

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, August 11, 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*

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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#### [ Rise ] **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!*

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*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.*

## Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *The eyes of all | look to you, || and you give them their food | in due sea-\_\_ | son. || You | •open• your hand; || you satisfy the desire of | ev'- ry liv- ing | thing.*

Verse 1: **Oh, taste and see that the | Lord is good! || Blesséd is the man who | takes\_\_ •refuge• in | him! || Oh, fear the Lord, | you his saints, || for those who | fear him have no | lack!**

Verse 2: *The young lions suffer | want and •hunger•; || but those who seek the | Lord lack no good | thing. || Come, O children, | •listen• to me; || I will teach you the | fear\_\_ of the | Lord.*

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

[Antiphon] **The eyes of all | look to you, || and you give them their food | in due sea-\_\_ | son. || You | •open• your hand; || you satisfy the desire of | ev'- ry liv- ing | thing.**

## 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 the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:** *Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the Bread of Life, may live in us and we in Him, 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** ..... 1 Kings 19:1-8  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... Thanks be to God.

**Epistle of the Day** ..... Ephesians 4:17-5:2  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... Thanks be to God.

[ Rise ]

**Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia!*

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

**Holy Gospel** ..... St. John 6:35-51

[ 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 ..... Lord, Enthroned ..... Burgundy Hymn 534

**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 Hymn ..... 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 - 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!*

A - men

**Agnus Dei**

[ Vs. 1 & 2 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[ Vs. 3 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns ..... O Living Bread from Heaven ... Burgundy Hymn 642**

**Soul, Adorn Yourself with..... Burgundy Hymn 636**

[ Sing stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8. Omit stanzas 5, 6, & 7. ]

[ Rise ] **Eucharistic Benediction**

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

**Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis**



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen- tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - ra- el.



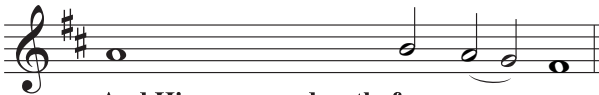
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it\_\_ was in the  
beginning, is  
now, and e- ver shall be, world with- out end. A- men.

**Post Communion Rite**

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



And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

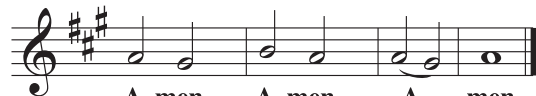
*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A - men, A - men, A - men.

*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 ..... Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus .... Burgundy Hymn 685**

**Postlude**

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

### **The Old Testament Reading is 1 Kings 19:1-8**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

### **The Epistle is Ephesians 4:17–5:2**

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the

occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **The Gospel is John 6:35-51**

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”



## Hymns for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB534 Lord, Enthroned in Heav'nly Splendor

George H. Bourne

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

### LSB642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Johann Rist

1. O Living Bread from heaven, How well You feed Your guest!  
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
2. My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.
4. Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
for with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.
3. He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.
4. Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
8. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,

Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

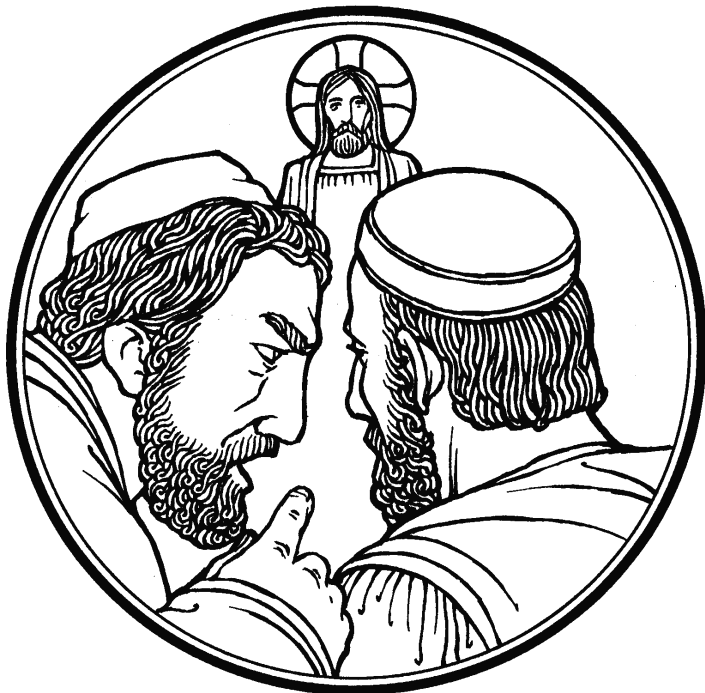
**LSB685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**Sigismund von Birken**

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1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

# The Twelfth 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:

Matthew Harrison

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))

Teachers:

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### 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 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 Carl Albersmeyer, MaryLou Graham, Estella Ramirez, Connie Houser, Kevin Leininger, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jerry & Elaine 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, including Celesta Kaiser
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Bill Bengs
- + 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of Celesta Kaiser's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by her grandparents Dave & Janeen Kaiser. The Altar Vases are given in honor of Bill Bengs, whose birthday is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, by his wife ClarAnn Bengs 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

### **August 11, 2024 thru August 17, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
		No Adult Bible Study	
<b>MON.</b>		No Jr. Catechesis today	
	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	10:30 AM	Book of Concord study	Bauer Hall
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>		No Private Confession	
		No Adult Catechesis	

### **August 18, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	No Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** No Adult Bible Class. We're on break until September. Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark then. Sunday School is on summer break, too.

**PASTOR PUNKE** is taking a midweek vacation this week. Thanks to Pastor Michael Bahr for covering Wednesday Divine Service and preaching duties on Sunday. No catechesis classes this week or private confession. Pastor will be back on Sunday to preside at the Divine Service.

**LSUS POWER UP:** Don't forget ... don't neglect to do your part in our school's capital campaign — Power Up. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge and contributing to the campaign that addresses vital needs for our students and teachers. If you don't have a pledge card, you can pick one up at Julie's Scrip table.

**ZION BEAUTIFICATION:** The timeline for Zion's beautification project will take 14 to 17 weeks. Beginning this fall will take us into Advent with its extensive decorating. Not good. Thus, we've decided to move the start of the project to the first of the year. Easter is late this year (April 20). Materials will already have been ordered and ready, and the work crews fully staffed, so we hope to have everything completed short of Holy Week (Lent and Holy Week have fewer decorating requirements than Advent).

**SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION.** Be mindful of kids, school zones, and school buses.

**FYI:** The City of Fort Wayne is having their Open Street event on August 18<sup>th</sup> meaning that Calhoun Street from Pontiac to Superior will be closed off starting at 8AM until 4PM. Please keep that in mind when driving to church.

**THE COOKBOOKS** have arrived and have been placed at Julie's table in the Great Hall. For \$17, you can take yours home today. This mouth-watering cookbook has 300 recipes from past and present members, everything from appetizers to desserts.

**DIAPER DRIVE:** We have reached 50% of our goal of 7500 diapers, but time is short to collect the needed amount of diapers for our event. Please contribute, as you are able. Thanks to everyone who has already contributed diapers.

**ATTENTION LADIES OF ZION:** Some of us are interested in getting involved again with the Lutheran Women's in Missionary League (LWML). If you are interested, please see DaVanna Seifert, Melvia Culpher or Yvonne Kirtz. Also, if you have a full Mite box, don't forget to exchange it for an empty one. A basket is on the round table in the Great Hall.

**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 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. Don't forget that you can drop off items Mon-Fri 9-3 at door #7.

**GIVING ONLINE:** 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 phone or computer by going to [www.zionfw.org](http://www.zionfw.org) and click on the GIVE button. You can give as much as you want and as many times as you want.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** John 6:40—"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." Last week's verse was Romans 15:13.

**WORKING THROUGH THE GIFT PLANNING PROCESS** offers a solution for today's snapshot in time but creates a partnership for adjusting your plan as time changes. Over time your financial assets can dramatically change or be invested in new things. Making sure your estate plan maintains connection with current assets is a normal step of maintenance to take to make sure your plan is solid. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider these connections. For assistance here in the Indiana District, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfn.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfn.org).

**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**

John 6:35-51

**The Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:1-8

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Monday

1 Samuel 28:3-25

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Tuesday

1 Samuel 31:1-13

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Wednesday

2 Samuel 1:1-27

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Thursday

2 Samuel 5:1-25

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Friday

2 Samuel 6:1-19

1 Corinthians 9:1-23

Saturday

2 Samuel 7:1-17

**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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverb 9:1-10

Ephesians 5:6-21

John 6:51-69



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About God's Gifts, There for Sinners Great and Small*

Luke testifies in Acts 15:39 that there was such sharp disagreement between Paul and Barnabas, who had been set aside for the ministry of the Gospel among the Gentiles and had traveled through many areas and announced the Gospel to them, that they parted company. Here there was a fault either in Paul or in Barnabas; it must have been a very sharp disagreement to separate such close companions, and this is what the text suggests. Such examples are written for our comfort. For it is a great comfort for us to hear that even such great saints sin — a comfort which those who say that saints cannot sin would take away from us.

Samson, David, and many other celebrated men who were full of the Holy Spirit fell into huge sins. Job (3:3 ff.) and Jeremiah (20:14) curse the day of their birth; Elijah (1 Kings 19:4) and Jonah (4:8) are tired of life and pray for death. Such errors and sins of the saints are set forth in order that those who are troubled and desperate may find comfort and that those who are proud may be afraid. No man has ever fallen so grievously that he could not have stood up again. On the other hand, no one has such a sure footing that he cannot fall. If Peter fell, I, too, may fall; if he stood up again, so can I.

Those whose consciences are weak and tender should set great store by such examples, in order that they may understand better what they are praying when they say: "Forgive us, etc.," or "I believe in the forgiveness of sins," in which the apostles and all the saints believed. They prayed the Our Father just as we do. The apostles were not superior to us in anything except in their apostolic office. We have the same gifts that they had, namely, the same Christ, Baptism, Word, and forgiveness of sins. They needed all this no less than we do; they were sanctified and saved by all this just as we are.

*Luther's Works*, 26:108-9.





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## **It's diaper drive time**

**FACTS: A baby uses 10 or more diapers per day.**

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**



**Bethlehem**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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**Rummage Sale**

**September 26-28, 2024**

**At Bethlehem Lutheran**  
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Sale proceeds go  
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Drop off new or gently-used items for  
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Door 7 (Parking Lot, door by outside  
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