

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, June 23, 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] Then they cried to the Lord | in their •trouble•, || and he delivered | them from their dis- | tress. || He made the | storm be still, || and the waves | of the sea were | hushed.

Verse 1 : Then they were glad that the waters were | qui-__ et, || and he brought them to | their de- •sired•__ | •haven•. || Let them thank the Lord for his | stead- fast love, || for his wondrous works to the | chil__ dren of | man!

Verse 2 : Let them ex- | tol__ him || in the congre- | ga- tion of the | •people•, || and | praise__ him || in the as- | sem- bly of the | •elders•.

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!

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Kyrie



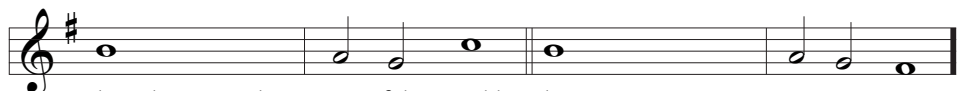
Gloria



1. *Glory be to God on high:* And on earth . . . peace good will • toward • men
2. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glorify 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- begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, . . . Son__ of the • Father, •



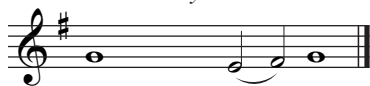
5. That takest away the . . sin • of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.
6. Thou that takest away the sin • of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our • prayer •
7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the • Father, • have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.



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

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: *Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

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

Old Testament Reading **Job 38:1-11**

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

Epistle of the Day **2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

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

[*Rise*]

Alleluia Sequence

[*Deacon*] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Who then is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?" Alleluia!*



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

Holy Gospel **St. Mark 4:35-41**

[*The Gospel is announced.*]

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke 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 **Evening and Morning** **Burgundy Hymn 726**

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

[Be Seated] Offerings, Voluntary

[Rise] OffertoryCreate in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir - it.

We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.


Common Preface, Sanctus

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


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Heav'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,



Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3

have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!


[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Be Still, My Soul**..... **Burgundy Hymn 752**
Lord, Take My Hand **Burgundy Hymn 722**

[Rise] **Eucharistic Benediction**


The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Cantic **The Nunc Dimittis**



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.

2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.



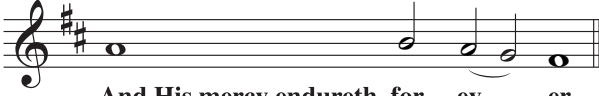
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it ___ was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

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



And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



A - men, A - men, A - men.

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

Recessional Hymn ... I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus... Burgundy Hymn 729

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we

live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

The Gospel is Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB726 Evening and Morning

Paul Gerhardt

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1. Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning,
Wealth, peace and gladness, Comfort in sadness:
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!
Times without number, Awake or in slumber,
Thine eye observes us, From danger preserves us,
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.
2. Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors, Blot out my errors
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.
Order my goings, Direct all my doings;
As it may please Thee, Retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.
3. Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me;
Though billows tower, And winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing And peace never ceasing;
These shall I treasure And share in full measure
When in His mansions God grants me a place.
4. To God in heaven All praise be given!
Come, let us offer And gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth A heart that believeth,
Hymns that adore Him Are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

LSB752 Be Still, My Soul

Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fulness all He takes away.
4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

LSB722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Julie von Hausmann

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1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

LSB729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Frances R. Havergal

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.
4. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
5. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:
Field Workers:

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

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:
Teachers:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)
Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), John Kuker (4th),
Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st),
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; Godspeed to Pastor-elect Christopher Warneke and Sarah moving to Kansas.
- + 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 Greg Albersmeyer, Marcia Hines, 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 & Elaine 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, including Michael & Jonathan Thomas
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Matthew Harrison & family, and Pastor Punke & family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Arlene Punke
- + 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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of Michael & Jonathan Thomas 24th birthday by their parents Judy and Marty Thomas. 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 23, 2024 thru June 29, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
	7:05 PM	RLNI at the TinCaps	Parkview Field
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	9:00 AM	All Leadership Planning Meeting	Bauer Hall
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

June 30, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall

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.

THANK YOU to the congregation for sending the Peace Lily in remembrance of my mother. How lovely!

WE HAVE A TREAT TODAY: William Schweikert is at the organ console today leading us in our praises to the Lord in liturgy and hymns. Michael is in the wedding party for his colleague and friend Ryan Kennedy, who is being wed to Maddie Link. Thanks, William!

TRAINING: Frank Jackson has a sign up sheet at the usher's corner for CPR & AED training. Please let him know what day works best for you. We would like to have the training done by July so that we can place the AED units inside of the cabinets.

GIVING STATEMENTS: Melvia will have giving statements ready after service on Sunday, July 7. If you have any questions, please call her at the office.

SAVE THE DATE: we will be holding Congregational Assembly on July 28, right after church service. Please plan to attend the meeting.

WE'RE UP AND GOING WITH E-GIVING: You can now give with your computer or phone anytime and anywhere. We have rolled out this new e-giving method with Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to 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, click on the GIVE button. You can give as much as you want and as many times as you want.

AT THE TINCAPS: Right to Life of Northeast Indiana has its TinCaps night this Tuesday, June 25 (game time: 7:05 PM). 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!

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18— "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Last week's verse was Colossians 3:23-24.

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. It may be that your worries are not substantiated. Conversations with ministry leaders can offer you assurances about the future vision for ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate that conversation. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

RLNI: Have a passion for helping women choose life? On Thursday, July 18th, learn how to do Sidewalk Advocacy and save lives in Northeast Indiana. The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place at the Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am- Noon. You'll learn how peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly to approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This 3 hr introductory training will empower you to turn your passion into action. Call the RLNI office at 260-471-1849 or email rlni@ichooselife.org.

CLHS has multiple employment opportunities for the upcoming school year. Check them out at www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment.

CTSFW SAVE THE DATE: The 25th annual Good Shepherd Institute (GSI) will be held November 10-12, 2024, on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, under the theme "Through the Church the Song Goes On."

WORSHIP ANEW has an opening for a 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. 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.

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Mark 4:35-41

**The Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-11

John 20:19-31

Monday

Proverbs 30:1-9, 18-33

John 21:1-25

Tuesday

Proverbs 31:10-31

Acts 8:1-25

Wednesday

Joshua 1:1-18

Acts 8:26-40

Thursday

Joshua 2:1-24

Acts 9:1-22

Friday

Joshua 3:1-17

Acts 9:23-43

Saturday

Joshua 4:1-24

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Men and Angels as Sons vs Jesus, the Son of God

[John 3:16] has good reason for adding that God gave His *only* Son and that believers in Him will not perish but have eternal life. For God has many other sons. We, for instance, glory in the fact that God is our Father, as we pray in the Our Father. And St. Paul declares that God “destined us in love to be His sons through Jesus Christ” (Eph. 1:5). But the evangelist identifies these sons when he says: “These are sons who believe in the Son.” It is logical that the Son in whom we believe must be distinct and different and greater than we, the sons of God who believe in Him. Others are also sons of God, but they are not such sons as He is in whom we must believe. He is not a Son of God by reason of His believing in us; we, however, become sons of God through our believing in Him. Therefore His divine sonship is vastly different from yours or mine.

The heretics garbled Holy Scripture terribly. They claimed that Christ is called a Son of God by a metaphor, as we, too, are called sons of God. In Job 38:4, 7 the angels are also termed sons of God. We read: “Where were you when the sons of God [that is, all the angels] worshiped Me in heaven?” They claim that Christ was a son of God in that sense too. But scrutinize this text. Here we learn that He is the Son in whom we must believe. We holy people and the angels are not sons of God such as He is; for we all become sons of God through our faith in Him. The angels, too, were made sons of God through Him; for they were all created by the Son, as we read in Col. 1:16. We human beings were also created by Him, but we lost and condemned sinners become sons of God through our faith in Him. Christ, however, is God and the Son of God; for there is a great difference between the one who believes and the one in whom one believes. ...

This is the real difference between the other sons of God and this Son of God. He is God Himself, whereas we are made sons of God through Him; He gives us eternal life and through Himself overcomes death.

Luther's Works, 22:363-4.



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PRAY FOR Vicar Paul and Courtney Mroczenski

Vicar
Serving the Lord in Puerto Rico



Vicar Paul Mroczenski serves the Lord in Puerto Rico, where he is spending his vicarage before returning to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., to complete his fourth year of seminary. In this role, Paul serves under the supervision of the Rev. James Neuendorf, missionary to Puerto Rico. Paul's primary responsibility is to teach and preach at various churches and sites in both Spanish and English. Paul also assists with church planting and other evangelism and mercy work efforts.

Paul was born in Athens, Wis. After graduating from high school, Paul served as a volunteer for ten months in Baton Rouge, La., through the Lutheran Young

Adult Corps program (LYAC). He then earned his Bachelor of Arts in theological languages, with minors in philosophy and youth ministry, from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis. Paul enjoys fishing, ping pong, playing board games, and watching Wisconsin Badger basketball and football.

Courtney was born in Torrance, Calif., and calls Aurora, Co. home. After high school, she also served as a LYAC volunteer in New Orleans. She attended Colorado State University and studied social work. After college, she worked as a case manager at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, and as a memory care support specialist at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Facility in Fort Wayne. Courtney enjoys gardening and caring for house plants, reading, hiking and playing board games.

Please pray for the Mroczenski family as they serve in Puerto Rico. Pray that they may learn Spanish quickly and thoroughly. The Mroczenkis also have their first child on the way (due October 2024), so pray for a safe delivery and a healthy baby, as well as for peace and provision in the midst of moving to a new country with a new child. Pray that the Lord will bless Paul as he teaches and preaches God's Word, that all may come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

BIRTHDAYS: Paul — Sept. 22, Courtney — May 7

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