

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, August 10, 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

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

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### [ Rise ] 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!*

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*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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *Sing to the Lord | with thanks- giving; || make melody to | our God on the | lyre! || He covers the | heavens with clouds; || he prepares rain for the earth; he makes | grass grow on the | hills.*

Verse 1: **He gives to the | beasts their food, || and to | the young ravens that | cry. || His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, || nor his pleasure in | the legs of a | man,**

Verse 2: *but the Lord takes pleasure in those | who fear him, || in those who hope | in his stead- fast | love. || Praise the Lord, O Je- | ru- sa- lem! || Praise | your God, O | Zion!*

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



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



Lord have mer-cy up - on us.

## Gloria



Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship 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-might-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



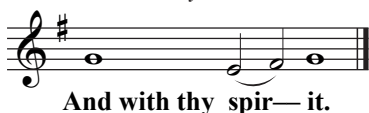
world, have mer-cy up - on us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



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.

**Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:** *Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[ Be Seated ]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

**Old Testament Reading** ..... **Genesis 15:1-6**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Hebrews 11:1-16**

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

[ Rise ]

## Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Alleluia!*

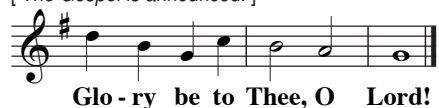


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

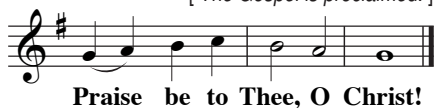
**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Luke 12:22-40**

[ 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 Little Flock ..... Burgundy Hymn 666

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 Hymn ..... 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 - 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!

[ Kneel ] **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!*

A - men

**Agnus Dei**

[ Vs. 1 & 2 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[ Vs. 3 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns ..... How Firm a Foundation ..... Burgundy Hymn 728**

**Now My Tongue ..... Burgundy Hymn 630**

[ Rise for Stanza 5. ]

**Eucharistic Benediction**

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

## Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis



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

2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



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



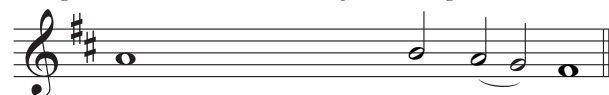
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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

## Post Communion Rite

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



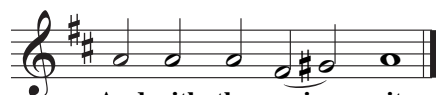
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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



A — men, A — men, A — men.

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

## Recessional Hymn ..... In God, My Faithful God ..... Burgundy Hymn 745

## Postlude

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## **Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

### **The Epistle is Hebrews 11:1-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

## **The Gospel is Luke 12:22-40**

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

## Hymns for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Jacob Fabricius

1. O little flock, fear not the foe  
Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
And though your courage sometimes faints,  
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints  
Lasts but a little hour.
2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs  
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;  
Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,  
His Gideon shall for you arise,  
Uphold you and His Word.
3. As true as God's own Word is true,  
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
Against us shall prevail.  
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
God is with us and we with God—  
Our vict'ry cannot fail.
4. Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
Fight for us once again!  
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
Forevermore. Amen.

### LSB728 How Firm a Foundation

*A Selection of Hymns, London*

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
5. "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

### **LSB630 Now, My Tongue the Mystery Telling**

**Thomas Aquinas**

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1. Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling Of the glorious body sing,  
And the blood, all price excelling, Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,  
Once on earth among us dwelling, Shed for this world's ransoming.
2. Giv'n for us, and condescending To be born for us below,  
He with us in converse blending Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,  
Till He closed with wondrous ending His most patient life of woe.
3. That last night at supper lying Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,  
Jesus, with the Law complying, Keeps the feast its rites demand;  
Then, more precious food supplying, Gives Himself with His own hand.
4. Word made flesh, the bread He taketh, By His word His flesh to be;  
Wine His sacred blood He maketh, Though the senses fails to see;  
Faith alone the true heart waketh To behold the mystery.
- △ 5. Glory let us give and blessing To the Father and the Son,  
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing, While eternal ages run;  
Ever too His love confessing Who from both with both is One.

### **LSB745 In God, My Faithful God**

*Veer schöne nye Geistlike Leder, Lübeck*

1. In God, my faithful God, I trust when dark my road;  
Great woes may overtake me, Yet He will not forsake me.  
My troubles He can alter; His hand lets nothing falter.

2. My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not despair.  
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock nothing moves me.  
To Him I will surrender, To Him, my soul's defender.
3. If death my portion be, It brings great gain to me;  
It speeds my life's endeavor To live with Christ forever.  
He gives me joy in sorrow, Come death now or tomorrow.
4. O Jesus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,  
You suffered death to save us Because Your love would have us  
Be heirs of heav'nly gladness When ends this life of sadness.
5. "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.  
Dear Lord, we all adore You, We sing for joy before You.  
Guide us while here we wander Until we praise You yonder.

# The Ninth Sunday after 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.

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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Field Workers:

Nathaniel Demlow

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))

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### 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 teachers preparing for the start of another academic year (and being installed/blessed today at Mount Calvary), our fieldworker Nate Demlow, and vicars Matthew Harrison and Paul Mroczenski (Paul 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 or nearing death, especially Chrys Caragounis
- + 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, 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, especially Isabelle Graf
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Doris Yerger & William Bengs
- + 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Doris Yerger by Karen Coleman and family. The Altar Vases are given in honor of William Bengs' birthday, which is on August 12th, by ClarAnn Bengs and family. 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

### **August 10, 2025 thru August 16, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Divine Service	Kramer Chapel, CTSFW
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confessions	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

### **August 17, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	LWML Meeting	Conference Room

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz continues in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Our alternate adult/teenage class will begin again after school starts back up (exact date tbd).

**FYI:** Next Sunday is Open Streets, which means that Calhoun Street will be closed from Superior to Pontiac, 8 AM-4 PM. Members coming to church from the west will have to circumvent this street closure.

**CALLING ALL** persons who know how to knit, sew, or crochet. For our last community project of the year, the ladies of Zion would love to give wheel chair residents at Lutheran Life Villages (LLV) 36x36 lap blankets. This length assures that it will clear the wheels and not cause a fall. If you would like to help out, please contact Melvia or DaVanna for more information or if you need supplies.

**REMEMBER** there is a weekday Bible class in Bauer Hall every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Pastor Jim Teasdale is teaching the class. Lutheran adults—both men and women—from any congregation are most welcome; we have recently had regular attendees from five area congregations.

**MITE BOXES** are used to collect money for missions. Please pick up one from the table and return it back once it's full. All donations are turned in to the LWML society to further God's kingdom through the 31 mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions. There are bookmarks on the round table that shows where the money is going.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 1 Corinthians 15:57—"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" Last week's verse was Colossians 1:5.

**LSUS:** It's back-to-school time! There are lots of deals on school supplies now. With school starting on August 20, please consider helping LSUS Art Classes by donating some items. See the display board in the Great Hall for items needed such as Crayola markers, crayons, Elmer's glue sticks, sharpies, pencils, erasers, and scissors. Take a stick and return the item to the designated box by August 17! Thank you for your partnership with LSUS.

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about planning our estates. Am I giving things away or am I trying to control how things will be used? Throughout our lives, we have been responsible for directing and stewarding things God has placed in our purview. The temptation is to think we can control them, even from the grave. A Christian estate plan understands the transfer of God's blessings that have been His all along. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through and apply this perspective. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**RLNI:** Sidewalk Advocate Training August 26th, 9:00am-12:00pm. Become a Sidewalk Advocate for Life! We'll train you to have compassionate, helpful, winsome interactions with people going into Planned Parenthood. National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children September 13th, 2:00-3:00pm. Formerly called the Memorial for the Unborn, join us for a memorial to remember the babies from Northeast Indiana who lost their lives to abortion. Held at the Catholic Cemetery on 3500 Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne. Also, You're invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for the Fall Banquet with **keynote speaker Kirk Cameron**! Come celebrate our 51st year, as an organization. Tickets are available for purchase. This event is expected to be a record-breaking size.

**CTSFW** invites applications for an Admission Coordinator to assist the Assistant Vice President (AVP) of Admission. This position manages all Admission data in Salesforce (CRM) and provides administrative, organizational, and project management support to the AVP and Admission Counselors. The role also includes coordination of office operations, supervision of student workers, and scheduling of campus visits for prospective students and applicants. For a full position description and to apply, visit [ctsfw.edu/employment](https://ctsfw.edu/employment).

## 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

Luke 12:22-40

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

1 Corinthians 9:1-23

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Genesis 15:1-6

1 Samuel 26:1-25

1 Samuel 28:3-25

1 Samuel 31:1-13

2 Samuel 1:1-27

2 Samuel 5:1-25

2 Samuel 6:1-19

### 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

#### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Hebrews 11:17-40; 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-56



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Justification: Believing God's Promise of the Seed*

[I]f you should ask whether Abraham was righteous before this time, my answer is: He was righteous because he believed God. But here the Holy Spirit wanted to attest this expressly, since the promise deals with a spiritual Seed. He did so in order that you might conclude on the basis of a correct inference that those who accept this Seed, or those who believe in Christ, are righteous.

Abraham's faith was extraordinary, since he left his country when commanded to do so and became an exile; but we are not all commanded to do the same thing. Therefore in that connection Moses does not add: "Abraham believed God, and this was reckoned to him as righteousness." But in the passage before us he makes this addition when he is speaking about the heavenly Seed. He does so in order to comfort the church of all times. He is saying that those who, with Abraham, believe this promise are truly righteous. ...

At this point there arises an important debate concerning the Law and faith: whether the Law justifies, whether faith does away with the Law, etc.

In this connection Paul learnedly stresses the matter of time: that in this chapter Moses is speaking about righteousness and a righteous or justified Abraham prior to the Law, prior to the works of the Law; yes, prior to the people of the Law and before Moses, the lawgiver, was born. Accordingly, he says that righteousness is not only not from the Law but is prior to the Law, and that neither the Law nor the works of the Law contribute anything toward it.

Then what? Is the Law useless for righteousness? Yes, certainly. But does faith alone, without works, justify? Yes, certainly. Otherwise you must repudiate Moses, who declares that Abraham is righteous prior to the Law and prior to the works of the Law, not because he sacrificed his son, who had not yet been born, and not because he did this or that work, but because he believed God who gave a promise.

*Luther's Works, 3:20.*



## **It's diaper drive time**

**FACTS: About 1 in 2 US families struggle to afford enough diapers for their children**

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on Sept 6th.

ALL 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 24th.

**\*Last year we gave away 6500 diapers to the community, that's 205 families that got diapers from us.**

**For more information contact  
TruLaine Starks 260-615-1873**

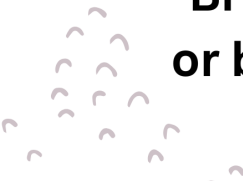


# Zion Church Picnic

**AUGUST 24, 2025  
AT 12 NOON**

**BRATS, BURGERS, HOT DOGS AND  
DRINKS ARE PROVIDED  
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR  
DESSERT TO SHARE**

**Bring a board game, cards  
or be ready to sing karaoke**





# AUGUST EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

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AUG 2025

## BRIDGE BUNCO BASH

AN EASY DICE GAME THAT'S ALL ABOUT ROLLING, CHATTING, AND HAVING FUN!

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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AUG 2025

## PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

GRAB YOUR PADDLES AND JOIN US FOR A FUN, FREE NIGHT OF PICKLEBALL!

7-9 PM ZOLLNER STADIUM TENNIS  
COURTS 3500 N. ANTHONY

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AUG 2025

## DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "GUARDING YOUR HEART" WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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## MEETUP - COUNTRY HERITAGE SINGO SOCIAL

SINGO IS LIKE BINGO — BUT WITH SONGS! LISTEN, MATCH THE TUNES TO YOUR CARD, AND WIN FUN PRIZES.

6 PM 0185 COUNTRY ROAD 68  
LAOTTO



**Join us for a Men's Retreat!**

**September 26-28, 2025**

Join us for Lutherhaven's Men's Retreat where faith, fellowship and friendly competition meet under the theme of Iron Sharpens Iron.

## **Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose**

**Dr. Jeffrey Leininger**

*"...brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1 (ESV)*

What is God calling me to do? What is the one thing I was placed on this planet for? How can I discover it? What if I miss it? These questions plague us all, whether we're young and ambitious or retired and asking, "what's next." The truth is, however, there is not one thing that you're meant to do. We have multiple callings, and they are unfolding right now. Pastor Leininger will walk us through the theological teaching on vocation, and apply it to the issues affecting Christian men in an increasingly unchristian world.

**Come for the food, fellowship, fun and faith that we share** as we dive into a great Topic, Games for guys, engaging Sectionals, Free-time, a Cook Out, and time spent in God's Creation! **Other activities include:** Disc Golf, Basketball, Pickleball, Beach Volleyball, Boating, Self-Guided Hikes, A Game Room, and more.

**Register & More Information at:**

**[LUTHERHAVEN.ORG/PROGRAMS/RETREATS/MEN/](https://lutherhaven.org/programs/retreats/men/)**





## LIFE NEWS—AUGUST 2025



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### Life Newsbytes

On July 25, the Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research released the results of a poll of over 1,400 adults in mid-July. The findings contain good news for pro-lifers. The results indicate that the percentage of adults who think abortion should be illegal in “all cases” or “most cases” has increased by seven percentage points since June 2024. Overall, this AP/NORC poll reports the highest level of pro-life sentiment since the leak of the Dobbs decision in May 2022. The survey asked respondents about whether “your state should allow someone to obtain a legal abortion” in each of four different circumstances. For each circumstance, support for legal abortion fell during the past year. Notably, the percentage of people who supported legal abortion if the woman “does not want to be pregnant for any reason” fell by five percentage points. Considering the media’s consistently negative coverage of pro-life laws, this gain in pro-life sentiment is welcome news. This is the second major poll this summer to show an increase in pro-life sentiment. In June, Gallup released the results of its annual poll on sanctity-of-life issues. Gallup found gains in the percentage of people who identified as “pro-life” and the percentage of people who felt that abortion was “morally wrong.” (Source: Michael New | [lifeneews.com/2025/07/25/new-poll-shows-percentage-of-americans-who-are-pro-life-jumps-7](http://lifeneews.com/2025/07/25/new-poll-shows-percentage-of-americans-who-are-pro-life-jumps-7))

### Speaking up For Life

“If the Christian church is passionate about protecting every life, then we will need to learn how to meet relational needs. When an unplanned pregnancy happens, the baby’s parents often have massive needs to help them grow as people and, perhaps, as a couple. Could you be God’s way of meeting such needs?” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace*

“We live in the presence of evil. Some of it is twisted to sound good. We hear of ‘the compassionate relief of suffering’ or ‘death with dignity’ or ‘right to health care’ or ‘simple medical procedure.’ You know many more. God calls us to confront these with His truth, to reveal the evil behind them. God calls us to educate fellow Christians in His truth so they do not end up ‘possessed’ by this way of thinking. God calls us to call evil what it is but also to share the truth of what God has done about evil. For that we fix our gaze upon Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). He speaks to us through His Word of truth and grace.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life*

[lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes](http://lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes)



[word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org)

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### Registration Fees | [lutheransforlife.org/conferences](https://lutheransforlife.org/conferences)

Adult: \$150

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Children, 12 years old and under: FREE

