

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, June 8, 2025

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.**

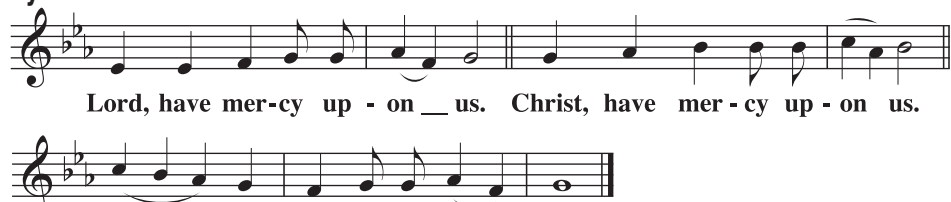
O almighty God, merciful Father; I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy 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.

Entrance Hymn O Holy Spirit, Enter In Burgundy Hymn 913

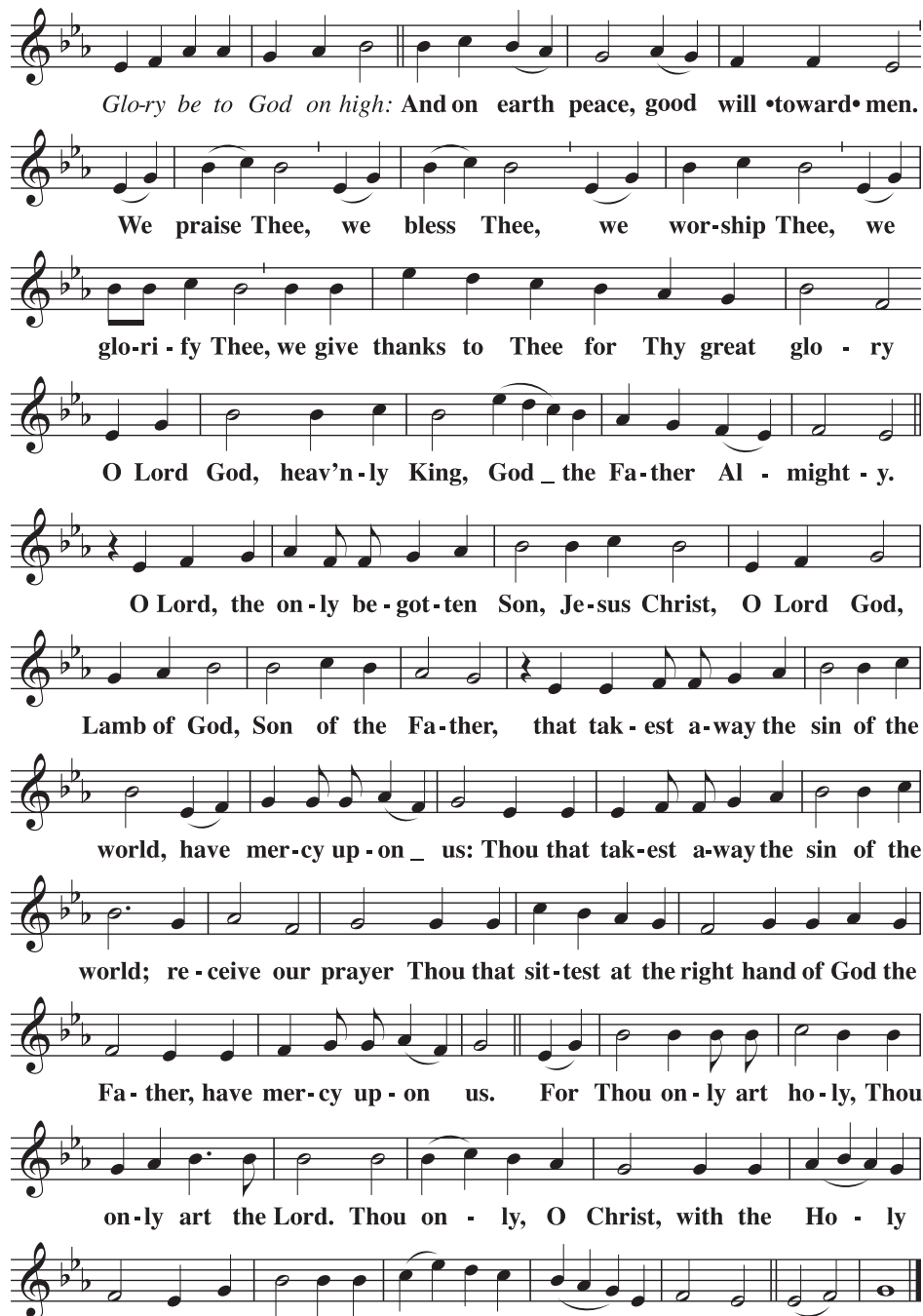
Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on _ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord _ have mer - cy up - on _ us.

Gloria



Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.

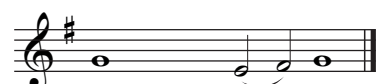
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God _ the Fa-ther Al - mighty - y.

O Lord, the on-ly be - got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

A musical staff with a treble clef. It contains five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F#4, and a half note on E4. A slur is placed under the first four notes. Below the staff, the text "A—men!" is written, with a long horizontal line under the "A" and a shorter line under the "men!".

+ The Office of the Word of God +

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

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Sequence Hymn Come, Holy Ghost Burgundy Hymn 497

[*The Gospel is announced.*]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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

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

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!

Hymn of the Day Holy Spirit, Light Divine Burgundy Hymn 496

Rite of Reception of New Members

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.

[*Be Seated*] Offerings

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[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. _

Proper Preface for Pentecost, 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 - en and _ earth are
 full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless-ed is _ He that com - eth in the name _ of the
 Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[Remain Standing] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r 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!

Musical notation for the Words of Institution, Pax Domini. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F#32, G32, A32, B32, 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Post Communion Rite

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

Musical notation for Post Communion Rite. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.

Musical notation for Prayer of Thanksgiving. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: A — men.

The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for The Lord be with you. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for Bless we the Lord. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

Musical notation for Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: A-men, A-men, A - men.

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

Recessional Hymn O Day Full of Grace Burgundy Hymn 503

Postlude

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Readings for the Feast of Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

The Second Reading is Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Gospel is John 14:23-31

Jesus answered him [Judas (not Iscariot)], “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

Hymns for the Feast of Pentecost

LSB913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Michael Schirmer

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.
2. Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
3. O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

LSB497 Come, Holy Ghost German, 5th cent. (st. 1); Martin Luther (sts. 2-3)

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1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite
From every land and every tongue;
This to Your praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Come, Holy Light, Guide divine,
Now cause the Word of truth to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From every error keep us free,
Let none but Christ our Master be,

That we in living faith abide,
In Him our Lord with all our might confide: Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Come, Holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide,
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your power prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death, to You, our Lord, ascend: Alleluia! Alleluia!

LSB496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Andrew Reed

1. Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
2. Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.
3. Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.
4. Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.
5. Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

LSB501 Come Down, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena

1. Come down, O Love divine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
No soul can guess His grace Till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

LSB500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Rabanus Maurus

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.
2. O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.
3. Giver of grace, descend from high;
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.

- △ 4. Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

LSB503 O Day Full of Grace

Scandinavian, c. 1450

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1. O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.
3. For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone
That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all His healing.
5. When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

The Feast of Pentecost



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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.

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Nathaniel Demlow

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The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

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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 teachers nearing the end of another academic year, our fieldworker Nate Demlow, vicar-elect Matthew Harrison, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall
- + 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 Frank Jackson, Earl Marcel Sisson, Richard Lammert, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Debra Busche, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jenel White, Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Donald Bieberich and family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Beth Bieberich and Johann & Anna Fuchs
- + 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 Festival of Pentecost. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Johann & Anna Fuchs by their daughter Josefa Schaper. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

June 8, 2025 thru June 14, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teenager Bible Study	Conference Room
MON.	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	Bethlehem Lutheran
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	Cowboy Cookout Fundraiser	Bauer Hall

June 15, 2025 (Father's Day)

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz continues in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Our alternate adult/teenage class is considering our Lutheran Identity, in the Conference Room. We are using Dr. Gene Veith's new book *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity*. You have two opportunities for growth in God's word.

WELCOME: You have seen him faithfully in church and working around church. Today we are blessed formally to welcome Bruce Allen to our fellowship by profession of faith.

COWBOY COOKOUT: Tickets are available in the Great Hall after Divine Service. Bid on the raffles. Bid on the baskets. Don your best western garb and enjoy some cowboy cuisine.

DISTRICT CONVENTION is fast approaching ... June 19-20 at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. Zach Muehl, your lay delegate, and I, your pastoral delegate, have registered for it. The Convention Workbook is available on the District website for interested members. Visit in.lcms.org/2025-indiana-district-convention and click on the Workbook link.

HELP: The trustees are looking for people who would like to keep Zion beautiful by maintaining the bushes and shrubs around the church and parking lot. If you have a trimmer and can help, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

REMINDER: get Melvia your current email address for congregational announcements.

BRAND SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: Schools, including LSUS and CLHS, are enrolling now. Pick up your scholarship application on the table in the Great Hall. Invite others who may want to join us at Zion.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ezekiel 36:26—"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Last week's verse was Psalm 56:3.

HEADS UP YOUNG ADULTS (20- and 30-somethings, single, married, new in town, or just looking to connect with other Christ-centered young adults) — this is for YOU! The Bridge – 20/30 Group Launch Night! *Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 PM at The Garden – 3308 N Anthony Blvd* (just down from Holy Cross!). Come, hang out for a chill night with free pizza & drinks, SpeedMeet (like speed dating ... but for making awesome new friends!), low-key yard games, music, laughter, and zero pressure. Let's build a bridge to something better — real (not virtual) friendships, authentic faith, and some seriously good times. For more info contact dschuller@clhscadets.com or rosemarytrent@outlook.com.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates someday. Will my plans preserve what I have gathered or give it away? We can become very attached to "things" of this life. Yet over and over, God's Word teaches us that our life does not consist in the abundance of our things. Your estate plan can reflect this aspect of your faith. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you work toward that. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

CLHS is looking for teachers — current open positions are Business – part time, English – part time, Study Center education assistant, substitute teacher, and Theology. To apply for an open position, please send your resume and cover letter to Concordia High School, 1601 St. Joe River Dr., Fort Wayne, 46805 or go to www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA has a lot of upcoming activities ... Father's Day Night at the TinCaps on June 10th! Visit ichooselife.org/tincaps for info and tickets; a 3-day Pro-Life Summer Camp for high school and college-aged students Thursday, June 12th–Saturday, June 14th on the University of St. Francis campus. Visit ichooselife.org/camp for info and registration; and Day of Dobbs Celebration, an open house and cookout on June 21st from 11am-3pm at 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, to commemorate the *Dobbs* Supreme Court decision anniversary! Visit ichooselife.org/dobbs for info.

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

John 14:23-31

Luke 22:1-23

Luke 22:24-46

Luke 22:47-71

Luke 23:1-25

Luke 23:26-56

Luke 24:1-27

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Feast of Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Genesis 11:1-9

Numbers 22:1-20

Numbers 22:21-23:3

Numbers 23:4-28

Numbers 24:1-25

Numbers 27:12-23

Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27

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 Festival of the Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

John 8:48-59



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Futile Arrogance of Godless Men

[T]he blind world, because it does not know God and his work, concludes that it is owing to its own cleverness, reason, and strength that a community or dominion endures and thrives. Accordingly, they gather together great treasures, stuff their coffers, construct mighty towers and walls, provide suits of armor and vast supplies of provisions, enact wise laws, and conduct their affairs with courage and prudence. They just go ahead in their arrogance without even consulting God about any of it, like those who built the Tower of Babel [Gen. 11:1-9].

Meanwhile, God sits above and watches how cleverly and boldly the children of men proceed, and he causes the psalmist to sing in his praise, “God brings the counsel of the nations to naught” [Ps. 33:10]. Again, “God knows the thoughts of man, that they are vain” [Ps. 94:11]. And yet again, “He takes away the spirit of princes, and deals strongly with the kings of the earth” [Ps. 76:12]. He allows such cities and dominions to arise and to gain the ascendancy, for a little while. But before they can look around he strikes them down; and in general the greater the kingdom, the sooner. Even though they flourish for a short time, that is in the sight of God little more than a beginning. Never does one of them arrive at the point it strives to reach.

If you will look at the history of the kingdoms of Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and all the rest, you will find there exactly what this verse says. All their splendor is nothing more than God’s little puppet show. He has allowed them to rise for a time, but he has invariably overthrown them, one after the other.

Luther’s Works, 45:328-29.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR COWBOY COOKOUT

June 14, 2025 here
at Zion Lutheran
Church inside of
Bauer Hall 2313 S.
Hanna St., Doors
open at 5:00

Cocktails at 5:30 PM
Dinner is at 6:00 PM
Featuring :mini silent
auction, raffle, Bbq
buffet, live music,
dancing and spirits.
This event is to support
Lutheran South Unity
School. Tickets are \$50
per person make checks
payable to Zion.

Throw on some Jeans & Cowboy boots
and join in on the fun





RIGHT TO LIFE
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DAY OF DOBBS

JUNE 21, 2025

11AM - 3PM

C E L E B R A T I O N

PONY RIDES, BALLOON ART,
COOKOUT FOOD & ICE CREAM TRUCK,
PRO-LIFE CHALK ART CONTEST,
TRIVIA & YARD GAMES



3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne IN 46805

***Bring a donation for local Pregnancy Resource Centers**

***Parking available at Divine Mercy Funeral Home
(3500 Lake Ave)**

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LIFE NEWS—JUNE 2025



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Life Newsbytes

New Report Shows 1.1 Million Babies Killed in Abortions as Abortion Pills Flood America – The most accurate, current, and complete compilation of abortion data shows over 1.1 million abortions took place via licensed providers from July 2023–June 2024, according to new analysis compiled by the Charlotte Lozier Institute. This establishes a baseline number of recorded abortions nationwide. This analysis is the first to collect abortion totals from different types of abortionists and examine which estimates are the most complete and definitive. The analysis used the regularly cited data from #WeCount and Guttmacher Institute because the U.S. government doesn't have a complete and thorough reporting system for a comprehensive evaluation. Neither organization publishes the raw data from abortion centers. While this is the best estimation of total abortions taking place in that timeframe, researchers cannot definitively calculate how many abortions occurred because there's no federal abortion reporting requirement and there's no verifiable way to track certain abortions, such as abortion drugs mailed into the U.S. by foreign abortion organizations ... CLI's full analysis can be found at this link: www.lifenews.com/2025/05/23/new-report-shows-1-1-million-babies-killed-in-abortions-as-abortion-pills-flood-america.

Speaking up For Life

"So, what are we as Christians to do in a culture that rejects God's gift of marriage, sex within its bounds, and children? Repent. Turn from your sin. Receive Jesus' forgiveness. And do not forget to pray. Pray for all marriages and all families, that the Lord who makes two into one flesh would richly bless them with His love, joy, and mercy." *Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary*

"For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn't just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for her needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

"I can finally perceive that God put some of the most difficult neighbors in my life at some of the most difficult times in order to bring me to the end of myself. Jesus didn't say that what God asks us to do would be easy. What God asks is impossibly difficult if God were not actually alongside us, helping us every step of the way. But the good news is that He is alongside us, helping us every step of the way." *Donna Harrison, M.D., AAPLOG (aaplog.org)*

lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes

Our New Executive Director

Lutherans For Life is delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske has accepted the divine call to serve as the next Executive Director of Lutherans For Life!

Dr. Fenske began his duties with LFL on May 1. On accepting the call, Dr. Fenske said, "I pray that God will strengthen and equip me to serve faithfully for the benefit of His Church."

The Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske is a 2011 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Since that time, he has served as the pastor of two dual parishes in the North Wisconsin District – LCMS, where he has been active in several different pro-life organizations. Dr. Fenske earned his Doctor of Ministry in 2019, again from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He and his wife, Marie, have four daughters—Madison, Alexis, Hailee, and Marta—along with two grandsons, James and Rustyn.

Please pray for Dr. Fenske, his family, and the Lutherans For Life community that our Father would bless this time of transition, and our Savior would continue to abundantly provide for the needs of His people at Dr. Fenske's former congregations.

The outgoing Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, Pastor Michael Salemink, will soon transition to a new vocation of service to the Church. The details will become public once final. Pastor Salemink said, "A delightful decade is drawing to an end. It makes me somewhat sentimental to reflect on what the time together with Lutherans For Life has taught me. No doubt I have learned far more than I have delivered and gained well beyond what I've given."

