Historic Zion Lutheran Church Divine service for the second sunday after pentecost

9:00 am ...... Sunday, June 2, 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.

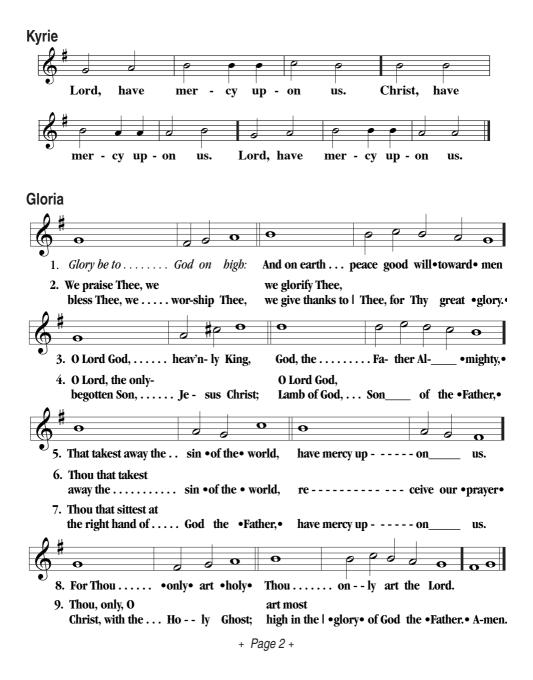
[Kneel]

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.

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



- [Antiphon] For God alone my soul, | waits in •silence•; || from | him comes my sal- | •vation•. || He alone is my rock and my salvation, my | for-\_\_ tress; || I shall | not be great- ly | •shaken•.
- Verse 1: For God alone, O my soul, | wait in •silence•, || for my | hope\_\_ is from | him. || He only is my rock and my salvation, my | for-\_\_ tress; || I shall | not be sha-\_\_ | ken.
- Verse 2: On God rests my salvation | and my •glory•; || my mighty rock, my | re-fuge is\_\_\_\_\_ | God. || Trust in him at all times, O | peo-\_\_\_ ple; || pour out your heart before him; God is a | re-\_\_\_fuge for | us.
- Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever.• A- | men!
- [Antiphon] For God alone my soul, | waits in •silence•; || from | him comes my sal- | •vation•. || He alone is my rock and my salvation, my | for-\_\_ tress; || I shall | not be great- ly | •shaken•.



#### Salutation



**Collect for the Second Sunday after Pentecost:** *Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.* 



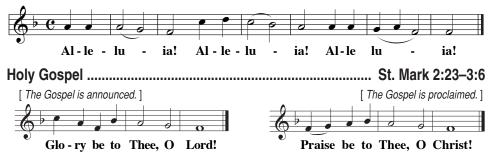
[ Be Seated ] + The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading	•
Epistle of the Day	
[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord.	

[ Rise ]

#### Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "And Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." 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 ...... O Day of Rest and Gladness ...... RED Hymn 9 [ Rise for Stanza 5. ]

#### Sermon

#### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church



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

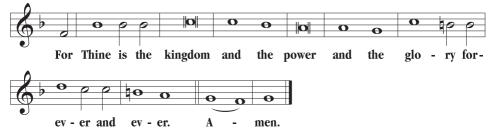
Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He

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san-na in the high-est.

#### [Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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

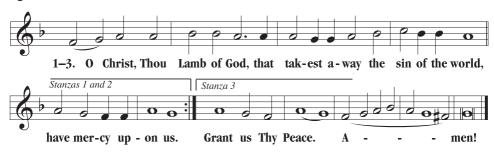


#### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



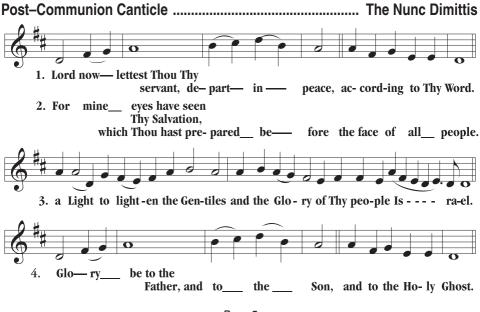
Agnus Dei



#### [ Be Seated ]

Distribution Hymns ...... Lord, This Day We've Come ... Burgundy Hymn 911 Let all Mortal Flesh...... Burgundy Hymn 621

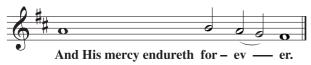
#### [Rise] Eucharistic Benediction





#### **Post Communion Rite**

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



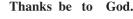
**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ... now and forever.

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The Lord be with you.





#### **Benediction**

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

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During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

#### Recessional Hymn ....... Guide Me, O Thou Great ...... Burgundy Hymn 918

#### Postlude

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

#### The Old Testament Reading is Deuteronomy 5:12-15

"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.""

#### The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

#### The Gospel is Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again [Jesus] entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

# Hymns for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

#### TLH9 O Day of Rest and Gladness

#### Christopher Wordsworth

- O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of cure and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright, On thee the high and lowly Before th'eternal throne Sing "Holy, holy, holy," To the great Three in One.
- On thee at the Creation The light first had its birth;
  On thee for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
  On thee our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,
  And thus, on thee, most glorious, A three-fold light was giv'n.
- Thou art a cooling fountain In life's dry, dreary sand;
  From thee, like Nebo's mountain, We view our Promised Land;
  A day of sweet reflection, A day of holy love,
  A day of resurrection From earth to things above.
- Today on weary nations The heavenly manna falls; To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls, Where Gospel-light is glowing With pure and radiant beams And living water flowing With soul-refreshing streams.
- △ 5. New graces ever gaining From this our day of rest, We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blest. To Holy Ghost be praises, To Father, and to Son; The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.

LSB911 Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship Richard C. Dickinson Text © 1995 Richard C. Dickinson; Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

 Lord, this day we've come to worship; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Grace us with Your blessèd presence; Blessèd Savior, be our host. *Refrain*

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, praise the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, praise the Lord!

 In the pow'r of resurrection We have come to praise the Lord, Celebrate His blessèd supper, And to learn His holy Word. *Refrain*

- 3. May Your Word enrich our spirit, Give us strength to do Your will, Show the kingdom we'll inherit, When at last our voice is still. *Refrain*
- As we meet our blessèd Savior At the Table of the Lord, May this body broken for us Strength and comfort, Lord, afford. *Refrain*
- Celebrate the resurrection
   In the church and sing His praise,
   Till we come to true perfection:
   Serve the Lord through all our days. *Refrain*

#### LSB621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.

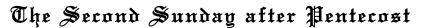
- 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2. King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3. Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way As the Light of Light descending From the realms of endless day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- 4. At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

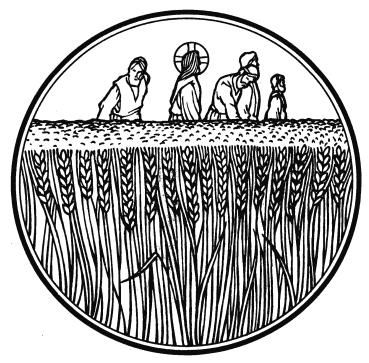
#### LSB918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

William Williams

- Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
- Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.

 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.





# Zion Hbangelical 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

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

Senior Pastor: Field Workers:

#### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

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

#### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM Melvia Culpher

### **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Paul Mroczenski and Matthew Harrison
- + 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; and for our graduates
- + 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 Connie Houser, Tracy Houser, Kevin Leininger, Amber Bahr, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially George & Lois Lange
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, including Diane Lammert and family at the death of her father, Gerald Adcock
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Gerald Adcock
- + 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving to the Lord for the many years of marriage of George and Lois Lange. 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.

#### <u>CALENDAR</u>

#### June 2, 2024 thru June 8, 2024

Sunday Divine Service	Church	
Education Hour	Bauer Hall	
CLHS Graduation	Embassy Theatre	
Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room	
LSA Board Meeting	LSUS	
Wednesday Divine Service		
Elders Council		
Private Confession	Church	
Adult Catechesis	Conference Room	
June 9, 2024		
Divine Service	Church	
Education Hour	Various	
	Education Hour CLHS Graduation Jr. Catechesis LSA Board Meeting Wednesday Divine Service Elders Council Private Confession Adult Catechesis June 9, 2024 Divine Service	

#### **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall for now. Dr. Voelz is on summer break and will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark in the fall. Sunday School is on summer break.

**GERMANFEST BEGINS:** St. Peter's Catholic cordially invites Zion to this year's Germanfest lunch today. Lunch is served at 11:30, but no beer until noon. Adults- \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, Family pass -\$30.

**RLNI AT THE TINCAPS:** Tickets are on sale now through June 15th! Join us Tuesday, June 25th for "Right to Life Night" at The Tincaps and a celebration of fatherhood! The game starts at 7:05p v Great Lakes Loons. Tickets are \$15 for seats or \$10 for lawn with \$5 to benefit RLNI. This event takes place on Family Feast Night, with discounts on select concession items, such as hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks.

**THE COOKBOOK** was sent to press on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We now await their arrival.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 1 John 4:10— "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." Last week's verse was Numbers 6:24-26.

**PLANNING A GIFT FOR MINISTRY** from your estate can generate concern about whether that ministry will be still in existence when the Lord calls you home. Gift planning offers solutions to these concerns. You can create a gift letter with the LCMS Foundation, asking the Foundation to distribute your gifts to ministry. Then, if your ministry choices change, you only need to update a simple letter with one phone call or email to the LCMS Foundation, without needing to update legal documents. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or <u>mark.muehl@lfnd.org</u>.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** The Booster Club of Saint Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is having our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rummage Sale in the school's gymnasium- 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733- on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-NOON. Saturday will be the bag sale day; \$2.00 each paper grocery bag or \$5.00 per 13 gallon garbage bag (bags are provided). Items available at our sale are: clothing, shoes, household items, toys, kitchen items, decor items, books, baby items, sporting goods and seasonal items.

**RLNI:** Come celebrate the anniversary of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*! Take a stand for LIFE in your Indiana county on Saturday, June 22nd from 10a- 11a, at Allen County Courthouse, 715 S. Calhoun St. This peaceful gathering shows Northeast Indiana that we are ready to stand beside mothers-in-need, children, families, faith leaders, and our pro-life legislators in a loving and law abiding manner. Bring your family and connect with like-minded friends that share your heart for our most vulnerable citizens.

**HELP WANTED:** Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring for a Part Time Receptionist. Responsibilities will include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, general hospitality and miscellaneous clerical duties. 15-28 hours a week, work flexibility to include some evenings. Ministry serving hours are Monday - Friday 8AM- 7:00PM. Positive environment providing a place of hope and healing. Pay range: \$13-\$15/hr. If interested, inquire at 260-373-0213.

**CLHS** has multiple employment opportunities for the upcoming school year. They're currently seeking a JROTC instructor, multiple Study Center education staff, a school counselor, and other positions as well. To learn more about our high school's open employment positions or to apply, visit: <u>www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment</u>.

**WORSHIP ANEW** has an opening for a Ministry Support Specialist. The ministry is seeking a part-time Ministry Support Specialist to provide administrative assistance to the Executive Director and Team Leaders. This is a part-time, non-exempt position, with an average of 28 hours a week worked. To view the full job description, please visit <u>worshipanew.org/jobs</u>. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683 or Jon@worshipanew.org.

#### For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	DAILY LECTIONARY	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mark 2:23–3:6	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
John 10:22-42	Monday	Ecclesiastes 11:1-10
John 11:1-16	Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
John 11:17-37	Wednesday	Proverbs 1:8-33
John 11:38-57	Thursday	Proverbs 3:5-24
John 12:1-19	Friday	Proverbs 4:1-27
John 12:20-36a	Saturday	Proverbs 5:1-23

#### THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Let us pray:

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen!

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen!

[Daily]

#### The Our Father

#### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost** 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Mark 3:20-35



# What Doctor Luther Says:

About a Proper Understanding of Sabbath-Keeping [T]he Jews could tolerate [Jesus'] preaching, when he did not revile them; but that he should deal with the sick and perform miracles on the sabbath displeased them and they called it breaking the sabbath.

Now this part concerning the sabbath belongs in the preaching of the catechism, when one deals with the [third] commandment: You shall keep the sabbath, or day of rest, holy [Exod. 20:8]. This, being the third commandment in the first table, was for the Jews a particularly serious one, and they were obliged to observe it on the particular, appointed day, namely, the seventh. Therefore, for them the sabbath was no joke, and so they were much annoyed that Christ should heal the sick on the sabbath, of all days, and accused him of not keeping the sabbath [Matt. 12:10]. Thus wisdom was obliged to allow herself to be justified by her children [Luke 7:35], just as they revile us Christians to this day, saying that we preach the Ten Commandments and the sabbath and yet do not keep them in their way....

But we, who are in the kingdom of our Lord Christ, are not thus bound to a tribe or place, so that we must adhere to one place alone and have only one race or one particular, separate kind of persons. Rather we are all priests, as is written in I Pet. 2 [:9]; so that all of us should proclaim God's Word and works at every time and in every place, and persons from all ranks, races, and stations may be specially called to the ministry, if they have the grace and the understanding of the Scriptures to teach others. So we, too, are lords of the sabbath with Christ and through Christ, as he himself says in Matt. 12 [:8], "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; so the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath" [Mark 2:27-28]. Aecordingly, all those who believe in him are likewise lords of the sabbath. *Luther's Works*, 50:334-36.



# **Time to Reconnect**



Zion depends upon the support and generosity of its members, so please make plans to enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship Saturday, June 8, starting at 5 p.m. at the home of Kevin and Maribeth Leininger, 4831 Orchard Green Place. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, snacks and drinks. There will also be an opportunity to make an additional donation to support our ministry at Zion and Lutheran South Unity School. Reservations and payment should be made to the church office by June 3.



Zion is also planning a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction featuring a variety of gift baskets. If you'd like to donate items for a basket (non-perishable food items or liquor have proven popular in the past) or create complete baskets, please contact the church office at 744-1389. A date for the auction and raffle drawing will be announced soon.

# **LSUS NOTES**

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



# WillowPlaBrayleeForeilJadeWaydeJudahCatalyaAngelAll Middle SchoolYu MayAll Staff

# Congratulations 8th Grade Graduates!

Sunday, May 19th, we celebrated the 8th grade class as they graduated from 8th grade! They've worked hard the past 9 years through elementary and middle school and are now high school ready!

Special congratulations to our valedictorian, Angelina, and salutatorian, Nalayah. Congratulations to each 8th grade student that received academic and Rise Up awards and their diplomas at the graduation service.



Congrats class of 2024!

Ahrius, Yaronna, Leighlani. Nalayah, Zane, Evoleth, Shelter, Jabron, Kyaw, Lay Ku, Arion, Natasha, Stephanie, Carlos, Angelina, Olivia, and Naomi!

# Field Day



us put on a successful field day! This year we had over 30 volunteers help out! We couldn't do it without them!

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the students from each class participated in Field Day. We had perfect weather for a action-packed morning filled with Teacher Race, Relay games, Tug-of-War, Water games, Chalk art, Parachutes, Hulu Hoops, and much more! Thank you to all the parents/guardians that came out to help







# ENROLLING NOW

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Schedule a visit and see our classrooms, programs, and all of the benefits we have to offer. We seek to share our faith with all who enter our building. Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll!260-744-0459

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# **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus –Romans 15:5-6



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#### Life Newsbytes

2/3 of Adults Who Read the Bible Regularly Oppose Abortion - By slicing and dicing various demographics, Pew Research does some fascinating work ... "Views about abortion among adults who read Scripture at least once a week by parental status" is one of those findings that would conform to your common sense. By "parental status," Pew means those adults who have kids under 18 versus those adults who don't have children ("non-parents"). The question they asked is the "% of adults who read Scripture once a week who say abortion should be ...." For those with minor children: 66% say abortion should be "illegal in all/most cases," and 30% say abortion should be "legal in all/most cases." For those without children: 62% say abortion should be "illegal in all/most cases," and 33% say abortion should be "legal in all/most cases." What to think? For starters, the bar is not set terribly high to qualify: You read Scripture "at least once a week." It would have been interesting to see how different the results would have been if they made the amount of Scripture read at twice a week or four times a week or even every day. That having been said, it's very encouraging that 2/3 of adults with children and 62% of adults without children who read Scripture at least once a week would make abortion illegal in all or most cases. (Source: Dave Andrusko, LifeNews.com, 5/20/24)



#### Speaking up For Life

"The God who created us and redeemed us and lives in us has put His seal of ownership on us! He has chosen us and appointed us for a purpose—to live as Jesus' disciples by bearing fruit for His kingdom. By God's grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!" *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada* 

"Have confidence in God. Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ lives for you ... By faith in Christ, enjoy real life without that constant covetousness which makes life a living hell for so many people. By faith in Christ, know once and for all what this means: A man's real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions. A man's life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"* 

"We need campfires and cookouts and picnic lunches filled with laughter. Yet, as members of the household of God, we also need conversation and consolation and prayer. We need to gather, in person, at the Communion rail. Surrounded by our eternal family, we need to hear God's promises and rejoice in His forgiveness." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life* 



# Made For Life by Pastor Michael Salemink

It seems rather important to distinguish between living and not. It also seems quite instinctive and simple. Kindergartners can typically tell the difference. But we age, and confusion sets in: Medical experts disagree about whether an embryo or an incapacitated hospital patient qualifies as alive, at least alive yet or alive anymore.

Biological science has long since settled on consensus criteria. When an entity undergoes respiration, metabolizes energy from nutrients, grows and reproduces, and adapts to the environment, we categorize this as life. (The embryos and patients obviously constitute living human beings.)

Christian truth and faith understand it even better.

"In him [the Word made flesh] was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life'" (John 14:6).

"Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

This definition sets humankind apart. This dimension distinguishes Adam's and Eve's race even from animals and plants. It categorizes us instead in connection to God. Life's worth consists not in bodily attributes or abilities alone but in gracious relationship with Christ Jesus. The species He creates with His breath, redeems by His incarnation, and calls into His family shares His life with a nature and to a degree that the other creatures do not.

Life—real life and full life—has as its purpose more than merely thinking and feeling or choosing and doing. It means receiving from the Almighty Maker, rejoicing in the Heavenly Father, and reigning with the Lord and Savior.

You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting. And this Gospel is made for all our neighbors, every genetic member of humanity.





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