Burgundy Hymn 510

Lord Jesus Christ ..... Burgundy Hymn 625

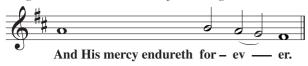
#### [ Rise ] Eucharistic Benediction





#### Post Communion Rite

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



**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ... now and forever.



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The Lord be with you.



# 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.



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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 Is Made ..... Burgundy Hymn 909

### Postlude

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## **Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

### The Epistle is Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands-remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### The Gospel is Mark 6:30-44

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men

# Hymns for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

# LSB644 The Church's One Foundation

#### Samuel J. Stone

- The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

# LSB510 A Multitude Comes

#### Magnus Brostrup Landstad

- A multitude comes from the east and the west To sit at the feast of salvation With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest, Obeying the Lord's invitation. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
- O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call In accents persuasive and tender, That while there is time we make haste, one and all, And find Him, our mighty Defender. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

- All trials shall be like a dream that is past, Forgotten all trouble and mourning. All questions and doubts have been answered at last, When rises the light of that morning. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
- 4. The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand Than ever on earth was recorded. The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand The crown to the victors awarded. Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

## LSB625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

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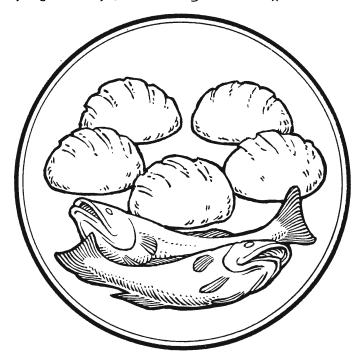
- Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving Bread, May I in grace possess You. Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You. Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored, Give me Your grace and mercy.
- To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me; Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me. Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.
- 3. O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition. Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily, Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4. I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me; In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me. In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously, O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

# LSB909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Latin c. 8<sup>th</sup> Century

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.
- 2. To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray; And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.

- 3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain; What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain; And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.
- $\triangle$  4. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one: One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



# Zion Hvangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

#### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

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

#### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

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

#### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM 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 fieldworker Matthew Harrison, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + 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 MaryLou Graham, Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Estella Ramirez, Connie Houser, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jerry Seifert, Jane Porter Gresham, 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, especially Kathy & Kerry Roudebush and Jason & Susie Kaiser
- + 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, including Willodean Bates
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Virginia Hollman
- + 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of Jason & Susie Kaiser by Dave and Janeen Kaiser. The Altar Vases are given in remembrance of Virginia Hollman by her husband Richard Hollman 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**

## July 21, 2024 thru July 27, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Vicar Paul Mroczenski presents	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
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FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
		July 28, 2024	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall

# **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class will conclude for the summer this Sunday with a presentation from Vicar Paul Mroczenski. Paul, Courtney, and baby Mroczenski will be headed to Puerto Rico soon to begin his vicarage. Please note the bulletin insert. He will make a short presentation today. We wish them Godspeed and many blessings on this two-year vicarage. Next Sunday is our Congregational Assembly with reports, elections, budget, and a "Power Up" presentation. Please plan to attend. Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark in the fall after our church renovations. Sunday School is on summer break.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kathy Schweikert (now Roudebush) and Kerry Roudebush, who were wedded yesterday.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Do you like to work in the yard? If so, Zion needs you! The trustees need help to maintain Zion's flower beds 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 9am-12pm. 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

**CPR TRAINING:** Don't forget to talk to Frank Jackson about this training which will begin soon.

**GIVING ONLINE is the NEW FRONTIER:** 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 <u>www.zionfw.org</u> 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:** Psalm 96:2—"Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." Last week's verse was Galatians 2:20.

**TO CREATE THE APPROPRIATE ESTATE PLAN** requires the use of your personal attorney. However, for some, that prospect creates anxiety. To take a first step toward working with your attorney, it is essential that you have specific goals about what you want to accomplish, identifying some of the more difficult issues associated with your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think about these goals for working with your attorney. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.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.

**EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL**, located in southwest Fort Wayne, is looking for a part-time (under 30 hours per week) Administrative Assistant to support the Pastor and Preschool Director in various office functions. Please submit a resume with relevant job experience to <u>revolsen@emmausfortwayne.org</u> or call the church office at 260-459-7722 for a full job description and salary details.

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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	DAILY LECTIONARY	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mark 6:30-44	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Acts 18:1-11, 23-28	Monday	1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16
Acts 19:1-22	Tuesday	1 Samuel 6:19-7:17
Acts 21:15-36	Wednesday	1 Samuel 8:1-22
Acts 21:37-22:16	Thursday	1 Samuel 9:1-27
Acts 22:17-29	Friday	1 Samuel 10:1-27
Acts 22:30-23:11	Saturday	1 Samuel 12:1-25

#### 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:

[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!

[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!

[Daily]

#### The Our Father

#### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Ephesians 3:14-21

Mark 6:45-56



# What Doctor Luther Says:

# About the Communication of Divine Attributes

[A]ll the prophets, all of Scripture, ascribing to Christ or the Messiah an everlasting kingdom, redemption from sin, death, and hell, oppose Eutyches [who taught a mingling of the human and divine natures], for they all say that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head, Genesis 3 [:15], that is, shall vanquish sin, death, devil, and hell; these too are *idiomata* [attributes] of divine nature and not of the woman's seed. And all the world is to be blessed through the seed of Abraham, Genesis 22 [:18], that is, sin, death, hell, the curse of God, are to be removed. These too are *idiomata*, not of Abraham's seed, but of divine nature. And later there followed the glorious and mighty prophecies of David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and all the other prophets declaring that David's seed shall establish eternal righteousness, that is, abolish sin, death, and hell [e.g., Jer. 23:5]. All of these are clearly idiomata of divine majesty and nature, yet are ascribed throughout Holy Scripture to the Son of David, Christ, the Son of the Virgin Mary. Even if I do not have this council or any proper understanding of it, I still have Scripture and a proper understanding of it.

Luther's Works, 41:119.



Stand SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL

# "POWER UP" CAMPAIGNS

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# Come Join us on July 28 (see reverse)



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.

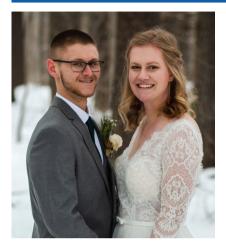
Now is the time to finish our goals! Please make a special effort to attend our annual meeting on Sunday, July 28 after worship at 10:45 a.m. as we will be sharing how you can be a part of the effort to improve the school with needed HVAC and lighting upgrades, including bringing air conditioning for 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 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 Mroczenskis 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 for Paul and

Courtney - and

how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit *lcms.org/mroczenski* 

Puerto

Rico

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# It's diaper drive time

# FACTS: The average age of potty-training completion is 3.5 years old.

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

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September 26-28, 2024

At Bethlehem Lutheran 3705 S. Anthony Blvd

Sale proceeds go to Lutheran South Unity School



Drop off new or gently-used items for sale to Bethlehem, Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm. Door 7 (Parking Lot, door by outside ramp). Ring Buzzer for entrance.



Help sort and price Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-12pm Prep: Sept 23-25th



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