

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

9:00 am Sunday, June 15, 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.

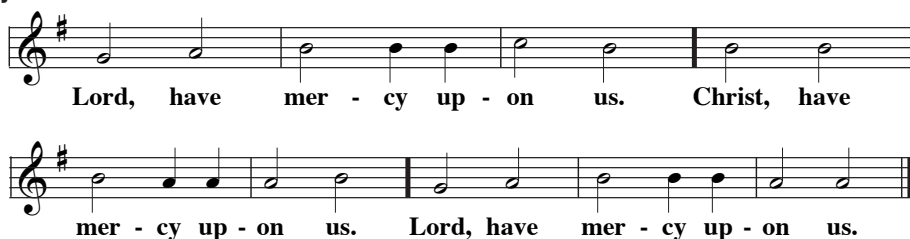
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy 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 Come, Thou Almighty King Burgundy Hymn 905

Kyrie



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- The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains four measures: the first measure has a whole note F#4; the second measure has two eighth notes, G#4 and A4; the third measure has a whole note B4; and the fourth measure has two eighth notes, C5 and B4.

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A ————— men!

Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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Confession of Faith (The Athanasian Creed)

- 1 *Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.*
- 2 **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- 3 *And the catholic faith is this,*
- 4 **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- 5 *For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.*
- 6 **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- 7 *Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:*
- 8 **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- 9 *the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;*
- 10 **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- 11 *And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,*
- 12 **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- 13 *In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;*
- 14 **and yet there are not three Almighty's but one Almighty.**
- 15 *So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;*
- 16 **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- 17 *So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;*
- 18 **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- 19 *Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,*
- 20 **so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**
- 21 *The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.*
- 22 **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.**
- 23 *Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.*
- 24 **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- 25 *but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.*
- 26 **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- 27 *But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 28 **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- 29 *He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:*
- 30 **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- 31 *equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.*
- 32 **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- 33 *one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh but by the assumption of the humanity into God;*
- 34 **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- 35 *For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,*
- 36 **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again from the dead,**
- 37 *ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*
- 38 **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- 39 *And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.*
- 40 **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

[After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.]

Hymn of the Day Come Holy Ghost Burgundy Hymn 498

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6;
All sing stanza 7; Rise for stanza 7.]

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] Offerings, Voluntary

[Rise] Offertory Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



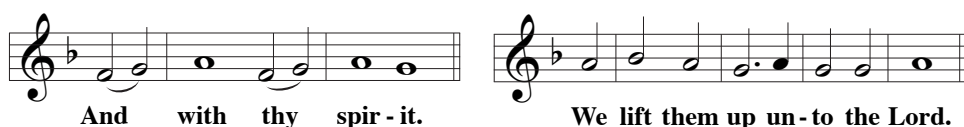
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

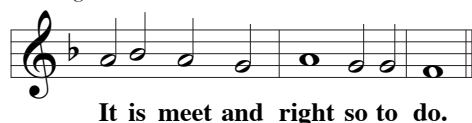
The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for Holy Trinity, Sanctus

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that



com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -



ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



A - men.

Agnus Dei



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,



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

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Holy, Holy, Holy** **Burgundy Hymn 507**

I Bind Unto Myself Today **Burgundy Hymn 604**

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



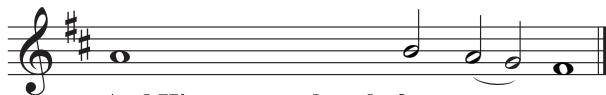
4. Glo— ry___ be to the
Father, and to___ the ___ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



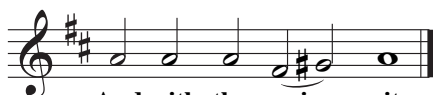
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

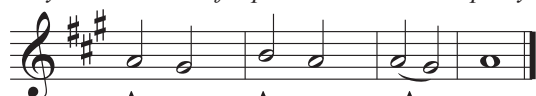
Bless we the Lord.



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 Holy God, We Praise Burgundy Hymn 940

Postlude

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Readings for the Festival of the Holy Trinity

The Old Testament Reading is Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. ...”

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,

the first of his acts of old.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

before he had made the earth with its fields,

or the first of the dust of the world.

When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

then I was beside him, like a master workman,

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the children of man.”

The Second Reading is Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

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“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”’

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

The Gospel is John 8:48-59

The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Hymns for the Festival of the Holy Trinity

LSB905 Come, Thou Almighty King

English, before 1760

1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing: Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.
3. Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- △ 4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

LSB505 God the Father, Be Our Stay

Martin Luther

1. God the Father, be our Stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, "Alleluia!"
2. Jesus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, "Alleluia!"

3. Holy Spirit, be our Stay, O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, "Alleluia!"

LSB498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

attr. Rabanus Maurus

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.
2. To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.
- M 3. In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.
- W 4. Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
- M 5. Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
- W 6. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- Δ 7. Praise we the Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

LSB507 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

LSB604 I Bind unto Myself Today

attr. Patrick, c. 372–466

1. I bind unto myself today The strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three.
- M 2. I bind this day to me forever, By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation,
His Baptism in the Jordan River, His cross of death for my salvation,
His bursting from the spiced tomb, His riding up the heav'nly way,
His coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.
- W 3. I bind unto myself today The pow'r of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need,
The wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The Word of God to give me speech, His heav'nly host to be my guard.
4. Against the demon snares of sin, The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within, The hostile foes that mar my course;
Or few or many, far or nigh, In ev'ry place and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility, I bind to me those holy pow'rs.
- Δ 5. I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three,
Of whom all nature has creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation; Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

LSB940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Latin, c. 4th cent.

1. Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
2. Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
3. Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
4. Thou art King of glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- △ 5. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

The Festival of the Holy Trinity



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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

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Nathaniel Demlow

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Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),

Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Lee Buxton (PE)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our 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, and for our graduates
- + 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, 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 one
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Albert & Emma Dirks and Walt & Georgie Ostermeyer
- + 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 the Holy Trinity. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Albert & Emma Dirks for their wedding anniversary by Marilyn Shafter. The Altar Vases are given by the children of Walt & Georgie Ostermeyer in remembrance of their wedding anniversary. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

June 15, 2025 thru June 21, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service (Father's Day)	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.			
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	All day	Indiana District Convention	Grand Wayne Center
FRI.	All day	Indiana District Convention	Grand Wayne Center
SAT.		Pastor is out of town — no Private Confession and no Adult Catechesis	

June 22, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz continues in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Because Pastor Punke is going to be gone all of July, our alternate adult/teenage class is being suspended until after school starts back up (exact date tbd).

TODAY IS FATHER'S DAY! Happy Father's Day to all the men.

COWBOY COOKOUT: From Melvia — Thanks to everyone who helped with the Cowboy Cookout benefit for LSUS, to everyone who supported the event, and to the Admin Council for approving the event. It was a success! We sold 75 tickets! More than that, it was fun for everyone. I'm looking forward to the next one. From Pastor — Thanks to Melvia for all her work on the event, for the food and decorations, and for her expert marketing of the event.

SOMETHING NEW A decades-long weekday Bible class, originally sponsored by St. Paul's, has moved several times and had several dedicated teachers over the years. Beginning next Tuesday, June 17, it will meet in Bauer Hall each Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Pastor Jim Teasdale has kindly offered to teach the class, following a decade of service by Pastor Geoff Robinson from the Indiana District office. Lutheran adults—both men and women—from any congregation are most welcome; we have recently had regular attendees from five area congregations.

DISTRICT CONVENTION is this week, June 19-20, at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. Zach Muehl, your lay delegate, and I, your pastoral delegate, are ready. The Convention Workbook, Convention Workbook Supplement, and Audit Report are all available on the District website for interested members. Visit in.lcms.org/2025-indiana-district-convention and click on the appropriate link.

REMINDER: we are using email to notify you of important events (i.e, funerals, closings etc). Please make sure that Melvia has a current email address for you. Thanks.

BRAND SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: The Education Council will be evaluating the applications soon. If you know of someone with children who may be interested in joining us at Zion and availing him/herself of the Erwin Brand scholarship, please have him/her contact the office. They need to get their application in ASAP. Schools, including LSUS and CLHS, are enrolling now.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Leviticus 19:2—"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Last week's verse was Ezekiel 36:26.

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? The temptation in estate planning is to perpetuate a sense of control over what happens to your things after you have departed this life. Yet that departure sets a new tone, not one of controlling assets but of blessing others, family, and ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you plan those blessings. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA has more upcoming activities ... a Day of Dobbs Celebration, an open house and cookout on June 21st from 11 am-3 pm at 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, to commemorate the Dobbs Supreme Court decision anniversary! Visit ichooselife.org/dobbs for info; they're also hosting their second pro-life seminar on Monday, July 28th, from 6:30 pm-8 pm at 3106 Lake Ave. The topic is Medical Aid in Dying, also known as MAiD. Medical aid in dying refers to the practice of a healthcare professional providing a terminally ill patient with the means to end their life, at the patient's request. This event is open to pastors, church pro-life groups, and any members of your congregation who would like to attend. Please email Abigail, abigail@ichooselife.org, with any questions. You may also call the office at 260-471-1849. Light refreshments will be served.

PASTOR AND MARGE are in Illinois this coming weekend for a Christmas in June. Thanks to our guest preacher/celebrant.

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 8:48-59

John 5:1-18

John 5:19-29

John 5:30-47

John 6:1-21

John 6:22-40

John 6:41-59

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Holy Trinity

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Song of Songs 1:1-2:7

Song of Songs 2:8-3:11

Song of Songs 4:1-5:1

Song of Songs 5:2-6:3

Song of Songs 6:4-7:5

Song of Songs 7:6-8:14

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Luke 8:26-39



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Christ's Divinity in Old and New Testaments

The heretical Arians wanted to obscure this clear passage and to bore a hole into heaven, inasmuch as they could not ignore it. They said that this word of God is, to be sure, a god, but it is a created and not a natural god; all things were made through it, but it, too, had first been made; then, through it, all the other things it, too, had first been made; then, through it, all the other things were made. All this they propounded out of their own dreams and without any scriptural basis because they forsook the simple word of Scripture and followed their own imagination. For this reason I have said: he who wants to proceed safely and avoid error, should beware of the many subtle and hair-splitting words or fictions, and stay with the simple, powerful, clear words of Scripture. Then he will stand firm. We shall also see how John anticipated these same heretics and refuted their evasions and fabrications. Thus we have in Moses the true gold mine from which everything is taken that is written in the New Testament concerning the divinity of Christ.

Here you see the source of St. John's Gospel and where its foundation lies; and this knowledge helps you to understand it easily. From the same source flows the verse in Psalm 33: "The heavens are made by the word of God" [v. 6]; also Solomon, in Proverbs 8[:22-32], where he speaks of the wisdom of God and describes with many beautiful words how it existed with God before all things, has taken his thoughts from this chapter of Moses; and all prophets have worked this mine assiduously and dug up its treasure.

Luther's Works, 52:44.



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