

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, October 5, 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.**

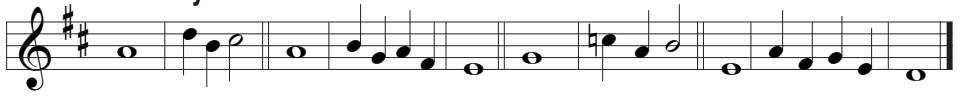
*O almighty God, merciful Father; ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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] *I hope for your sal- | •vation•, O Lord, || and I do | your com- mand- | ments. || My soul keeps your | tes- ti- •monies•; || I love | them ex- ceed- ing- | ly.*

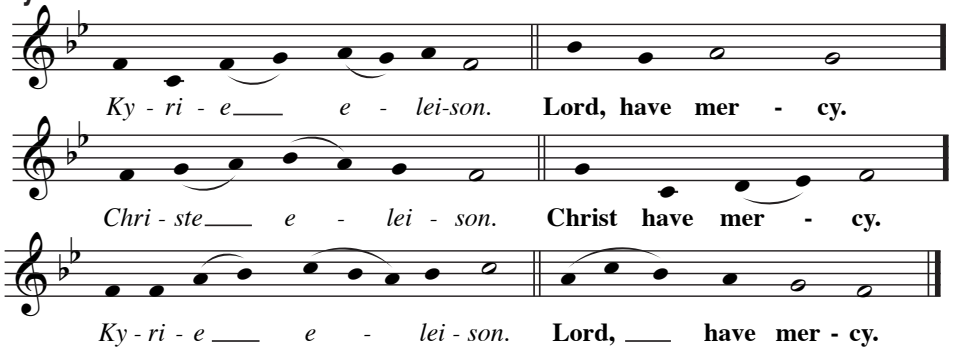
Verse 1: **I rejoice | at your word || like | one who finds great | spoil. || I hate and ab- | hor false- hood, || but | I\_\_ love your | law.**

Verse 2: *Seven times a day I | praise\_\_ you || for | your\_\_ right- eous | rules. || Great peace have those who | love your law; || nothing can | make them stum-\_\_ | ble.*

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

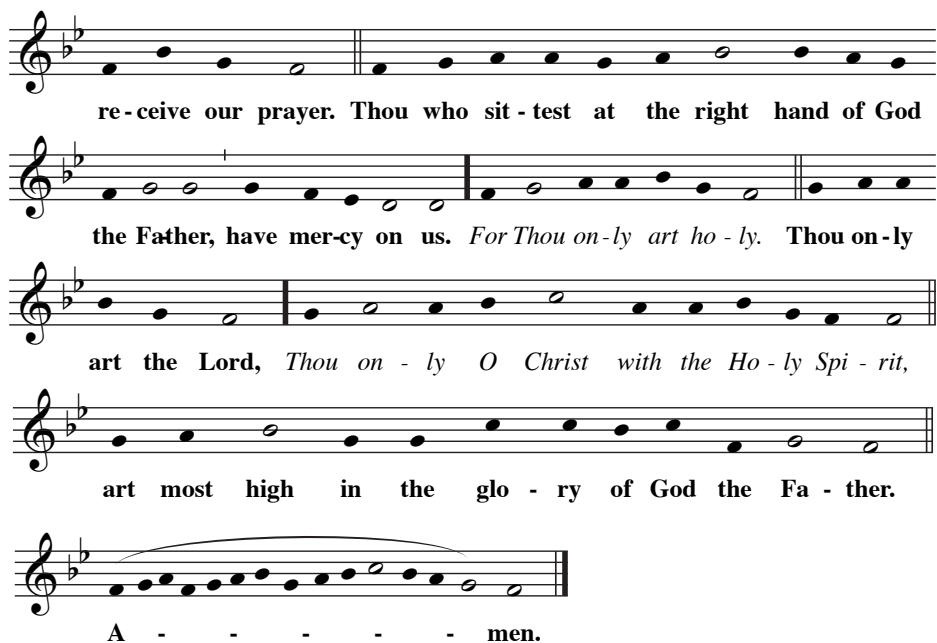
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## Kyrie



## Gloria in Excelsis

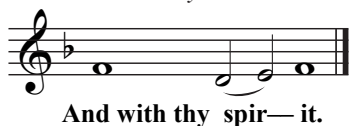




re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly  
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - - - - - men.

### Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:** *O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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..... Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

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

**Epistle of the Day ..... 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him” Alleluia!

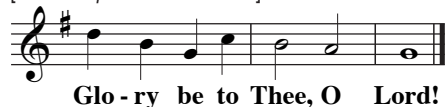


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

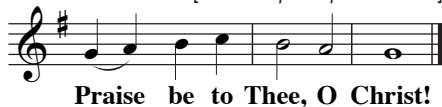
**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 17:1-10**

[ 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 ..... I Know My Faith Is Founded ..... Burgundy Hymn 587

## 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 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.

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up un-to the Lord.



Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics "It is meet and right so to do." are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

It is meet and right so to do.

**Common Preface, Sanctus**

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

Musical notation for the Common Preface, Sanctus, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (D major), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:  
Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes 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.

Musical notation for the Lord's Prayer, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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** ..... "Forgive Our Sins" ..... Burgundy Hymn 843  
Jesus Comes Today ..... Burgundy Hymn 620

[ Rise ] **Eucharistic Benediction**

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

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



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

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



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



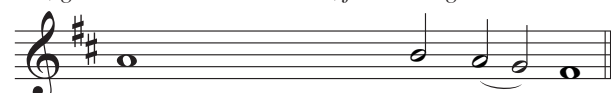
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

## Post Communion Rite

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



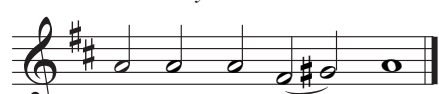
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

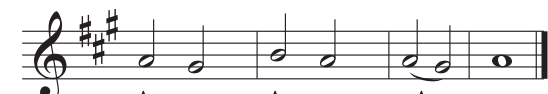
*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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



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

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

## Recessional Hymn ..... Lord, Help Us Walk ..... Burgundy Hymn 857 Postlude

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## Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted. ...

I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

### The Epistle is 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with

joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

### **The Gospel is Luke 17:1-10**

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

# Hymns for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## LSB587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Erdmann Neumeister

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

## LSB843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Rosamond E. Herklots

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1. Forgive our sins as we forgive You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But you alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us; How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

## LSB620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

Heinrich Puchta

4. Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Offering pardon, grace and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,

And I hear His invitation:  
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

5. Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.
6. Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv’n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursed tree.
7. God descends with heav’nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour\_\_\_  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.
8. Let me praise God’s boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.
9. Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev’ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

**LSB857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way** Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

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1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.

2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood In lowliness You died.
3. No golden scepter by a towel You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.
4. You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.
5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And bending low, for getting self. Each serve the other's need.

# The Seventeenth 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, Joshua Fuchs

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

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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 as they start of another academic year, our fieldworker Nate Demlow, and vicars Matthew Harrison and Paul Mroczewski (Paul vicaring in Puerto Rico)
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall & Thaddeus Cody
- + 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 Larry Myers, Bob Ockree, Chrys Caragounis
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Art Litke, Henry Williams, Debra Busche, Sarah Hollman, Mike Carson, Frank Jackson, Richard Lammert, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Earl Marcel Sisson, Elaine Seifert, 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 especially DaVanna Seifert and for pregnant mothers Jennifer Wessel, Marie Bahr, Hannah Fink, and Rachel Wiegman
- + 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, including Matthew Frank Surina
- + 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday of DaVanna Seifert by her husband David Seifert and family. The Altar vases are given by Jim Crouse "in memory of my uncle and Godfather, Matthew Frank Surina, born 5 October 1917 (and died 28 September 2009 at age 91)". 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

### **October 5, 2025 thru October 11, 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	Alternate Adult/Teen Class	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>			CLHS
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Fort Wayne South Circuit Forum	Zion, Bauer Hall
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	8:30 AM	LWML Ingathering	Shepherd of the City

### **October 12, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
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## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz continues today in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Pastor Punke is leading the alternate adult/teenage class, in the Conference Room.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 1 Peter 3:15—"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." Last week's verse was 2 Peter 3:15.

**RLNI:** please join us also at RLNI's Fall Banquet on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum with **keynote speaker Kirk Cameron! Pastor Bahr has reserved two for Zion, and there are still some seats open. The cost is \$50 per person. If interested, see Pastor Bahr or make your check out to Zion and put RLNI in the memo line.**

**LSUS:** Don't forget that Zion is hosting a Benefit dinner for LSUS on Nov 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM. There will be live music, photos, food, and fun happening here at Zion.

**LWML:** You are warmly invited to our LWML Fort Wayne South Zone Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 11, 2025, 8:30–11:30 AM at The Shepherd's Hand Outreach, 1231 South Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne. Registration: \$7 (includes a light continental breakfast) RSVP: by Wednesday, October 1 to Lisa Kanning — 260-446-6700 | [kanninglisa@gmail.com](mailto:kanninglisa@gmail.com).

**CLHS IMPACT EVENTS** Concordia Lutheran High School has broken ground for its Project 1 (academic wing) with hopes that Project 2 (auditorium) will also be funded. The **"A Bold Step"** capital campaign has raised \$22 million in donations and pledges in its "quiet campaign." Now, it's time for the public phase of the campaign seeking \$12 million more. Starting this week, Concordia will host public impact events in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come, and your attendance and participation will make the difference. Please come! To learn more, please visit [cadetsboldstep.org](http://cadetsboldstep.org). There, you can find the date and location of a public impact event that you might attend, by clicking on "Find An Impact Event." Pastor and Marge Punke have made a significant financial pledge (multi-year) to these projects for the sake of the continued focus on salvation in Christ Jesus and for the training up of Christ-centered leaders. Pastor encourages you to attend an impact meeting and prayerfully consider giving. You can give online, too, by clicking on "Give to A BOLD STEP."

**CLHS FALL DRAMA:** this afternoon at 2:00 pm, Mr. Chris Murphy is directing "Dial M for Murder." Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students in high school or younger. The school address is 1601 St. Joe River Drive. Also, Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 PM, one act plays "Cut," directed by Mrs. Noelle Mickelini, and "Knock, Knock," directed by Ms. Hannah Mundt will be presented.

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about planning our estates. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. For those who are strongly guided by specific goals in life, it can be difficult to accept that past goals might need to be changed. This can include financial accumulation, choices about personal representatives, power of attorney representatives or guardianship of a child. Illness might introduce new challenges. Your plan needs to be reviewed regularly. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact Mark Muehl at [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org) or 260-241-4845..

**CTSFW:** October 14<sup>th</sup> is donation day from 8:30AM-1: 30PM For over 100 years, women from congregations near and far have collected donations of food and clothing for our students and their families and brought them to the Seminary. We invite you to spend a morning with us on campus. Drop off donations, worship in Kramer Chapel, learn more about how congregations and LWML groups are supporting the work

**RLNI:** To equip and inspire new advocates, we hold monthly **Sidewalk Advocacy Trainings** at **Right to Life**, and our next session will be on: Tuesday, October 21st, 12 Noon until 3 PM. There is a sign up sheet in the Great Hall on the round table.

## 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 17:1-10

Matthew 9:1-17

Matthew 9:18-38

Matthew 10:1-23

Matthew 10:24-42

Matthew 11:1-19

Matthew 11:20-30

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9

Deuteronomy 6:10-25

Deuteronomy 7:1-19

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Deuteronomy 9:1-22

Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22

### 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

#### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 1:1-19a

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Luke 17:11-19



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Futility of Works; Salvation Is by Faith*

Again, just as [Jesus] firmly stands against the “works-righteous” ones, without yielding an inch, so he also stands up for all who put their trust in him, as Isaiah 28[:16] says: “I shall lay a cornerstone for a foundation, and all who believe in him, shall not come to shame.” And Christ himself says in Matthew 16[:18]: “On that rock will I build my church and the hellish portals shall not overpower it.” The falling and breaking mentioned here is nothing else than unbelief and clinging to works, even as rising and being built on this rock is nothing else than faith and disregarding works. This takes place for the believers, for whom Christ alone is set for a rising.

Even as at the time of Christ many in Israel rose in him, so it will continue until the end of the world; nobody can rise through works or through the teachings of men, but solely through Christ. This comes to pass through faith, as has often been stated, without any works and merit; works must of necessity come after we have risen.

You see how the entire Bible speaks only of faith and rejects works as useless, indeed as offensive and as an obstacle to righteousness and our own rising. Christ alone wants to be set up for the rising of many; otherwise he becomes the reason for their fall.

He does not permit anything to be set next to him to bring about our rising. Is the life of the papists and the clergy not horrible?

They run against this rock so vehemently and directly, and their walk is so utterly opposed to the Christian life, that it may well be called the Antichrist’s nature and rule. Of this rising does the spiritual Simeon speak to Christ’s spiritual mother. For all the prophets teach Christendom that only in Christ can all men rise, as St. Paul says in Romans 1[:17], and Hebrews 10[:38] quotes Habakkuk 2[:4]: “The righteous man lives by his faith.”

*Luther’s Works*, 52:113-14.

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# TRUNK OR TREAT?

OCTOBER 25, 2025,

3:00 PM UNTIL 5 PM

Could you spare a couple hours? Can you to help  
pass out candy? Can you help with pass out  
snacks?

if so please contact Melvia



## LSUS NOTES

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Adonis	Lilly
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Avah	Mrs. Fink
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# OCTOBER EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE | INSTAGRAM: THEBRIDGE2030

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OCT 2025

DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "PURSUING GOD DAILY"  
WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

14

OCT 2025

MEETUP - KEKIONGA CRAFT COMPANY

HANG OUT INSIDE OR ON THEIR LIT UP PATIO AND  
SIP ON THEIR SEASONAL HARD CIDERS!

7-9 PM 7328 MAYSVILLE ROAD  
FORT WAYNE

21

OCT 2025

THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF  
THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

7 PM HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER  
3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

28

OCT 2025

COSTUME PARTY & PUMPKIN CARVING

COME IN COSTUME & BRING A PUMPKIN TO CARVE.

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD



# **LWML Fort Wayne South Zone Fall Gathering**

**October 11, 2025**

**8:30 am- 12 pm**

**The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach  
1231 South Anthony Blvd.**

**Registration: \$7**

**Continental Breakfast**

Theme: Held and Led

John 10:27-28

Speaker Deaconess Jana Peters

In-gathering for the Shephard Hand

Diapers: 4, 5, 6

Pull-ups: 2t-3t, 4t-5t

Baby wipes, Feminine Hygiene Products

(pads in various sizes)

or Monetary Donations

Please RSVP by October 6<sup>th</sup> to

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**LIFE NEWS—OCTOBER 2025**



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## **Life Newsbytes**

So far this year, the Planned Parenthood abortion business has closed 41 centers. Despite what the abortion giant and the media would have Americans think, they all participated in abortions. Some would kill babies directly with surgical abortions. Others would kill babies by selling the dangerous abortion pill that also kills and injures women. Still others would make abortion referrals—with Planned Parenthood locations in pro-life states arranging abortions in other states or using telehealth to sell abortion pills to women in violation of state pro-life laws ... The closures don't mean that every baby the Planned Parenthood center would have killed will be saved. The abortion business is desperate for cash from killing babies—so it will make every effort to sell women abortions over the phone or internet. But for some babies and some women, lives will be spared because a physical Planned Parenthood location is not available. "Life is winning," Majorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony (SBA) Pro-life America. "Imagine how many more will shut down once they stop receiving half a billion dollars in Medicaid money. By Planned Parenthood's own account, our victory stopping the forced taxpayer funding of abortion businesses could cause up to 200 facilities to close." (Source: *lifeneews.com/2025/09/22/42-planned-parenthood-abortion-centers-have-closed-this-year*)

## **Speaking up For Life**

"Having received God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His divine services to us in our congregations, we jointly put on His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) in the public square, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins, even those of babies still in the womb. In so doing, we advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of fertilization and pray that God will use us to change the hearts of the abortion-minded in our communities." *Dr. Roni Grad, Catalina Lutheran Church Life Team and National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors member*

"To God, all life is sacred because He created it. With their faith, the great multitude will stand before the Lamb on Judgment Day, just as we will. So, to those of us who follow Jesus, we must continue to uphold the sanctity of life for each person, no matter the nation, language, or political stance." *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*  
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# God's Wonderfully Comforting Promises

by Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske



God's Word tells us that it is a blessing to grow to an old age (Job 12:12; Proverbs 16:31, 17:6). However, because of sin, growing old also comes with many challenges. For many, aging means having to deal with a weakening and aching body, forgetfulness, and the loss of independence, among many other frustrations.

Unfortunately, the devil has convinced our culture to look to death as the solution to the suffering that comes with growing old. The story of Genesis 3 has been repeated over and over again as people elevate themselves to the place of God, who alone has authority over life and death. Ending one's own life through physician-assisted suicide or purposely hastening death by withholding necessary medications or treatments are violations of God's command to love and protect the lives He so wonderfully created.

It is right for a Christian to feel compassion for those who suffer and to desire an end to their pain. But deliberately ending a life is not the answer. Christ alone provides the answer to our suffering by joining Himself to our suffering in His own life and death.

For the sake of Christ, the heavenly Father leaves the aging with many wonderfully comforting promises. God will never leave us or forsake us, no matter how old we grow or how terribly we suffer (Isaiah 46:4; Psalm 138:9). He will use our suffering to strengthen our faith and bring us into His salvation (Romans 5:3-5, 8:28-30). And finally, by patiently enduring our suffering through the faith that He supplies, God will ultimately free us from all pain and suffering (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 2:10).

May your faith be increased so that in Christ our Lord, you are able both to see the sanctity that God places upon the lives of the aged and to entrust yourself into the loving care of our Father in heaven no matter what lies ahead, knowing that **"even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save"** (Isaiah 46:4).



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