

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



[ Antiphon ] *Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my | pleas for •mercy•. || The LORD is | my strength and my | shield; || in him my heart trusts, and | I am •helped•; || my heart exults, and with my song | I give thanks to | him.*

Verse 1: **The LORD is the strength | of his •people•; || he is the saving | •refuge• of his a- | •ointed•. || Oh, save your people and bless your | her- i- tage! || Be their shepherd and | car- ry them for- | •ever•.**

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 ] **Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my | pleas for •mercy•. || The LORD is | my strength and my | shield; || in him my heart trusts, and | I am •helped•; || my heart exults, and with my song | I give thanks to | him.**

## Kyrie



## Gloria



1. *Glory be to . . . . . God on high:* **And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men**
2. **We praise Thee, we** **we glorify Thee,**  
**bless Thee, we . . . . . worship Thee,** **we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•.**



3. **O Lord God, . . . . . heav'n- ly King,** **God, the . . . . . Fa- ther Al- \_\_\_ •mighty•,**
4. **O Lord, the only-** **O Lord God,**  
**begotten Son, . . . . . Je- sus Christ;** **Lamb of God, . . . Son \_\_\_ of the •Father•,**



5. **That takest away the .. sin •of the• world,** **have mercy up - - - - - on \_\_\_ us.**
6. **Thou that takest**  
**away the . . . . . sin •of the• world,** **re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•**
7. **Thou that sittest at**  
**the right hand of . . . . . God the •Father•,** **have mercy up - - - - - on \_\_\_ us.**



8. **For Thou . . . . . •only• art •holy•** **Thou . . . . . on - - - ly art the Lord.**
9. **Thou, only, O** **art most**  
**Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost;** **high in the | •glory• of God the •Father• A-men.**



# Sermon

## The Rite of Confirmation

### [ 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.

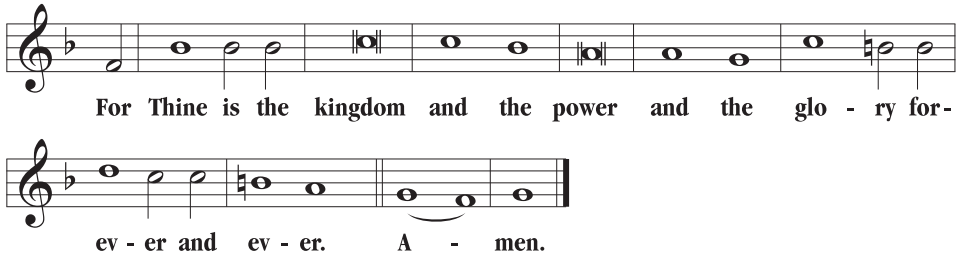
### Common Preface, Sanctus

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'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na Ho - san - na, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that  
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the highest.

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

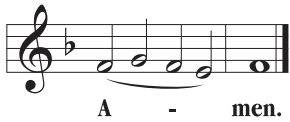
[ Pastor chants: ] *Our Father who art in heaven; . . . . . but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -  
 ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

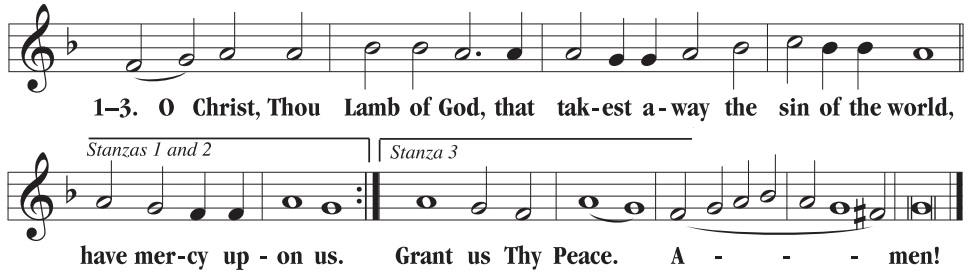
**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



A - men.

**Agnus Dei**



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
 have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

*Stanzas 1 and 2* | *Stanza 3*

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... Rise! To Arms! ..... Burgundy Hymn 668

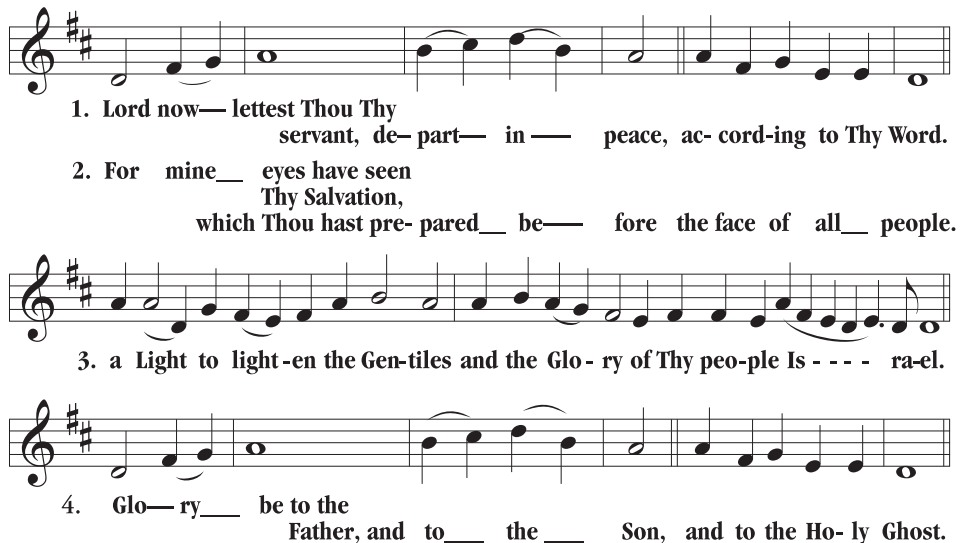
I Trust, O Lord ..... Burgundy Hymn 734

[ Rise for stanza 5. ]

**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**



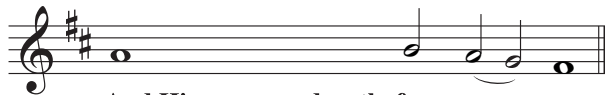
1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
 servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.  
 2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
 Thy Salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.  
 3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el.  
 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.*



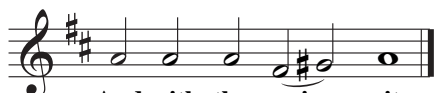
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

### 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 ..... O Christ, You Walked ..... Burgundy Hymn 424

### Postlude

*Liturgical texts and musical settings: from Lutheran Service Book, copyright © 2006 by Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. License #000012381.*

*Psalm Tone for Introit and Tract: from The Anglican Chant Psalter, copyright © 1987 by The Church Hymnal Corporation; used by permission.*

## Readings for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

### The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **The Gospel is Mark 3:20-35**

Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”



## Hymns for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

Joachim Magdeburg

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses.  
In You alone, dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,  
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.
2. Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,  
While You are near, We shall not fear; Your strength shall never fail us.  
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps for ever;  
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our lives from You will sever.
3. In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet shall stand securely; M  
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely.  
O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit  
Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

### LSB668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer

Wilhelm Erasmus Arends

1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's word, the weapon glorious;  
Against all foes be thus victorious,  
For God protects you from them all.  
Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Emmanuel. Hail the Savior!  
The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,  
And we, the victors, hold the field.
2. Cast afar this world's vain pleasure  
And boldly strive for heav'nly treasure.  
Be steadfast in the Savior's might.  
Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,  
For Jesus from all harm will hide you.  
By faith you conquer in the fight.  
Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal! Joy awaits you.  
The race well run, Your long war won,  
Your crown shines splendid as the sun.
3. Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;  
The hours of grace are fast retreating;  
Short, short is this our earthly way.

When the Lord the dead will waken  
And sinners all by fear are shaken,  
The saints with joy will greet that day.  
Praise God, our triumph's sure. We need not long endure Scorn and trial.  
Our Savior King His own will bring  
To that great glory which we sing.

### **LSB734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name**

Adam Reusner

1. I trust, O Lord, Your holy name;  
O let me not be put to shame Nor let me be confounded.  
My faith, O Lord, Be in Your Word Forever firmly grounded.
2. Bow down Your gracious ear to me  
And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea; Make haste for my protection,  
For woes and fear Surround me here. Help me in my affliction.
3. You are my strength, my shield, my rock,  
My fortress that withstands each shock, My help, my life, my tower,  
My battle sword, Almighty Lord—Who can resist Your power?
4. With You, O Lord, I cast my lot;  
O faithful God, forsake me not, To You my soul commending.  
Lord, be my stay, And lead the way Now and when life is ending.
- △ 5. All honor, praise, and majesty  
To Father, Son, and Spirit be, Our God forever glorious,  
In whose rich grace We run our race Till we depart victorious.

### **LSB424 O Christ, You Walked the Road**

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

Text: © 1997, GIA Publication, Inc.; Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
3. No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
4. When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
5. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

# The Third Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

2313 Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46803 | 260-744-1389  
pastor@zionfw.org, church@zionfw.org | website: [www.zionfw.org](http://www.zionfw.org)

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: Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))  
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: 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 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, including Arlene Punke
- + 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, Jerry Seifert, Josephine Brennan, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Johann & Anna Fuchs and Emma & Albert Dirks
- + 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in memory of the wedding anniversary of Emma & Albert Dirks by Marilyn Shafter. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Johann & Anna Fuchs by Josefa Schaper. 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

### **June 9, 2024 thru June 15, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	3:30 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **June 16, 2024 (Father's Day)**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall for now. We're doing a Lutheran Difference study on Worship. 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.

**SOMETHING NEW:** Have you heard the good news? You can now give with your computer or phone anytime and anywhere. We want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give by going to [zionfw.org](http://zionfw.org), click on the GIVE button and you can give as much as you want and as many times as you want.

**AT THE TINCAPS: Lutheran Night 2024** at the TinCaps is Tuesday, June 18 (game time: 7:05 PM). Every \$1 from each ticket will be shared with the Care Package Program of Worship Anew. The Care Package Program provides support to elderly adults who are going through a difficult time, as well as their caregivers. There will be post game fireworks. Every Tuesday night, fans can enjoy select concession items for only \$2.00 including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and pizza slices! Concordia High School will be singing the National Anthem! Visit in [in.lcms.org/lutheran-night-2024-with-the-fort-wayne-tincaps/](http://in.lcms.org/lutheran-night-2024-with-the-fort-wayne-tincaps/) for a link to tickets. **Right to Life of Northeast Indiana** is also having a TinCaps night on June 25. Same game time; same "Family Feast Night."

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Ephesians 5:1-2— "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Last week's verse was 1 John 4:10.

**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. A Donor Advised Fund can allow you to create a testamentary gift (for when the Lord calls you home). Then you can name a trusted advisor, maybe a family member or friend, who can direct those gifts from your Donor Advised Fund after the Lord has called you to heaven. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**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.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:** rummage sale SEPTEMBER 26-28th, 2024. Bethlehem/Mt. Calvary/Peace are working together and we invite Zion to participate by bringing donated items for sale to Bethlehem, Monday-Friday from 9am - 3pm. Bring to Door 7 (Parking Lot, door by outside ramp). Ring Buzzer for entrance. Please plan to carry items down to lower level. Volunteers needed for Preparation (Sept. 23rd - 25th) For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bethlehem Church Office (744-3228) or contact Dena Schult at [denaschult@icloud.com](mailto:denaschult@icloud.com) . All Proceeds go to LSUS

**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: [www.clhsacadets.com/apps/pages/employment](http://www.clhsacadets.com/apps/pages/employment).

**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 [worshipanew.org/jobs](http://worshipanew.org/jobs). To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683 or [Jon@worshipanew.org](mailto: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.

**Morning Prayer**

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

**Evening Prayer**

Mark 3:20-35

**The Third Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Genesis 3:8-15

John 13:1-20

Monday

Proverbs 8:22-36

John 13:21-38

Tuesday

Proverbs 9:1-18

John 14:1-17

Wednesday

Proverbs 10:1-23

John 14:18-31

Thursday

Proverbs 13:1-25

John 15:1-11

Friday

Proverbs 14:1-27

John 15:12-27

Saturday

Proverbs 15:1-29

**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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:1-7

Mark 4:26-34



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About God's Kindness; He Speaks the Gospel*

I urge you with all diligence to consider the teaching of the Gospel a matter of the utmost importance. For we see from this passage what happens in the case of Adam and Eve when sin is present and this knowledge of the promise and of grace is lacking. The condemnation of Satan also points to the same result; for just as he lacks the promise of grace, so he cannot put an end to his transgressions, blasphemies, and hatred of God. For this reason Adam's situation is better. He is called to account that he might acknowledge his sin and, after he is thoroughly frightened by his sin, be given courage through the promise of the remission of sins. ...

[J]ust as the end of this affair shows the very great kindness and mercy of God toward man (inasmuch as He calls him back for the remission of his sins and for eternal life through the Seed who was to come), so also the beginnings of this affair, if we evaluate them properly, are more lenient than what Adam deserved. There is not that terrible sight as on Mt. Sinai, where trumpet blasts were mingled with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. But God comes in a very soft breeze to indicate that the reprimand will be fatherly. He does not drive Adam away from Himself because of his sin, but He calls him and calls him back from his sin. Yet Adam does not understand or see this fatherly concern, since he is overwhelmed by his sin and terror. He does not notice that God deals far differently with the serpent. He does not call the serpent. Nor — in order in this way to call it to repentance — does he ask the serpent about the sin that has been committed. But He condemns it immediately.

This shows that even then Christ, our Deliverer, had placed Himself between God and man as a Mediator. It is a very great measure of grace that after Adam's sin God does not remain silent but speaks, and in many words indeed, in order to show signs of His fatherly disposition.

*Luther's Works*, 1:180-1.

## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

**Please pray for these students/staff:**

All Students

All Staff

All Faculty

All Churches



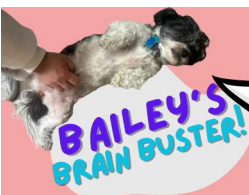
## Last days of School!

Students spent the last week of school doing fun activities and cleaning their classrooms. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders finished painting their pots, each featuring a Bible verse they picked. Each pot was potted with a spider plant "baby" that they can take with them to nourish as they leave LSUS and go on to high school!



Kindergarten tie-dyed t-shirts and wore them to school a few days later. They were all sent to the principal's office for being "out of dress code."

The punishment: they each got to pick a sucker from Mrs. Bahr's Sucker Tree!



YOU MIGHT LOVE ME IN SUMMER  
BUT I NEVER LIKE THE SUN. THE  
HOTTER THE WEATHER, THE  
SOFTER I GET. WHAT AM I?



Classes cleared their classrooms into the hallways so our maintenance crew can work on cleaning and waxing the floors over Summer break. Here is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade taking their last photo as 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!



## 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

We have financial aid and scholarships available. We also accept School Choice vouchers.



# Adventure Awaits at CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

[www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org)

Albion, IN 260-636-7101

Financial Assistance Available



Camp Lutherhaven

