

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, September 1, 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] *Wash me thoroughly from my in- | i- qui- ty, || and | cleanse me from my | sin__ !
|| Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; || wash me, and I shall be | whit-
__ er than | snow.*

Verse 1: **Hide your face | from my sins, || and blot out all | my in- i- qui- | ties__ . ||
Create in me a clean | heart, O God, || and renew a right | spir- it with- in |
me.**

Verse 2: *Cast me not away from your | pre__ sence, || and take not your | Ho- ly Spir- it
| from me. || Restore to me the joy of your sal- | va__ tion, || and uphold me
with a | will- ing spir-__ | it.*

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!**

[Antiphon] **Wash me thoroughly from my in- | i- qui- ty, || and | cleanse me from my |
sin__ ! || Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; || wash me, and I shall
be | whit-__ er than | snow.**

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



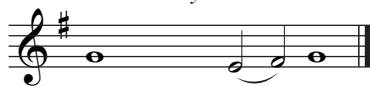
world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the



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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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..... **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**
 [After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 6:10-20**
 [After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

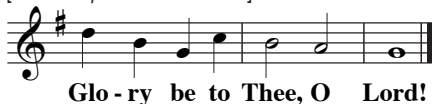
[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Alleluia!*



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

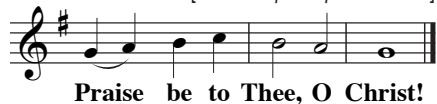
Holy Gospel **St. Mark 7:14-23**

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right

hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day By Grace I'm Saved Burgundy Hymn 566

Sermon

Installation of Officers

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] **Offerings, Voluntary**

[Rise] **Offertory Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

Common Preface, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___
 Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - 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 Oh, That the Lord **Burgundy Hymn 707**

In Adam We Have All Been One **Burgundy Hymn 569**

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

[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.



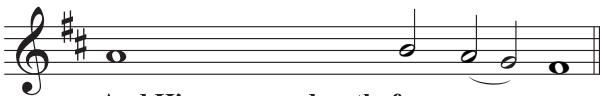
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast Burgundy Hymn 655

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ...

“Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

The Epistle is Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Gospel is Mark 7:14-23

[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Hymns for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB566 By Grace I'm Saved

Christian Ludwig Scheidt

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain;
By grace you too will life obtain.
2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
3. By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
4. By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace--grace through His Son.
5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

LSB707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Isaac Watts

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in Thy commands—'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

LSB569 In Adam We Have All Been One

Martin Franzmann

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1. In Adam we have all been one, One in rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice That sought us as we ran.
- M 2. We fled Thee and, in losing Thee, We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own; Each man his brother slew.
- W 3. But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd's voice And, hearing Him, be one.
- M 4. O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind, O hear us when we call.
- W 5. Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth; Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, To make us one in Thee.
- Δ 6. Then shall our song united rise To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore And Spirit Thou art one.

LSB655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

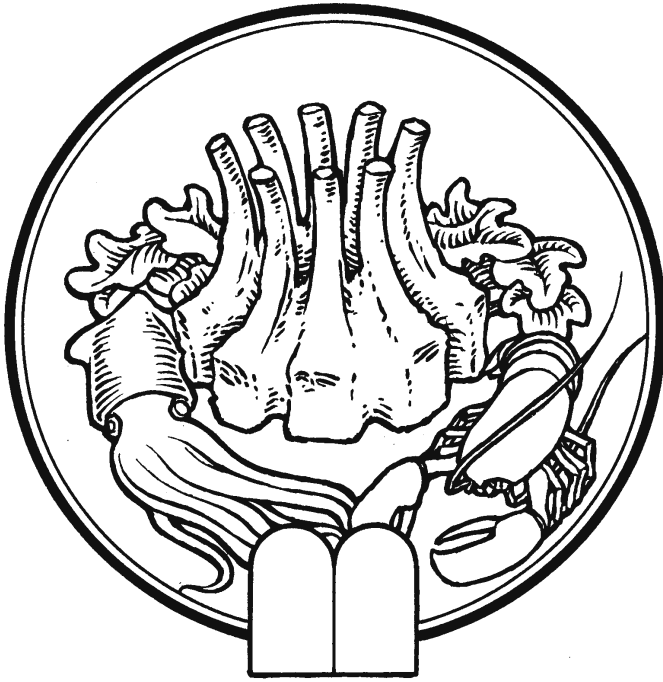
Martin Luther

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;

Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

The Fifteenth 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 Fink (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, Richard Lammert, Darryl Kirtz, Estella Ramirez, Connie Houser, MaryLou Graham, 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, Elizabeth Lindsay, 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
- + 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given by Pastor & Marge Punke in remembrance of all who labor and are burdened under cross and trial, and those persecuted for the sake of Christ, yet who find their rest in Him. 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

September 1, 2024 thru September 7, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
		Adult Bible Study starts back up next Sunday	
MON.		Labor Day — Office closed	
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

September 8, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	LWML Quick Meeting	Conference Room

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.

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. Please respond by August 31.

CONGRATULATIONS to William Schweikert for finishing his Bachelor's degree at the University of St. Francis. Praise be to God.

RLNI: The 27th Annual Fall Banquet is being held October 14 at Allen County Memorial Coliseum. Doors open at 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$50.00/person and \$400.00 for a table of eight. Can we fill a Zion table? Maybe two? Let Melvia know (office@zionfw.org). Jim Caviezel (Jesus in Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*) is the keynote speaker. Parking at the Coliseum included for all guests. Visit www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Fall Campaign is Sep. 25th – Nov. 3rd. Thanks again to Laikyn and Rachel Muehl for leading our participation. They have chosen Monday, October 14 (same night as the RLNI banquet) for our day to pray. There will be more information available soon.

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.

CAN YOU HELP? Sorting for the Rummage sale is every Tues. and Thurs. 9am-12pm. Come and go as needed. Also, we need volunteers from Zion to help with the sale itself on Sep. 23-28. Melvia has a sign up sheet. See her or call the church office: 744-1389. You can drop off items Mon-Fri 9-3 at door #7. The last day for drop offs is Sep 19th.

DIAPER DRIVE: Thanks to everyone who has contributed diapers. TruLaine & Melvia need help on September 13th at noon, bagging the diapers for the September 14th giveaway. If you can help, please let them know.

LWML: There will be a short meeting after Divine Service on September 8th in the conference room. 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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Psalm 73:25-26—"Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Last week's verse was Acts 4:12.

CTSFW will open its 179th academic year with a special service next Sunday, September 8, at 3 p.m. (EDT) in Kramer Chapel. The service, which will be livestreamed, will include the installation of the Rev. Dr. Jon S. Bruss as CTSFW's seventeenth president.

THE GIFT PLANNING PROCESS of an estate plan requires multi-channel communication. The communication begins with your spouse if you are married. It is essential that both spouses buy into the whole process, expressing their wishes and becoming educated so that the plan can stay in place over many years. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor uses a special survey incorporating wishes from both spouses into a final design, even if one spouse ordinarily avoids involvement in financial affairs. To get started in the Indiana District, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

WORSHIP ANEW needs some camera operators for its pastor and choir productions. If you are interested, please contact us at info@worshipanew.org or (888) 286-8002.

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

For the family of God’s Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Mark 7:14-23

**The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ephesians 2:1-22

Monday

1 Kings 18:20-40

Ephesians 3:1-21

Tuesday

1 Kings 19:1-21

Ephesians 4:1-24

Wednesday

2 Kings 2:1-18

Ephesians 4:25–5:14

Thursday

2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7

Ephesians 5:15-33

Friday

2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37

Ephesians 6:1-24

Saturday

2 Kings 4:38–5:8

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Mark 7:24-37



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Trusting God's Word, not Fallen Reason

2. *You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it.*

Before Moses establishes or teaches anything, he first of all sees to it that it be kept unaltered and untouched, lest anything be added or removed. In one short expression this passage condemns all human laws, and it decrees that in a matter of conscience nothing but the Law and Word of God is valid. ...

Unless, therefore, God reveals His Law, by which He makes His will known to us (Ps. 103:7), there remains only that saying of ours: "Every man is a liar; every man, vanity" and Is. 55:9: "Just as the heavens are above the earth, so are My ways above your ways." Hence that argument of the scholastics about free will is most foolish: "I have the freedom to govern a cow or to throw away money; therefore I have the freedom to do what pleases God and to serve Him." [Note: During 1525 Luther composed his treatise *On the Bondage of the Will* against Erasmus, and he was therefore giving much of his attention to this issue. (p. 23)] But that is the same as if you said: "I can tread on the earth with my feet and walk on the earth; therefore I can also go into the heaven and walk on the clouds." Indeed, from his creation man has free knowledge and power to rule and deal with those lesser than himself. But to govern himself and to do what pleases his superior, he neither knows nor is capable of. There free will ends; there he is necessarily blind, powerless, yes, dead and condemned. Therefore one should not be presumptuous here or choose what to do; but one should lean only and solely on the Word of God, neither adding nor subtracting anything. Hence where a man is not altogether certain that the Word of God is present, there he should not go at all; where he is certain that the Word of God is present, he should not draw back. This is such necessary counsel!

Luther's Works, 9:50-1.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Habe	Sierra
Grayson	Ja'veah
Artez	Marion
Angela	Kendall
Trevion	Maiya



Back-To-School Night

We had our Back-To-School night Wednesday, August 21st! It was a great success! We changed things up a little bit this year and had everyone gather for fellowship time in the back playground instead of meeting in classrooms. Everyone enjoyed mingling with other families, faculty, and staff.

Mt. Olympus Toy Store (LSUS family owned) donated the services of A Balloon Above known for their wonderful balloon art! We also had Kona Ice providing delicious frozen treats at a discounted price!



KONA ICE.



Support one of our LSUS family's small businesses!



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2829 Broadway Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Closed Monday-Tuesday

Wednesday-Friday 12pm-7pm

Saturday 12pm-8pm

Sunday 12pm-5pm

Encouragement Found in Scriptures & our theme:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. —Joshua 1:9



Concordia Lutheran High School has completed the schematic design phase for a comprehensive renovation of our campus which may be occurring as early as 2025. Our high school is moving forward to the next planning phase of a fully renovated academic wing and auditorium. We invite you to attend one of three special town hall meetings to learn more about our plans and answer your questions.

Three options are available to accommodate various schedules:
Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 PM - CLHS Auditorium
Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM EST - Virtual meeting via Zoom
Sunday, September 15, 4:00 PM - CLHS Auditorium

Scan the attached QR Code to register for one of the town hall meetings.



STRIDES OF HOPE



CELEBRATING
40 YEARS

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 4:4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 | 9AM-12PM



Conklin Pavilion at Shoaff Park

Check-in begins at 8:30

**Enjoy donuts & coffee before we begin the walk and
cool off with a snow cone afterwards!**

**Everyone who attends gets a T-shirt and is eligible to enter a
drawing for prizes!**

Top fundraisers and teams will earn prizes as well!

**This family-friendly event features a bounce house, face
painting, and prize drawing just for kids!!!**

Visit [AHCfriends.org](https://www.AHCfriends.org) to register!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 plastic soap box holder | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 nail clipper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord |

ASSEMBLY

1. Lay out the towel on a flat surface.
2. Fold over about 5" on each long side.
3. Place the rest of the items in the center under the folds.
4. Roll up the towel.
5. Use ribbon or cord to tie the towel together in the middle.

PLEASE NOTE

- Dark colored linens are recommended.
- We recommend leaving contents in the original packaging, but it is not required.
- No additions, deletions, or substitutions.
- Do not add money, photos, or personal notes.
- Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols.
- Pack only new or gently used items.
- Do not include plastic bags.
- It costs an average of \$11 to ship each box of kits. Please consider a donation to your local OGT branch to help with shipping.

Although well-meaning variations are tempting, please do not do this. It may result in heavy fines and/or the entire shipment being confiscated by customs officials.



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Thank you for making a difference in these children's lives. Your love of your Savior, Jesus Christ, is sent with each kit packaged. May God continue to bless your life as you serve Him.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL DIAPER GIVE-A-WAY



**Saturday, September 14, 2024
12 NOON until 3PM
2313 S. Hanna St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46803**

**All are welcome to pick up diapers, wet wipes and
other give-a-ways.**

**It's a first come first serve basis
while supplies last. Newborn to size 7
diapers along with pull-ups.**

**For more information please call the church at
260-744-1389**



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**STAINED GLASS
WINDOW DEDICATION
2 PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

Worship Anew, 5 Martin Luther Drive,
Fort Wayne, Ind. 46825

All are welcome as we dedicate the windows
from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Program will begin at 2 PM.

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Multi-church
Rummage Sale

September 26-28, 2024

Bethlehem Lutheran
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Sale proceeds
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South Unity
School

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Event for
updates



Thurs 9/26

9am-7pm

Fri 9/27

9am-4pm

Sat 9/28

9am-12pm



Bethlehem Office:
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LIFE NEWS—SEPTEMBER 2024



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Life Newsbytes

A statement: Surrogate pregnancy is gaining popularity. The process promises to equalize access to childrearing. Couples experiencing infertility, same-sex and transgender couples, and even individuals can now raise their genetically related offspring when the natural processes do not work. Laboratory technology has captured the power to make life and give kids. Of course, children always embody blessings from heaven. Even the desire for them comes from Almighty God. And He grieves infertility, as do His people, alongside everyone who suffers it. But surrogacy involves a lot of ethical concerns. It operates outside the Heavenly Father's design for sexuality and procreation. It requires either adultery or in vitro fertilization and thus endangers the physical survival and psychological welfare of the little ones. Its financial considerations and exchanges invite corruption of sacred relationships. It appears above all to prioritize adult preferences ahead of children's benefit. For these reasons, and motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, LFL's Board of Directors is offering a position statement and prays it will guide and persuade consciences to proclaim and practice the sanctity of every human life so that all may receive what our Lord and Savior promises.

Read more: lutheransforlife.org/article/a-statement-on-surrogacy

Speaking up For Life

"We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God's holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers." *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"*

"No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life*

"Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*



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2024 Regional Conference Update

By Erika Peterson, Events Coordinator

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:4-5).

There is such hope in the Gospel message! With three regional conferences taking place this fall—under the theme **Life Shines in Darkness**—we’ll be able to draw near to folks across the nation to share the Gospel of Life.

REGISTER TODAY!

The first conference takes place on **September 14** in the outskirts of Hartford, **Connecticut**, in Bristol, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rev. Evan McClanahan, author of our recently released biblical manhood resource, will present at all three conferences, presenting on the same subject. Our very own Rev. Scott Licht will share on the Gospel of Life among widows and orphans in India; our National Director of Y4Life, Michelle Bauman, will present on raising life-affirming kids; and Rev. Michael Salemink, our Executive Director, will also share the For Life message.

On **October 12**, at Hope Lutheran in Shawnee, **Kansas**, in the Kansas City Metro area, we’ll hear again from Rev. McClanahan. As a complement to his presentation on biblical manhood, Deaconess Rose Adle of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne will present on Christian womanhood. Our Director of Volunteer Relations, Virginia Flo, will facilitate a panel with local Life Teams sharing their inspiring work. And wrapping up the conference, Rev. Dr. James Lamb, formerly of LFL and Lutheran Family Service, will shed light on Christian citizenship, especially in light of this election year.



Finally, rounding out the conferences on **November 9**, we will be in Winter Garden, **Florida**, just outside Orlando at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. In addition to Rev. McClanahan and Rev. Licht presenting, we will also hear from the founder and owner of Skoog Dementia Support, Teri Skoog, on caring for those with dementia; and on the heels of our election day, author and current Vice President of External and Government Relations at Focus on the Family, Tim Goeglein, will share his thoughts on faith in the halls of power, exploring what is next for America in the Pro-Life movement.

We hope you will be able to join us at one or more of these conferences to be encouraged and equipped to continue on your Gospel-motivated For Life journey. For additional information on each conference, or to register, visit lutheransforlife.org/conferences or snap a photo of the QR code.



Special Note: Go to the conferences webpage to find out about a free Conference for Life on Friday, October 11, in Shawnee and about childcare at all three conferences.

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