

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 7, 2023

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!**

[Rise] **Easter Acclamation**

Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

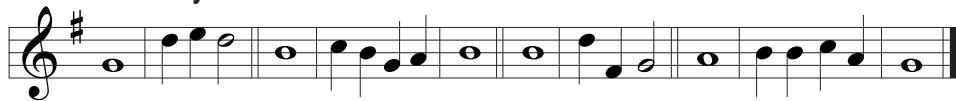
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new__ song, || his praise in the assembly | of the god-__ | ly! || I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up || and have not let my foes re- | joice__ o- ver | me.*

Verse 1: **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have | healed__ me. || O LORD, you have brought up | my soul from She- | ol; || you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit. || Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks | to his ho- ly | name.**

Verse 2: *For his anger is but for a | mo-__ ment, || and his favor is | for a life-__ | time. || Weeping may tarry | for the night, || but joy comes | with the mor-__ | ning.*

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



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



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God_ the Fa-ther Al - 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter: *O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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** +

First Reading **Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 2:2-10**

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

[*Rise*] **Sequence Hymn** **Make Songs of Joy** **Burgundy Hymn 484**

Holy Gospel **St. John 14:1-14**

[*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!

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

Hymn of the Day At the Lamb's High Feast Burgundy Hymn 633

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5;
Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8.]

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 Easter, Sanctus

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

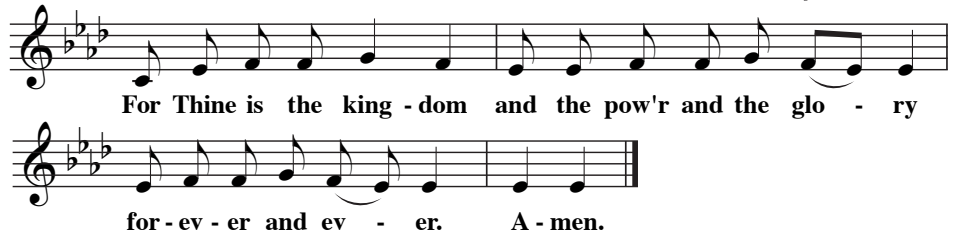
Ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is ___ He that com - eth in the name _ of the



Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

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



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

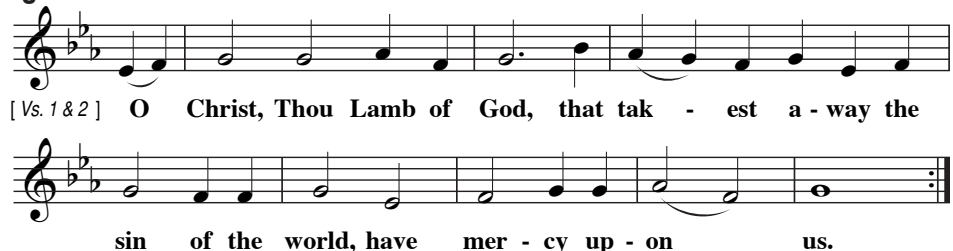
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

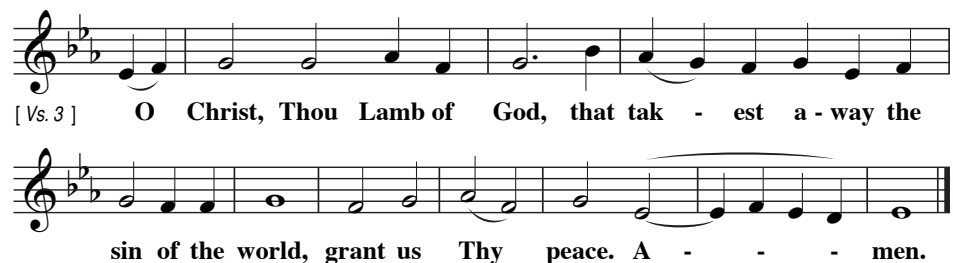


A - men

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 You Are the Way Burgundy Hymn 526

I Know that My Redeemer Burgundy Hymn 461

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8.]

[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.



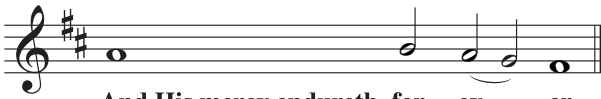
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

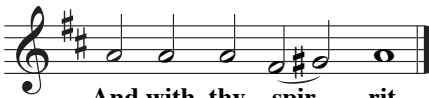
Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A - men.

The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.



And with thy spir - rit.



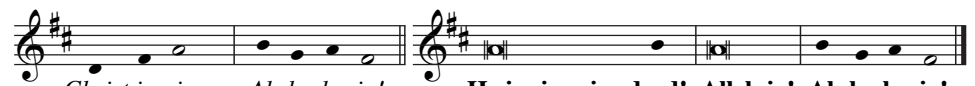
Thanks be to God.

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.



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

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 Christ Is Made Burgundy Hymn 909

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ...

And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. ... You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Epistle is 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Gospel is St. John 14:1-14

[Jesus said,] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

LSB484 Make Songs of Joy

Juraj Tranovsky

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1. Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!
2. Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!
3. O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!
4. And where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!
5. Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!
- △ 6. For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

LSB633 At the Lamb's High Feast

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- M 3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- W 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- M 5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- W 6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- △ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

LSB526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

George W. Doane

1. You are the way; through You alone Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.
2. You are the truth; Your Word alone True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.
3. You are the life; the empty tomb Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
4. You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win Whose joys eternal flow.

LSB461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Samuel Medley

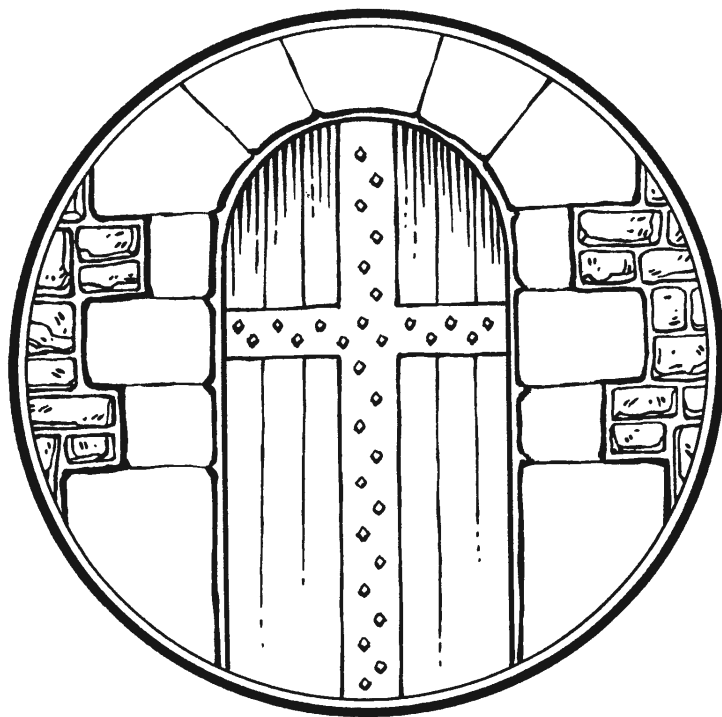
1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- M 3. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need."
- W 4. He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- M 5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- W 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

LSB909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Latin c. 8th Century

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your lovingkindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.
3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.
- △ 4. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
 - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
 - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)
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The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th), Anyssa Scaer (7th, MS History), Abigail DeForest (6th),
Allison Wims (K-8 Technology & MS Health), Marcus Rush (MS PE),
Danielle Ramsey (5th), Jamie Taylor (4th), Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd),
Hannah Maresh (1st), Abby Springer (K), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music)

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
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworker Paul Mroczenski; and for Peter Wagner, Brennan DeForest, David Woelmer, Ellery Steffenson, and Patrick Jackson, who received their calls or vicarage placement
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including James Hall, especially at this perilous time in our world
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary; for the conclusion of this school year; and for our new teachers for next year
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death, including Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Hilda Volmerding, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Marilyn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Ruth Reid, David Evans, John A. Pless, Bob Ockree, Rich Arndt, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Steve & Connie Houser
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Walter Pickett
- + 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Walter Pickett by his daughter Karen Coleman and family. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Steve & Connie Houser. 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

May 7, 2023 thru May 13, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	1 - 5 PM	Sanctuaries & Stained Glass Tour	See Insert
MON.	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.	8 - 9:30 AM	Pastries with Pastors	LSUS
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	5:30 PM	Masquerade in Olde Vienna	Bauer Hall

May 14, 2023 (Mother's Day)

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR Dr. Voelz is not here today. He'll be back next Sunday to continue teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark. Today, Pastor Punke will lead the Adult Class today. Sunday School continues in the Assoc. Pastor office.

IF YOU FORGOT to sign up for the Masquerade in Olde Vienna, do it today. It's a \$75 donation to the school with the benefit of food and wine. Also bid on the auction items.

THANKS to everyone who helped with the Great American Clean Up yesterday.

PASTOR AWAY: Marge, Keiko, and Pastor will be out of town Thursday, May 17 through Sunday, May 21. If you need anything, please call the office and let Melvia know, so that she can get an Elder to help you. Thank you to Pastor Litke for serving you on Ascension (May 18) and to Pastor Bahr for serving you on Sunday, May 21.

LIKE OUR PAGE: If you have a Facebook page, please go to our page and hit the "like" button. Over the next couple of weeks there will be pictures from past school years. How many people you can name before the reunion happens?

WEEKLY HELP: Do you have a couple of hours to spare every few weeks to help keep Zion beautiful? If so, the trustees encourage you to join the rotating list of volunteers who clean, dry mop, and vacuum our sanctuary and perform other light chores as needed. The work is generally done on Friday or Saturday, but the schedule is flexible. Help is also needed to help maintain the grounds. For more information, call Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: John 17:17 — "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." Last week's verse was Mark 12:29-31.

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne, on Friday, May 19, from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. The bag sale will be Saturday, May 20, from 8:00 am -12 noon.

ST. PAUL GAR CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH is seeking a part-time Youth Group Director to lead and facilitate our youth programs. The ideal candidate is passionate about working with youth, is an active member of the LCMS church, and is committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with High Schoolers. This is a part-time position, approximately 5 hours per week. Hourly wage is competitive and commensurate with experience. Please go to stpaulgarcreek.org/jobs to learn more!

EMMAUS LUTHERAN is seeking candidates for Business Manager. This role will assist the Treasurer, Finance Board, and the congregation with maintaining an orderly financial function to administer the church, school and preschool. They will assist the Pastor, Principal, and Preschool Director with expense control during the fiscal year. Ideal candidates will be proficient in QuickBooks or other accounting software, Excel, and student information systems like FACTS and Renweb. HR experience preferred for maintaining employee files and benefits. Subject to background and reference check. Position will be performed at 8626 Covington Road for 20 hours per week carried out Monday-Friday between 8:00am – 4:15pm. Compensation based on experience. Please send resumes to office@emmauslutheranfw.org.

CROSS CONNECTIONS: It's that time of year again!! Invite your family & friends and join us for the 13th Annual Cross Connections Golf Outing taking place Friday, June 9th, at Brookwood Golf Club, 10304 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne. Registration deadline is May 30th, and cost is \$100 per golfer/\$400 per foursome. Registration starts at 8:00 am with lunch & awards at 1 pm after the round. Please call Jen Robb at 260-373-0213, ext.105, or CrossConnectionsCounseling.com for sponsorship registration information. We hope to see you there!!

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

John 14:1-14

The Fifth of Easter

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Luke 12:1-12

Monday

Leviticus 21:1-24

Luke 12:13-34

Tuesday

Leviticus 23:1-22

Luke 12:35-53

Wednesday

Leviticus 23:23-44

Luke 12:54-13:17

Thursday

Leviticus 24:1-23

Luke 13:18-35

Friday

Leviticus 26:1-20

Luke 14:1-24

Saturday

Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:16-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Sure Way and Road to Heaven — Christ

If we want to feel assured of reaching heaven, we must have a sure way and road to travel; for there can be no more than one right way and road. And such a way is indicated only in God's Word. Christ the Lord Himself is the only Way and the right Road on which our heart can and must rely and depend. Therefore Christ concludes: "He who would be safe and not meet eternal loss and ruin, let him give ear to Me alone; and let Me impress these words deeply: 'I am the Way.' Let him turn a deaf ear to all other ways and paths that claim to lead to yonder life; for all others are surely wrong ways and detours; they lead through thickets and underbrush, yes, over stumps and stones, bruising the feet, mangling the nose and the mouth, breaking the legs, and finally also the neck." The devil misleads people physically with will-o'-the-wisps. They imagine that they are traveling on a highway or a road; but actually they fall into the water and drown, or they enter a wild forest from which they cannot find their way out. Similarly, but far more disastrously, he seduces and bewitches them spiritually with his will-o'-the-wisps as he puts delusive thoughts and ideas into their minds and suggests that if they do this or that, like thus or so, they are on the right road and will go straight to heaven. In reality, however, this way leads them straight to hell.

This is the inevitable outcome wherever Christ is not heard. He alone can and must show us the right way to heaven and lead us on it; for He is the only One who knows the way, and He Himself has preceded us on this way. He came from heaven for the express purpose of showing us the way and of taking us to heaven through Himself.

Luther's Works, 24:39.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

KDG: Angela

6th: Michael

1st: Julie

7th: Carlos

2nd: Noah

8th: Aiden

3rd: Foreil

Nurse Jordan's Little brother: Bobby

4th: Alex

Abigail & Brennan DeForest: Call Service

5th: Caleb

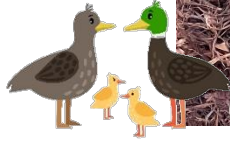
Sarah Najdeski & family

All Students testing!

(Husband passed away)

We have new Neighbors!

A duck family has moved in! They built their nest right under one of the Kindergarten classroom's windows. Mama Duck has laid 6 eggs. The kids are hoping that school will still be in session when they hatch!



Meanwhile, 1st grade will be saying goodbye to their 6 baby chicks! They helped incubate the eggs, watched them hatch, and watched them grow over the last few weeks! They also got to meet a full-grown chicken. Meet Peep, Felix, Brownie, Smartie, Cupcake, and Martini!

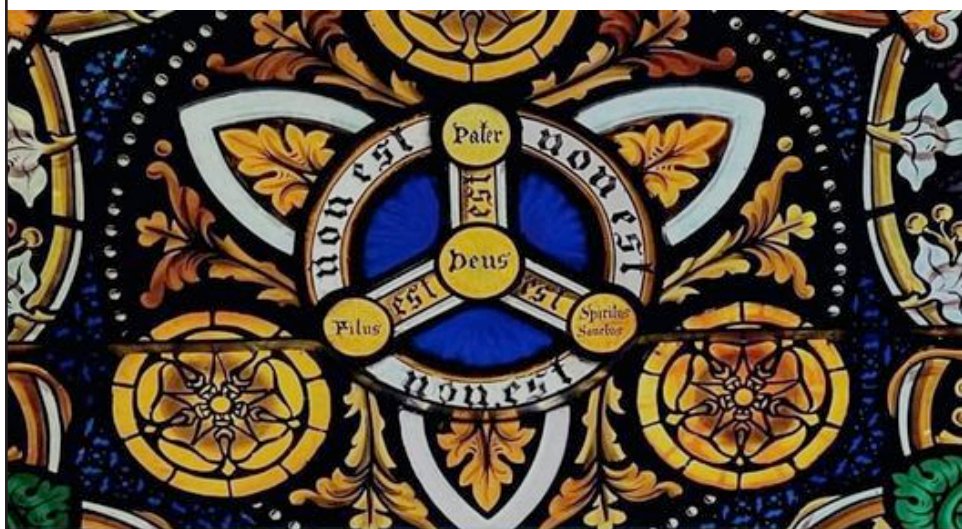


NOW ENROLLING

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! We are continuing to take registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited that 82 students have already registered! Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll!
260-744-0459

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. —Romans 6:5-6



The 2nd Annual

Sanctuaries & Stained Glass Tour



Facebook Event

Sunday + 07 May 2023 + 1pm - 5pm

Bethlehem Lutheran 3705 S Anthony
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 1105 Calhoun
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox 110 E Wallen (2pm - 5pm)
Most Precious Blood Catholic 1515 Barthold

Peace Lutheran 4900 Fairfield
St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral 3535 Crescent
St Patrick's Catholic 2120 S Harrison (2pm - 5pm)
St Peter's Catholic 518 E Dewald
Trinity Episcopal 611 W Berry



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Life NEWS

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Life Newsbytes

A newborn was safely surrendered in an Indiana Safe Haven Baby Box on April 8. The surrender marks the fourth that has taken place in the state and the sixth nationwide since the start of 2023. Run by the Safe Haven Baby Box organization, the baby box is a temperature-controlled box equipped with a silent alarm that allows a parent to safely and anonymously surrender their infant under their state's safe haven laws ... In a news release, battalion chief Jason Allen said that responders retrieved the newborn inside the box in under a minute. "Firefighters provided basic EMS care and comfort to the baby until paramedics arrived on scene and transported the baby to the hospital for further evaluation," he said. (*Live Action News*, 4/20/23; *CLR LifeWire*, 4/21/23)

In New Brunswick, Canada, a community recently came together to honor the 77th birthday of one of their most beloved residents, Bruce Brown, who is believed to be the oldest person living with Down syndrome in the nation. A parade of 70 cars drove by Brown's home, showing the power of every person to make unique and invaluable contributions to their community and the world. According to Laura LaChance, executive director of the Canadian Down Syndrome Society, Bruce is not only believed to be one of the oldest individuals with Down syndrome living in Canada but possibly even in the world. (*Live Action News*, *CLR LifeWire*, 4/21/23)

Speaking up For Life

"Let's also recruit, instruct, and support more couples and families toward opening their homes to serve children in need. Multitudes—majorities, even—of foster families and adoptive parents confess Christ and consider themselves for-life. More foster parents—not fewer children—seems the most praiseworthy solution to foster care failures. And those who can recognize those failures may just be the most excellent candidates for the vocation!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

"Remember, it is your **INDISPENSABLE** hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!" *Rev. Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life*

"Your ascended Jesus goes with you. When you have doubts and struggles, take them to Jesus. When you're conflicted and troubled by sin and guilt, take it to Jesus and the cross. Together we lift each other up and grow up in Jesus! You are gifted! You are equipped! Know you are serving Jesus, now and to eternity!" *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

**Since 1973: 64,443,118
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Source: www.lifenews.com/2023/01/09/64443118-babies-have-been-killed-in-abortions-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973

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