

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, June 30, 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]

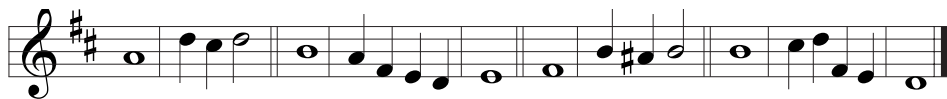
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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] *I lift up my eyes | to the hills. || From | where does my help | come? || My help comes | from the Lord, || who made | hea- ven and _ | earth.*

Verse 1: **The Lord | is your •keeper•; || the Lord is your | shade on your right | hand. || The sun shall not strike | you by day, || nor the || moon__ by__ | night.**

Verse 2: *The Lord will keep you | from all •evil•; || he will | keep__ your__ | life. || The Lord will keep your going out and your | com- ing in || from this time forth | and for- ev- er | more.*

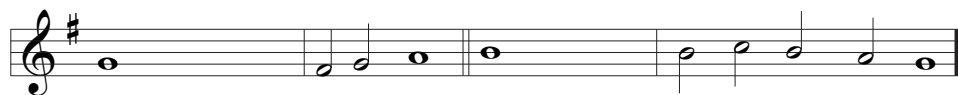
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever• A- | men!**

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Kyrie



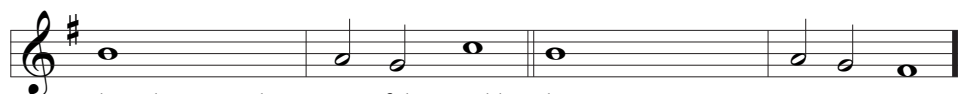
Gloria



1. *Glory be to God on high:* **And on earth . . . peace good will • toward • men**
2. **We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship 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, •**



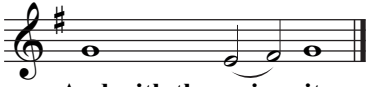
5. **That takest away the .. sin • of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.**
6. **Thou that takest away the sin • of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our • prayer •**
7. **Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the • Father, • have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.**



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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love towards You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Lamentations 3:22-33

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

Epistle of the Day 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 13-15

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. Alleluia!*



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

Holy Gospel St. Mark 5:21-43

[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 In the Very Midst of Life Burgundy Hymn 755

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 Oh, How Great Burgundy Hymn 559
 What God Ordains Burgundy Hymn 760

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

[Rise] **Eucharistic Benediction**


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

Post-Communion Canticle **The Nunc Dimittis**




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

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



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



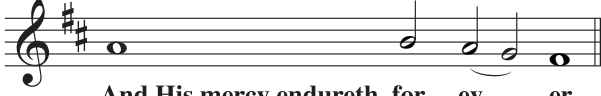
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
 Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

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



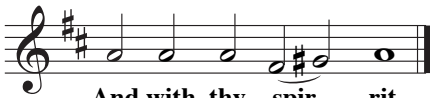
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



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

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

Recessional Hymn Thanks to Thee, O Christ Burgundy Hymn 548

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;
let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope;
let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not cast off forever,
but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. . . .

I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that

there may be fairness. As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

The Gospel is Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” “ And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB755 In the Very Midst of Life

Martin Luther

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1. In the very midst of life Snares of death surround us;
Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe confound us?
Thou only, Lord, Thou only!
We mourn that we have greatly erred
That our sins Thy wrath have stirred.
Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God!
Save us lest we perish In the bitter pangs of death.
Have mercy, O Lord!
2. In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'ertake us.
Who will help when they assail, Who secure will make us?
Thou only, Lord, Thou only!
Thy heart is moved with tenderness,
Pities us in our distress.
Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God!
Save us from the terror Of the fiery pit of hell.
Have mercy, O Lord!
3. In the midst of utter woe When our sins oppress us,
Where shall we for refuge go, Where for grace to bless us?
To Thee, Lord Jesus, only!
Thy precious blood was shed to win
Full atonement for our sin.
Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God!
Lord, preserve and keep us In the peace that faith can give.
Have mercy, O Lord!

LSB559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

Johann Olearius

1. Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!
2. Your great love for this hath striven That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call, To His Supper leads us all.

3. Firmly to our souls' salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
4. Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.
5. I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

LSB760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

Samuel Rodigast

1. What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed In ev'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.
- W 2. What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way, And never will He leave me.
I take content What He has sent; His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.
- M 3. What God ordains is always good: His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup That my physician sends me.
My God is true; Each morning new I trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.
- W 4. What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know Both joy and woe; Some day I shall see clearly
That He has loved me dearly.
- M 5. What God ordains is always good: Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God gives relief, My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.
6. What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, For with His arm He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

1. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.
2. Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.
3. For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

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

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), 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: 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
- + 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 Estella Ramirez, Greg Albersmeyer, Marcia Hines, Connie Houser, Kevin Leininger, Amber Bahr, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jerry & Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, Paul Herrman, 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, especially Ned Hollman
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Eva Widner
- + 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in honor of Eva Widner by her daughter Joyce Gottschalk. Eva's birthday is on the 4th of July. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in honor of the 28th baptism birthday of Ned Hollman by his grandmother Ardis Behrendt. Thanks be to God for planting the seed of faith so many years ago. 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 30, 2024 thru July 6, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:30 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.		Office closed — the 4th of July	
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

July 7, 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.

GIVING STATEMENTS: Melvia will have giving statements ready after service next 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.

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.

IT'S EASY TO USE E-GIVING: You can now give with your computer or phone anytime and anywhere. 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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Matthew 6:33-34—"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Last week's verse was 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

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 use the power of beneficiary designations on accounts you own to direct them to ministry when the Lord calls you home. If you need to make a change, you may even be able to update them online. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in completing this task or updating your choices. 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.

CTFSW 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."

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Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Mark 5:21-43

**The Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Lamentations 3:22-33

Acts 10:18-33

Monday

Joshua 6:6-27

Acts 10:34-48

Tuesday

Joshua 7:1-26

Acts 11:1-18

Wednesday

Joshua 8:1-28

Acts 11:19-30

Thursday

Joshua 10:1-25

Acts 12:1-25

Friday

Joshua 23:1-16

Acts 13:1-12

Saturday

Joshua 24:1-31

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Mark 6:1-13



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Our Help When Evil Befalls Us

[N]o man is safe from the evils that befall any other, for what one has suffered another may also suffer. This applies to all the historic events and tragedies of all ages and to all the lamentations of the world. This applies also to the more than three hundred diseases which have been observed and with which the human body can be afflicted. And if there are that many diseases, how great do you think will be the number of the misfortunes that assail our possessions, our friends, and even our very mind, which, after all, is the main target of all evils and the one trysting place of sorrow and every ill?

These evils increase in power and intensity as a man rises to higher dignity and rank. Since misery, shame, and indignity can suddenly overtake a man of such an exalted estate, he must at all times be in dread of these evils, for they all hang by but a slender thread, like the sword which the tyrant Dionysius suspended above the head of his guest at his table.

If none of these evils befalls us, we should consider this a gain and no small comfort in the evil that does in fact become our lot, and exclaim with Jeremiah, “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed” [Lam. 3:22]. When none of these things happens to us it is because the preventing right hand of the Most High surrounds us on all sides with great might and like a wall (as is seen in the case of Job), so that Satan and the evils in their frustration can only be grievously vexed. From this we see how dearly we should love God whenever some evil afflicts us, for by that one evil our most loving Father would want us to see how many evils would threaten and attack us if he himself did not stand in the way.

Luther’s Works, 42:128-9.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, June 13, 2024
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary), F. Jackson. T. Muehl (via telephone), W. Krause.

Elder absent: B. Scott, K. Vlot

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by continuing the reading of Article IV on justification from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on deaths, matters of health, and other issues of members and friends of Zion. Of particular note is the confirmation of Melvia Culpher on June 9; a new class of adult catechumens (with three people expected) should begin soon. Also of note are the pastors-elect to whom the congregation has bid (or will bid) farewell: Eric Saunders and his family; Joseph Greenmyer and his family; Christopher Warneke and his wife. Zion also bid farewell to Paul and Courtney Mroczenski as Paul prepares for vicarage; they need to do fundraising for their missionary vicarage and desire to do a presentation at Zion. Pastor Punke also reported on items of interest from LSUS and CLHS.

The elders considered Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting April 1, 2024, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by June 30, 2024." Pastor Punke continues to work on a phone script for contacts with people who are absent from worship for four consecutive weeks.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2024, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." After the initial training offered in January

and February of this year, further work on this goal remains on hold until September 2024.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: “The Council of Elders will work with all the other leaders of Zion to investigate the possibility of using *re:Vitality* as a program of institutional outreach at the church, deciding by July 31, 2024, whether to pursue its use.” Richard Lammert reported that he had presented an overview of the program to the Administrative Council at their last meeting. Frank Jackson had similarly presented an overview to the ushers, who were supportive of the use of the program at Zion.

The elders reviewed the ushers’ manual prepared by the Worship Practice and Assistance Committee under the chairmanship of Frank Jackson. The manual was approved by the elders on a voice vote. The manual will now be available from the secretary of the congregational assembly to any member of the congregation, as per Zion By-law XIV.C.

Frank Jackson reported on the pending installation of the AEDs and the CPR training.

The elders and Pastor Punke talked through the changes needed in preparation for conducting the Divine Service in Bauer Hall when the planned renovation of the ceiling and flooring of the sanctuary takes place.

The elders approved the proposal for the salaries of Pastor Punke, Michael Hollman, and Melvia Culpher, which will be submitted to the Administrative Council for inclusion in the proposed budget for the congregational assembly on July 28.

The meeting was concluded with the Apostolic Blessing by Richard Lammert.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur E. Litke, secretary



It's diaper drive time

FACTS: The average cost of diapers for a baby in their first year is \$1000-\$2500.

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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 Mroczenskis 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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Life Newsbytes

Newly released data from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control shows abortions occurring in South Carolina declined by about 80 percent once the protective Fetal Heartbeat Act became legally effective. "These are our little neighbors who have heartbeats —the most basic manifestation of human life ... The 80% reduction of abortions in South Carolina is a stark reminder that public policy saves lives ... May this be a reminder that lifesaving legislation requires policymakers' commitment to the lives of the unborn. May it remind us again that elections have consequences especially for life," said South Carolina Citizens for Life President Lisa Van Riper. During the first eight months of 2023 when abortion giant Planned Parenthood was fighting the law, DHEC statistics show an average of 954 abortions occurred every month in the three state-regulated abortion facilities, including Planned Parenthood centers in Columbia and Charleston and a privately owned abortion business in Greenville. Once the State Supreme Court upheld the Heartbeat law, allowing it to take effect on August 23, 2023, the number of abortions dropped to about 186 per month, DHEC data shows. (LifeNews.com, 6/14/24 | lifenews.com/2024/06/14/south-carolina-abortions-drop-80-as-heartbeat-law-saves-thousands-of-babies)

Speaking up For Life

"Announcing a pregnancy, feeling a fetus kick, cradling a newborn, attending a baptism, what happens and what we experience defy description. Grieving and believing over a terminal diagnosis, listening to an aged neighbor's wisdom and reminiscences, holding a loved one's hand at a hospital bedside, singing hymns and reciting Scriptures as a relative enters eternity, the encounter exceeds even the beauty and power of words." *Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life*

"Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*

"The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we'll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps." *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary*

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A Lament for the Church

by Deaconess Janet Nicol

Fellow Christian Lutherans, consider the importance of lament in our lives. The fact that we, as Christians, are called to be faithful to Christ and His Word means that we call out to Him in **every** situation, including deep despair and anger. This is living under the first and second commandments and part of our prayer life as we pray the first petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Hallowed be Thy name."

Now let us look at a psalm which is a lament for the Church. Psalm 10 (which also can be placed under the second commandment and the first petition of the Lord's Prayer) laments over the enemies of the Church. Who are those enemies? Make no mistake: They are the devil and all those who follow his ways. Now open up your Bibles, everyone, and look at Psalm 10.

Verse one starts out with a question that we often ask: Why does it seem that God is far off, hiding in times of trouble? This is an oft-asked question. It is seen many times in Scripture. This is comforting because it tells us that it is okay to question, to express disappointment or frustration. The truth is that He isn't far off; perhaps He is hiding, but as we have discussed before, God has His ways and reasons for doing things that we cannot always understand. We are, after all, creatures, not the Creator. Again, I reiterate that it is desirable to the Lord that we ask, even if we don't get an answer.

The following ten verses speak of the wicked and their boasting, arrogant, greedy, and oppressive ways toward the poor, the innocent, and the helpless. The wicked say in their heart, "There is no God," or "God has forgotten, He doesn't see me." This is the self-justification mode kicking in. "Since God doesn't exist, or even if He did," we say, "He's not looking at anything I do. I can do whatever I please in order to gain for myself." Not only the devil plays a part in this, but even our own Old Adams sink to low levels. Look at verse two where the psalmist says, "**Let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.**" This is a prayer in which we ask God to fulfill His promise to make sure the unjust get their due rewards.

Verse twelve picks up again the prayer that God will see to it. "**Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.**" It continues with the comfort that the Lord will hear, will act, and will give strength to the poor and afflicted Church. He will not let His Church die. We are His bride, and He is the perfect Husband.

Take heart and have hope, God's people! Even though it appears as though we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is ALWAYS faithful. So, pray the lament of Psalm 10 and rejoice!



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