

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, August 18, 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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *The fear of the LORD is the be- | •ginning• of wisdom; || all those who practice it have a | good__ un- der- | stand- ing. || His praise en- | dures for- •ever•! || ... | Praise__ the__ | LORD!*

Verse 1: **I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart, || in the company of the upright, | in the con- gre- | ga- tion. || Great are the works | of the LORD, || studied by all | who de- light in | them.**

Verse 2: *Full of splendor and majesty | is his work, || and his righteous- | ness en- dures for- | ev- er. || He has caused his wondrous works to | be re- •membered•; || the LORD is | •gracious• and mer- ci- | ful.*

Verse 3: **He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his cove- | nant for- •ever•. || He sent re- | demp- tion to his | peo- ple; || he has commanded his cove- | nant for- •ever•. || Holy and | awe- some is his | name!**

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



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 - might - y.



O Lord, the on-ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
 on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through 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..... **Proverbs 9:1-10**

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

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 5:6-21**

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. John 6:51-69**

[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

[Be Seated] Hymn of the Day .. O God, My Faithful God ... Burgundy Hymn 696
[All sing stanza 1; Men alone sing stanzas 2 & 4; Women alone sing stanzas 3 & 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] OffertoryCreate in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir-it. We lift _ them up un - to _ the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet _ and right so _ to do. _

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 Thee We Adore Burgundy Hymn 640

[Soloist sings stanza 1; All sing stanza 2; Soloist sings stanza 3; All sing stanzas 4 and 5.]

Let Me Be Thine Forever Burgundy Hymn 689

[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.



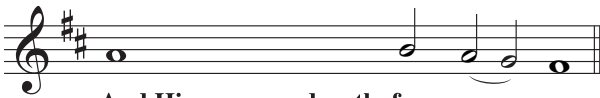
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.



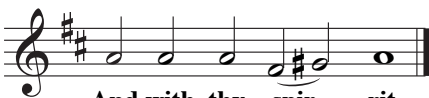
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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 I Know My Faith Is Founded Burgundy Hymn 587 Postlude

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Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Proverbs 9:1-10

Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

The Epistle is Ephesians 5:6-21

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do

not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The Gospel is John 6:51-69

[Jesus said,] “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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Hymns for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB696 O God, my faithful God

Johann Heermann

1. O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.
- M2. Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.
- W3. Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.
- M4. Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.
- W5. Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;
And let my body have A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
6. And on that final day When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

LSB640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

Thomas Aquinas

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- Solo 1. Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,
Who in Thy Sacrament art please to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
2. In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,
Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:
O, may our souls forever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

- Solo 3. Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,
Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food;
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
4. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
5. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.

LSB689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

Nicolaus Selnecker, st. 1
Gesang-Büchlein, Rudolstadt, sts. 2-3

1. Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.
2. Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, O make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.
3. O Thou, O Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.
Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

LSB587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Erdmann Neumeister

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;

And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.

3. In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Zion Evangelical 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:

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)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),

Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), Abbey Kohler (4th),

Tiffany Scheurich (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st), Rachel Wiegman (K-A),

Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),

Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Gary Arrington (PE, AD)

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
- + 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 Ora & Alonzo Edmonds
- + 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given by Carl & Rosie Albersmeyer in praise of the Lord. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Ora & Alonzo Edmonds by Frank & Alanza Jackson. 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 18, 2024 thru August 24, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	5:00 PM	Back to School Night	LSUS
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

August 25, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Church Picnic	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: No Adult Bible Class. We're on break until September 8 when Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark. Sunday School is on summer break, too.

THANKS to Rev. Mike Bahr for serving at the Divine Service last Wednesday when Pastor Punke was on vacation, and thanks to him for preaching today.

CHURCH PICNIC will be NEXT Sunday August 25 here at Zion inside of Bauer Hall right after church service. Meat & drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. If you bring a hot dish before service, that is fine. We can reheat it for you. If you have any questions, please ask Michael H. or Melvia.

THE COOKBOOKS are 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.

SIGN UP: 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 23-28 Melvia has a sign up sheet to help guide you to a date and time or call the church office: 744-3229. Don't forget that you can drop off items Mon-Fri 9-3 at door #7.

DIAPER DRIVE: We have only reached 70% of our goal of 7500 diapers. We have 2 weeks to reach our goal. Please contribute, as you are able. Thanks to everyone who has already contributed diapers. Trulaine will then need help bagging the diapers for this event on September 13th at noon.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML): Some of us women are interested in getting involved again with the LWML. If you are interested, please see DaVanna, Melvia or Yvonne. There will be a short meeting after service on September 8th in the conference room. 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.

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 and click on the GIVE button. You can give as much as you want and as many times as you want.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Romans 10:17—"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Last week's verse was John 6:40.

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. Certain times such as retirement, when financial assets are often reallocated, or the passing of the first spouse, when accounts are renamed into the name of the surviving spouse, it is crucial to make sure that these actions line up with the plan you have put in place before. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist. For assistance here in the Indiana District, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfn.org

CLHS: Listen and sing with the uplifting hymns from Getty Music during a special concert at 7 PM October 28 at Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 St. Joe River Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind. Hymn-writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, and special guests, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, are bringing their Fall Tour to Fort Wayne for one unique night. All proceeds will be used to support the identification and the nurture of current and future leaders of congregational singing. Tickets are now on sale at gettymusic.com/tour. Tickets range from \$20-\$45 with floor and bleacher seating available.

CAMP LUTHERANHAVEN: prepare for the fall and winter seasons at their Fall Workday October 5th. Bring your family, youth groups, men's/women's groups, and any other servant workers. For those here for the optional Friday overnight, the program starts at 7:30 pm. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday, Camp welcomes additional day helpers, and everyone gets started. All meals, cabin lodging, and children's programs are FREE as a thank you for your time and hard work! Find out more information soon and register at Lutherhaven.org.

EMMAUS LUTHERAN needs a Full-time Church and Preschool Administrative Assistant Position, and part-time afternoon assistant Emmaus Lutheran Preschool to work from 11:30-3:30 Monday-Friday. For information please email jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org or call 260-459-7722. They also need part-time kitchen help for the 2024-2025 school year; contact Candy at 260-348-9655 for info.

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Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

John 6:51-69

**The Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Proverb 9:1-10

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Monday

2 Samuel 11:1-27

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Tuesday

2 Samuel 12:1-25

1 Corinthians 12:14-31

Wednesday

1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Thursday

1 Kings 2:1-27

2 Corinthians 1:1-22

Friday

1 Kings 3:1-15

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17

Saturday

1 Kings 5:1-18

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 29:11-19

Ephesians 5:22-33

Mark 7:1-13



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Highest Wisdom, the Fear of God

Moses is telling us [in Ps. 90:12], as it were: “This life is of such a nature that it does not permit us to stand idly by and do nothing. It rather compels us to move about, that is, to be actively engaged either in the home or in community affairs.” Therefore he is really saying: “God, grant us grace that we may wisely meet our responsibilities, that is, that we may perform them in humility and in Thy fear, ever mindful that because of our sin we are subject to Thy wrath.”

We do not belong to society’s dregs, who neither know the truth nor are really concerned about life and death, who only feed their bellies and seek recognition and power. These people go about their tasks in utter contempt of an incensed God. They are concerned neither about His grace nor about His wrath, and so they spend their lives in indescribable folly and stupor.

Therefore, O God, preserve us in the wisdom Thou hast taught us, that is, preserve us in Thy fear. For the “beginning of wisdom” (Prov. 9:10), or the highest wisdom, is the “fear of God,” to know God’s wrath and, as a result, to live and to perform everything we do with humble hearts.

Scripture thus exalts the fear of God. It impresses on men so to live that they fear God’s wrath at all times and feel that they have merited death. This is the first element of salvation, when, because of sin, we see no deliverance. This is the highest wisdom: to go about our tasks in full awareness of God’s wrath. In this way we are made ready, like the earth for the plow, to receive the divine seed, the fruit of which is eternal life.

Luther’s Works, 13:129-30.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, August 1, 2024
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

(Note: there was no meeting of the council held in July.)

Attendance:

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

Elder absent: T. Muehl.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

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

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on deaths, matters of health, and other issues of members and friends of Zion, as well as activities at LSUS and CLHS (both about ready to begin their new school years). Pastor reported that he had examined Jaxon Meyer, who had been catechized at Emmaus Lutheran Church, in preparation for confirming him on August 4. The three junior confirmands (Kendall Burkhart, Nevaeh Holiday, and Braelyn Scott) are nearing the completion of their catechesis, and will soon be ready for examination and confirmation.

The elders considered Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting July 1, 2024, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by September 30, 2024." The elders updated the goal to cover the current quarter of the calendar year; and Pastor Punke presented his telephone script for contacting members who had missed four consecutive weeks of worship. The elders should be able to start using this to contact members starting next month.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2024, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." This goal is on hold until September 2024.

The elders took a renewed look at Pillar 2, Goal #3: "Starting October 1, Zion will have a quarterly non-Communion worship service (elders determine strategies, timetable, location, etc.)."

The elders took into the consideration a suggestion made in the Aspirational Targets document to consider refocusing the goal on a “seeker Bible study.” The elders considered that this would be a possibility for providing an entry point for prospective members and new members. The elders changed the goal to read: “By the end of 2024, Zion will develop a seeker Bible study for interested nonmembers and new members.” Since the goal now relates to Bible studies, the goal was reassigned to the Education Council.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: “The Council of Elders will work with all the other leaders of Zion to investigate the possibility of using *re:Vitality* as a program of institutional outreach at the church, deciding by July 31, 2024, whether to pursue its use.” The elders and the Administrative council have decided to move forward with this goal. The elders will work with the Stewardship Committee to include the assessment tool, the first part of the *re:Vitality* program, with the stewardship drive in the fall.

The council began reviewing the manual for the Pastoral Support and Assistance Committee, but did not finish.

Frank Jackson reported that training for those interested in AED and CPR training is in the process of being worked out.

Elections for officers of the Council of Elders was held. Richard Lammert was elected as chairman, and Art Litke was elected as secretary.

The meeting was concluded with the Apostolic Blessing by Pastor Punke.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur E. Litke, secretary

Harrison letter to CUWAA Board of Regents

reporter.lcms.org/2024/harrison-letter-to-cuwaa-board-of-regents

August 15, 2024



On June 5, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison wrote a pastoral letter to the Board of Regents of Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor (CUWAA). The full text of the letter is now being made publicly available.

Commemoration of Boniface of Mainz, *Missionary to the Germans*, A.D. 2024

June 5, 2024

Dear Regents,

Grace and peace in Jesus.

I want to share a few thoughts as you move forward with the challenges of the Ann Arbor (AA) question. Forgive the lack of formality in this missive. I'm in Iowa tending to my elderly parents this week.

First, I am totally sympathetic to the Michigan District's shock and concern over the future of the Ann Arbor campus. To be informed that an institution with record enrollment is not viable as currently constituted was a terrible and disappointing revelation. Their skepticism is completely understandable. And to be fair, the rollout of the information could have been done differently. But these are matters of the law, and such matters can always be critiqued. None of us is Jesus.

Second, I had our CFO evaluate the numbers, in consultation with some of the best financial minds in the CUS system. He concluded that the financial challenge to both institutions is very real, and strong measures are required to guarantee the future.

Third, I recognize after speaking at some length with Dr. Ankerberg that there are philosophical issues/differences on the nature of sustainable Lutheran education at AA.

Fourth, I acknowledge that CUW/AA leadership have been sorely and publicly slandered in a way that caused deep pain and offense. And most of that slander has, honorably, remained unanswered.

Fifth, in spite of all this, it is my continued plea that AA not be closed, that as many programs as possible be retained at the AA campus, and that the campus be maintained, looking toward future growth. This has been my consistent plea with CUW/AA leadership.

I have tried not to meddle. I did seek a consultation with Concordia, St. Paul, but with the approval of Dr. Ankerberg. I know that the responsibilities in this matter are squarely in the hands of the Board of Regents.

It is my sincere prayer that in this challenging situation the Lord will bless in a way that is finally a great benefit to CUW/AA and our beloved Michigan District, which is so vital and important to the life of the Synod.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



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