

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, July 7, 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*

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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### 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] *Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good! || Blessed is the man who | takes re-  
fuge in | him! || Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints, || for those who | fear him  
have no | lack!*

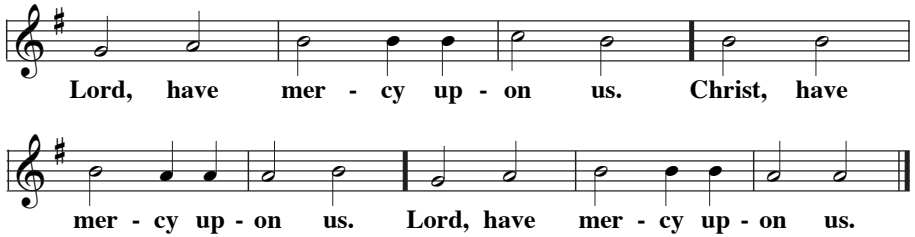
Verse 1: **For the LORD has | cho- sen •Zion•; || he has desired it | for his dwell- ing |  
place: || “This is my resting | place for- •ever•; || here I will dwell, for I | have  
de- •sired• | it.**

Verse 2: *I will abundantly bless | her pro- •visions•; || I will satis- | fy her poor with |  
bread. || Her priests I will clothe | with sal- •vation•, || and her | saints will  
shout for | joy.*

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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him have no | lack!**

## 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•*



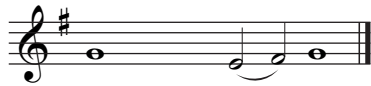
5. *That takest away the . . sin •of the• world, have mercy up - - - - - on\_\_\_ us.*
6. *Thou that takest away the . . . . . sin •of the• world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•*
7. *Thou that sittest at the right hand of . . . . . God the •Father•, have mercy up - - - - - on\_\_\_ us.*



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.*

## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:** *O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, 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** ..... Ezekiel 2:1-5

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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

[ Rise ]

## Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia!*



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

**Holy Gospel** ..... St. Mark 6:1-13

[ 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** ..... O Christ, Our True ..... Burgundy Hymn 839

## 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 ] 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.

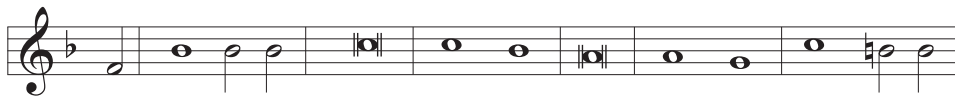
#### Common Preface, Sanctus

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,



Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3

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


[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **God Has Spoken** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 583**  
**Hope of the World** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 690**

[ 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.



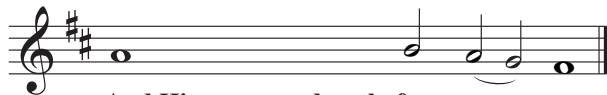
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

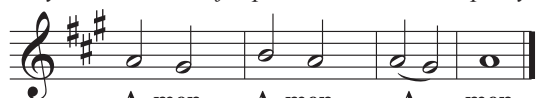
*Bless we the Lord.*



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 ..... Eternal Father ..... Burgundy Hymn 717

[ Please sing Stanzas \*2 and \*3 found on the facing page. ]

### Postlude

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## Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

### The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### The Gospel is Mark 6:1-13

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How

are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



## Hymns for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Johann Heermann

1. O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In you find peace and heav'nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
5. That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

### LSB583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

George W. Briggs

1. God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.
2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.
3. God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

### LSB690 Hope of the World

Georgia Harkness

1. Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;  
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.  
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,  
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,  
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life.  
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given  
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

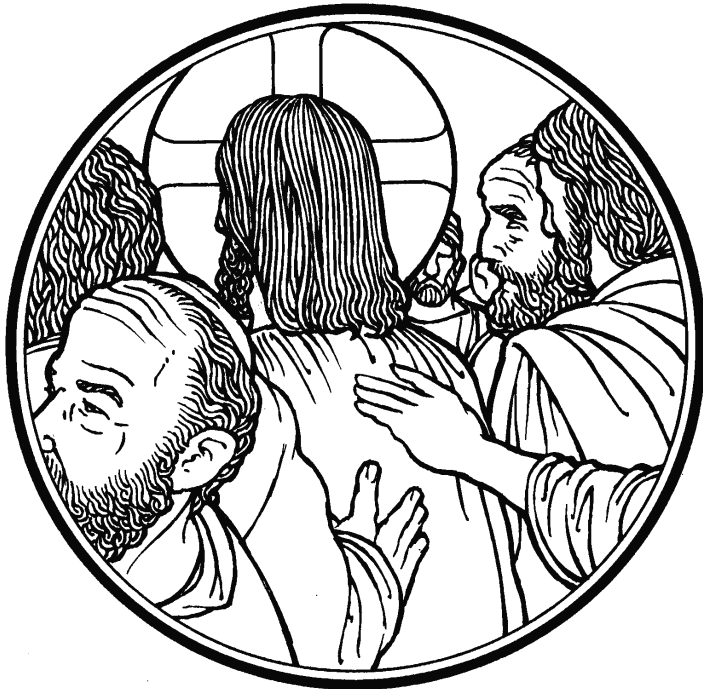
3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,  
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways  
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.
4. Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us  
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,  
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;  
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,  
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.  
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

**LSB966 Before You, Lord, We Bow**

**Francis Scott Key**

1. Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
2. The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day, For this fair land—  
Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise A grateful song.
4. Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,  
And bow before The Crucified.
5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng, With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

# The Seventh 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](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
- + 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, Connie Houser, 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, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Judy & Marty Thomas
- + 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
- + 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in to glory of God by Rosie & Carl Albersmeyer. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of Judy & Marty Thomas' 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. 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

### **July 7, 2024 thru July 13, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>		Pastor is out of town	
<b>TUES.</b>		Pastor is out of town	
<b>WED.</b>		Pastor is out of town	<b>Church</b>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	12:00 noon	Special Admin Council meeting	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

### **July 14, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	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.

**PASTOR IS OUT OF TOWN** Monday through Wednesday, returning on Thursday.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** are available to be picked up after Divine Service today. If you have any questions, please call Melvia at the office.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Do you like to work in the yard? If so, Zion needs you! The trustees need help to maintain Zion's flower beds and shrubs. If you can help, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

**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. Let's get this done.

**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](http://zionfw.org) and click on the GIVE button. You can give as much as you want to what you want as many times as you want.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Colossians 3:16-17—"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Last week's verse was Matthew 6:33-34.

**TO CREATE THE APPROPRIATE ESTATE PLAN** requires the use of your personal attorney. However, for some, that prospect creates anxiety. That anxiety may be caused by fear of the unknown. Most people do not visit with attorneys on a regular basis. Knowing what to expect out of that visit and becoming generally familiar with the terms and tools they use can bring down some of that anxiety. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can provide education and explanations to assist with this. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**RLNI:** Have a passion for helping women choose life? On Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:rlni@ichooselife.org).

**GRIEF SHARE:** If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited and encouraged to register for the Grief Share program. Grief Share groups meet weekly to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Grief Share will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne in Room 1 on Tuesdays starting August 20, 2024 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the workbook. Please register by August 15 by contacting Rhonda in the church office at (260) 744-3228. This program is sponsored by the Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem.

**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."

**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 6:1-13

**The Seventh Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Acts 13:42-52

Monday

Judges 3:7-31

Acts 14:1-18

Tuesday

Judges 4:1-24

Acts 14:19-15:5

Wednesday

Judges 6:1-24

Acts 15:6-21

Thursday

Judges 6:25-40

Galatians 1:1-24

Friday

Judges 7:1-23

Galatians 2:1-21

Saturday

Judges 13:1-25

**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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-44



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Devil's Mr. Nobody and God's Forgiveness*

[When you encounter sin,] you will hear the answer: "Mr. Nobody is responsible." No one will acknowledge his guilt. And yet the damage has been done, and you grieve over it. Sometimes a servant is caught in the act and still denies it. If the guilty one confessed it, the master would pardon him. But devil and death have brought that Mr. Nobody into the world. As a result, man is so base and vile that he pushes the blame on others. If man admitted his sin, he could readily obtain mercy and find a gracious God. For what would God not be glad to give us, if we only came to the cross? However, people refuse to do that. And by this refusal they augment their sin sevenfold; yes, they multiply it without end and measure. This was bemoaned and lamented by all the prophets. Moses called the Children of Israel "a stubborn, stiff-necked, and disobedient nation unwilling to obey and follow God." Ps. 78:8 expresses a similar complaint, as do Jer. 5:3 and Ezek. 2:4. And in Acts 7:51 Stephen rebukes the Jews: "You always resist the Holy Spirit." The devil follows the same pattern. He denies everything and thus makes seven sins out of one. ...

It is bad enough if I refuse to admit a sin which I really feel and for which the Son of God was given to us as the Man who is to forgive sin. But the devil does not let us stop there; he bids us defend ourselves with our Mr. Nobody. To commit a sin and then to deny it and try to justify it, is not human; no, that is devilish ...

When the Light tells you: "You are evil and sinful," you should acknowledge this and reply: "It is true!" Then you will have forgiveness of sin.

*Luther's Works*, 22:396-8.

# 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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Jan. 1

**HOME DISTRICT:** North Wisconsin and Rocky Mountain



**Pray daily  
for Paul and  
Courtney** – and

how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit [lcms.org/mroczenski](https://lcms.org/mroczenski)

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## It's diaper drive time

**FACTS: 33% of mothers cut back on basic essentials to afford diapers for their babies**

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on Sept 14th.

NEWBORN to 7 size diapers are needed.

Just bring your diapers to the church and place them into the bassinet.

Last day to bring diapers will be August 18th.

**\*Last year we gave away 10,620 diapers to the community**

**For more information contact  
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# LaToya's Story



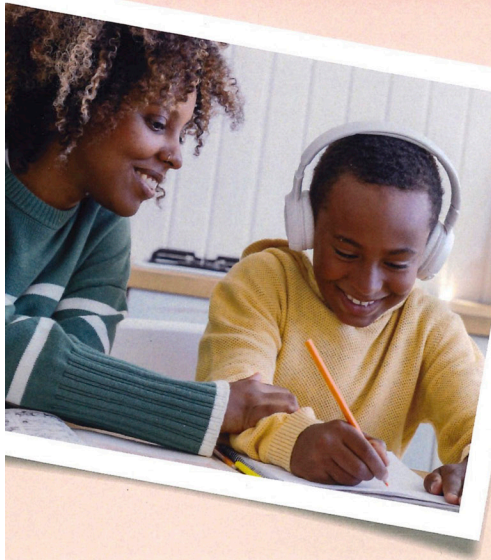
LaToya came to Lutheran Social Services through LSSI Works. Like many of the participants in the program, she was tired of struggling day to day, just to get by. A single mom in recovery from substance use, she had worked so hard but felt like she couldn't get traction to anything more than merely "surviving."

While at LSSI Works, during a session about other supports LSSI offered, she learned about and expressed interest in Recovery Care. Almost immediately, she was enrolled in services to further support her addiction recovery as she began full-time employment and provided for her child's needs.



During her time in both programs, LaToya established important connections within the recovery community that would help her continue to create her new sober lifestyle. She worked with staff to establish a wellness recovery plan that identified the triggers that previously would cause her to relapse and identify the tools she needed to maintain her recovery when life got difficult. Most importantly, LaToya learned of her own value and worth. She finally started to understand the life that she and her child could have with continued work and focus.

This summer, LaToya will celebrate one year of employment at General Motors. Her path to economic and family stability is much broader and stronger today than it ever has been!



In 2023, more than 5,000 people were impacted by LSSI Services. 83% of these families were at or below the federal poverty line. More than 2500 of these individuals impacted were children.

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- 84% of LSSI clients made progress toward economic stability
- 98% of families improved parenting skills
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- 96% of Recovery Care clients completed individualized goals related to understanding and maintaining their recovery
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#### OUR MISSION:

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana expresses the love of Jesus Christ for all people through services that empower individuals and families to move toward social, emotional, and spiritual wholeness.

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To promote the overall health of our community, LSSI focuses on equipping willing families facing the most challenging obstacles with the skills necessary to make positive life choices as evidenced by advancement toward economic and family stability.

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