Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, October 13, 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 \bigstar *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]

<i>Our help is in the name of the Lord</i>	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.

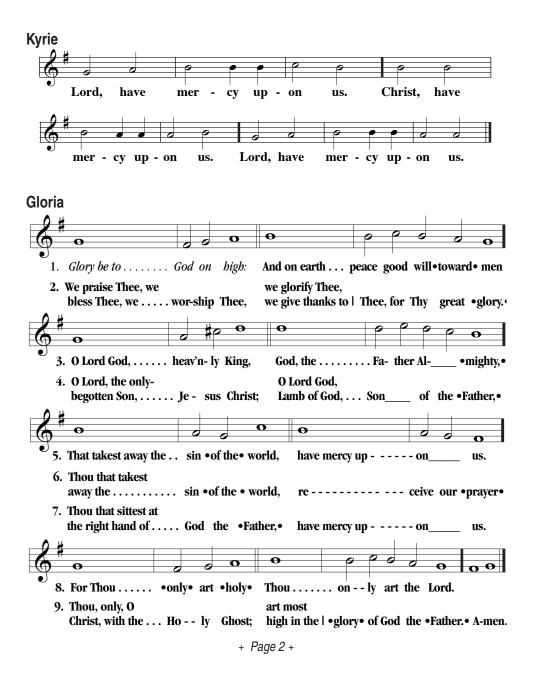
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

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.

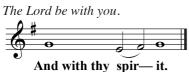
Introit of the Day



- [Antiphon] Blessed is the man who | fears the Lord, || who greatly de- | lights in his com- | mand-ments! || His offspring will be mighty | in the land; || the generation of the | up- right will be | blessed.
- Verse 1: Wealth and riches are | in his house, || and his righteous- | ness en- dures for-| ev- er. || Light dawns in the darkness for | the up- right; || he is gracious, | mer- ci- ful, and | •righteous•.
- Verse 2: It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends; || who conducts | his af-fairs with | jus-tice.|| For the righteous will | •never• be moved; || he will | be re- •membered• for- | •ever•.
- *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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Salutation



Collect for Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

Old Testament Reading	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
[After the reading] "This is the word of the Lord."	
Epistle of the Day	Hebrews 3:12-19
[After the reading] "This is the word of the Lord."	

[Rise] Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Alleluia!





Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

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

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day Thee Will I Love Burgundy Hymn 694

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

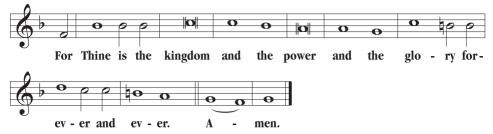
Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: Hear our prayer. [After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever Amen.



com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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

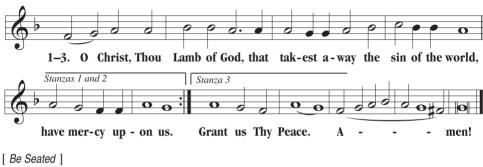


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

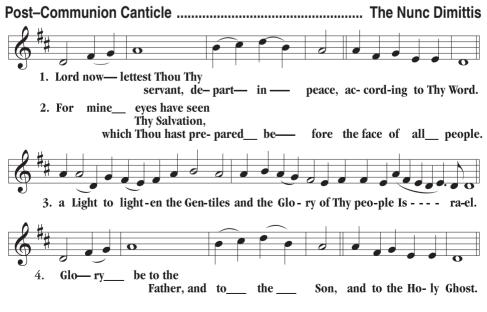


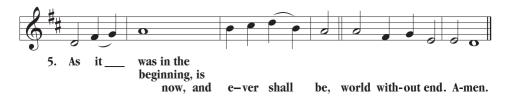
Agnus Dei



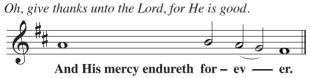
Distribution Hymns ... All for Christ I Have Forsaken ... Burgundy Hymn 753 Seek Where You May Burgundy Hymn 557

[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction





Post Communion Rite



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.





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.



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 Oh, That the Lord Burgundy Hymn 707

Postlude

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Readings for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! ... They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sinsvou who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Epistle is Hebrews 3:12-19

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

The Gospel is Mark 10:17-22

As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother."" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Hymns for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

LSB694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower Johann Scheffler

- Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; Thee will I love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy. Thee will I love, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine.
- Thee will I love, my life, my Savior, Who art my best and truest friend. Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end. Thee will I love with all my heart—Thou my Redeemer art!
- I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, Whose radiance hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast richly given All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips revealed.
- 4. O keep me watchful, then, and humble; Permit me nevermore to stray. Uphold me when my feet would stumble, And keep me on the narrow way. Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!
- Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord, Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward, For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

LSB753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken

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Calvin Chao

- 1. All for Christ I have forsaken And have taken up my cross; Worldly joy, its fame and fortune, Now I count as worthless dross.
- 2. Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus? No good thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at peace I follow Where He leads me ... why look back?
- 3. Gone the past, unknown the future Grace supplies my daily breath; Strong in Christ through death's dark valley, Firm and faithful unto death.

- 4. When God takes me home to heaven, Should this be the day I die, God will keep my spouse and children As the apple of His eye.
- 5. Though the road ahead be thorny, Though dark clouds all light obscure, Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper, With the Lord, I am secure.

LSB557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Georg Weissel

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- Seek where you may To find a way That leads to your salvation; My heart is stilled, On Christ I build, He is the one Foundation. His Word is sure, His works endure; He doth o'erthrow My every foe; Through Him I more than conquer.
- Seek whom you may To be your stay; None can redeem his brother. All helpers failed, This man prevailed, The God-man and none other. Our Servant-King Of whom we sing; We're justified, Because He died, The guilty being guiltless.
- Seek Him alone, Who did atone, Who did your souls deliver; O seek Him first, All you who thirst For grace that fails you never. In ev'ry need Seek Him indeed; To ev'ry heart He will impart His blessings without measure.
- My heart's delight, My crown most bright, O Christ, my joy forever. Nor wealth nor pride Nor fortune's pride Our bonds of love shall sever. You are my Lord; Your precious Word Shall guide my way, And help me stay Forever in Your presence.

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.

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Zion Hvangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

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

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; <u>www.lsusfw.org</u>) 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: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, 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 Richard Lammert, TruLaine Starks, Carol Lu Bieberich, Carl Albersmeyer, 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, Elizabeth Lindsay, Gary Phillips, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby; also for Richard England, Jr. who is missing.
- + 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 Helen Pickett
- + 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 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given loving memory of Helen Pickett by her daughter Karen Coleman 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

October 13, 2024 thru October 19, 2024

SUN. MON.	9:00 AM 10:30AM 8:00 AM 5:30 PM	Divine Service Adult Bible Study LWML meeting 40 Days for Life prayer RLNI Banquet	Church Bauer Hall Conference Room Lake Ave
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
	6:30 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord	Bauer Hall
FRI.	5:00 PM	LWML set up	Bauer Hall
SAT.	8:30AM	LWML In gathering	Bauer Hall
		October 20, 2024	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz is out of town. Thanks to Rev. Art Litke for teaching the Adult Bible Class today. Sunday School is as needed. Parents of young children, let us know your needs.

THANK YOU to Rev. Michael Bahr filling in today, preaching and celebrating the Lord's Supper, and to Rev. Art Litke, serving as deacon. Pastor Punke, Marge, and Keiko are in Illinois again, this time for Pastor and Marge's 50th High School class reunion. Pastor will be back some time on Monday.

LWML: There will be a LWML meeting today, in the Conference Room, short and brief, about the Ingathering event on October 19, 8:30 AM-11:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at that event. Also other dates will be discussed as well. Thanks, Melvia.

SAVE THE DATE: Altar guild meeting/training will take place on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM in Bauer Hall. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. Also, reserve November 16, 2024, as this is the day for Zion's Annual Fall clean up inside and outside. It starts at 9:00 AM and goes until Noon.

RLNI: The 27th Annual Fall Banquet is tomorrow at Allen County Memorial Coliseum, doors open at 5:00 PM; dinner and program start at 6:30 PM. Parking is free! Enter through the Main/Expo Entrance.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Fall Campaign has begun. Our day to pray is tomorrow, October 14. Prayer materials are available for you to pick up and use for your prayers.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Roman 6:23—"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Last week's verse was Exodus 34:6.

GOD HAS ENTRUSTED YOU with His gifts to apply them to the care of family and support of ministry. You want to be sure that after the Lord has called you home, your intentions are followed. Your executor (personal representative) or trustee have the responsibility to enact your wishes someday. That means it is important to carefully choose those representatives and to plainly express your God-directed wishes for His gifts. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in thinking about, and praying about, these important choices. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or <u>mark.muehl@lfnd.org</u>.

EVENTS IN DECATUR CIRCUIT: *St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Church* is going to be conducting their 179th anniversary church dinner today, at 10AM-1PM, 1033 E 1100 N, Decatur. *Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest)*, 9909 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne, will be having their Fall Rummage & Bake Sale on Thursday, October 17th, from 8AM-4PM and on Friday, October 18th, from 8AM-noon. Bag Sale will be on Friday, 1-paper grocery bag for \$2, or 1-13 gal garbage bag for \$5. *St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School* is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 2nd from 4PM-7PM with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N, Decatur. Cost is \$13.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and/or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards a library remodel.

SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE training will take place at the RLNI Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am- Noon, October 24th. Learn how to approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. Put your passion into action.

WORSHIP ANEW is offering sessions for free simple will planning on October 22 and October 24. If you are willing to include a gift to charity like the ministry of Worship Anew in that will, we can provide the resources to help you complete these documents for free! Spaces are limited so please contact us today. If you live in the greater Fort Wayne area, we will have attorneys willing to create these documents with pre-set appointments at our office (5 Martin Luther Drive - on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary) from 12-4:30 PM October 22 and 9 AM-1:30 PM October 24. Contact us at (888) 286-8002 or legacy@worshipanew.org to find an appointment that works best for your schedule.

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 10:17-22	The Twenty-first Sunday aft Pentecost	er Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Matthew 12:38-50	Monday	Deuteronomy 12:13-32
Matthew 13:1-23	Tuesday	Deuteronomy 13:1-18
Matthew 13:24-43	Wednesday	Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28–15:15
Matthew 13:44-58	Thursday	Deuteronomy 15:19–16:22
Matthew 14:1-21	Friday	Deuteronomy 17:1-20
Matthew 14:22-36	Saturday	Deuteronomy 18:1-22

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:

[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 praver. 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!

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

[Daily]

Hebrews 4:1-16



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Those without Faith ... without Understanding 9. Therefore [David (Psalm 32)] says here: Be not like a horse and a mule, for so are all who do not have this understanding, which has to do with invisible, divine, and heavenly things, in that they understand and feel only what is visible, something that a horse and a mule do also. Thus to understand means to recognize the spiritual things and mysteries of God's salvation and grace. From this, linguistic usage has derived its manner of speaking of the "mysteries" of redemption and incarnation, in that they are open only to the mystical and spiritual, but not to men who regard it rather as folly, because such people are foolish horses and mules. For that reason these people must first be changed so that they may know the mysteries which are eternal. A person's character determines how he judges. But by themselves they are horses and mules, and so they judge these things to be nothing, because they do not feel them. Such are the people who think that the immortality of the soul, hell and heaven, and God and Christ are fables. This is what the Jews did especially about Christ. And after them the heretics do likewise. ...

10. *Many are the scourges of this sinner*, the Jewish people, through which they are nevertheless made better, as is clear from Amos 5:10. Such are all who imitate them, stubborn heretics, etc. But *him who trusts in the Lord* (that is, the faithful people) mercy shall encompass. Therefore *Be glad in the Lord, etc.* (v. 11). *Luther's Works*, 10:148-49.

South Zone Gathering October 19, 2024



Zion Lutheran Church 2313 S. Hanna, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Registration/Breakfast starts at 8:30 am Cost \$7 at the door 9:00 am-11:30am Program

In Gathering: Hygiene Kits and Love Offering Speaker: Ralph Schmidt from Orphan Grain Train Theme: "Wholesome Grain" Ps 65:13

Registration Deadline: Oct. 13th to Melvia Culpher at mculpher@zionfw.org

HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE



HURRICANE HELENE made landfall near Perry, Fla., on Sept. 26 as a Category 4 storm. Since that time, it has left a devastating trail of death and destruction across the southeastern United States. The death toll is currently estimated at more than 180 people in six states.

On Sept. 30, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, departed for a multi-day visit to assess the damage, after which an initial response plan will be developed in cooperation with the districts affected. Other LCMS districts and Recognized Service Organizations are also assisting with the response.

While early reports seemed to indicate the damage would not be extensive, that quickly changed. In Florida, the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas sustained severe flooding, with multiple homes taking in water, making them currently uninhabitable. Meanwhile, south-central Georgia experienced significant tree damage, and western North Carolina — particularly Asheville remains in dire conditions, with closed roads impeding transportation, and widespread power and cellular outages making communication difficult or impossible.

Johnson encourages everyone in the LCMS to take part in the response as they are able. First, and most important, please pray for those affected by the storms. Second, consider volunteering to assist with the response. Third, consider a gift to LCMS Disaster Response.





PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth. we know that you hold all things and people in Your hands. In your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected, in big ways or small, by Hurricane Helene. Work through the efforts of those who bring relief, aid and comfort, and protect all involved from any further harm. Most of all, help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In His name we pray. Amen.

TO VOLUNTEER Visit *lcms-lert.org*.

TO GIVE

VISIT Icms.org/givenow/ disaster.

TEXT "LCMSDISASTERS" to 41444.

CALL the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

MAIL — Make checks payable to "The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod" (or "LCMS"). On the memo line, write "Disaster Response" and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Voting in Allen County

You surely know it's election season. Pastor encourages you to exercise your right to vote. The Allen County Election Board (allencountyinvoters.gov) instructs its residents that you may vote in one of three ways: By Mail, Early in Person, On Election Day (Nov. 5) in Person. Voter registration has closed for this election season.

TO VOTE BY MAIL, you must be a registered voter and you must submit an application to vote by mail. The easiest way to apply is online at the state's Voter Portal (<u>indianavoters.in.gov/MVPHome/PrintDocuments</u>). You can also apply by paper by emailing the Election Board at <u>acebab@allencounty.us</u>, or calling them at 260-449-7329 to request an application (or printing one) and returning it by October 24, 2024 at 11:59 PM. Applications can be accepted online, in person, by mail, fax or email. Then, voted ballots must be returned to the Election Board office by 6 PM on Election Day. Ballots can be returned by USPS or in person to the Election Board office. USPS officials advise that first class mail turnaround is five to seven days.

TO VOTE EARLY IN PERSON for the 2024 General Election, go to one of the voting locations at the available times (see back side). Be sure to bring your photo ID — the best one is your Driver's License, but others will work. If you don't have one, you can still vote a provisional ballot.

TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, go to your precinct, again with your ID.

Allen County is divided into precincts for voting. Voting on Election Day happens between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

If you do not know your precinct, you can visit <u>allencountyinvoters.gov</u>, click on "Where Do I Vote?", and type in your address. You will be shown a map and given information on your precinct. You can also download a sample ballot so you can prepare in advance for whom you'd like to vote.

If you'd like recommendations on the elections, I suggest looking at the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana site: <u>ichooselife.org/voters-guide</u> for a printable voters guide.

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VOTE EARLY

VOTE AT ONE of FIVE LOCATIONS in ALLEN COUNTY

2024 General Election

Vote at Rousseau Centre - 1 E Main St

Mon - Fri, 10/8 - 10/25: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Sat. 10/26: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mon - Fri, 10/28 - 11/1: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Sat, 11/2: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon, 11/4: 8:00 AM - Noon

SATELLITE LOCATIONS ONLY on 10/28 – 11/2

Indiana Wesleyan University - 8211 W Jefferson Blvd Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus - 3800 N Anthony Blvd Public Safety Academy - 7602 Patriot Crossing Salomon Farm Park - 817 W Dupont Rd

Mon - Fri, 10/28 - 11/1: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Sat, 11/2: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

www.allencountyinvoters.gov

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You! Please pray for these students/staff:

Angel Brayden Jade Azariah King Kennedy Javier LeShon James Carlos Ms. Cheng Ms. Lytle Ms. Mittelstaedt



Phoenix Volleyball



Our girls JV and Varsity volleyball teams consisted of the following girls: Cynthia, Emmyah, Kayara, Tianna, BreEl, De'Cora, Jordyn, Nycole, Keiayla, Laydia, Forever, Avari, Owynn, Kali, Ja'veah, DaMonica, Kennedy, Sirah, and Leilani. They were coached by Coach "Pree". For many of our players it was the first time playing. Our girls had fun learning the sport and developing their skills.



Thank you to Bethlehem for letting us use their gym for our home games!



FW Lutheran Cadet Football

We had several students join the FW Lutheran Cadet Football team: Ishawn, Jaylon, Damari, DaMichael, Jadence, Conner, Brandon, Carlos, Bentley, Alexander, and Maxwell. All the teams have had a great



season. Our students got to make new friendships and sense of team with other area Lutheran schools. The team took a "field trip" and practiced on the old Lutheran South Football field at Bethlehem Church.

Phoenix Spirit Wear

The Lutheran South Unity Apparel Store is now open!

https://lutheransouthunity.itemorder.com/shop/home/

Don't have internet access, order in the office with cash, check, or credit.

- Check out what's available for your student and for you.
- These items make excellent Christmas gifts!
- All orders will be processed after the store closes.
- The store will close at midnight on October 15th.



MudLove Bracelets for Sale:

LSUS will be selling MudLOVE bracelets to raise funds for the PTA (Parent Teacher Association.) Bracelets are adjustable (one size fits most), waterproof, handcrafted in Indiana! They come in a variety of colors and have a variety of words or phrases.

Cost: \$10 each

See the office to purchase a bracelet during office hours

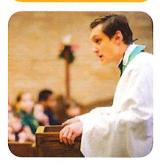


Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. —Colossians 3:12-13



WANKS be to be to conserved to those who work in our congregations and schools!





"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from

the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.



If you would like to decorate your car, van or truck please sign up at Julie table. If you would like to help supply candy please let Melvia know



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