

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ..... Sunday, April 30, 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!**

*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.*

### Easter Acclamation

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

### Entrance Hymn ..... All Who Believe and Are Baptized ..... (LSB 601)

1. All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal-  
2. With one ac-cord, O God, we pray, Grant us Your Ho - ly  
va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They  
Spir - it; Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through  
are a new cre - a - tion; Through Christ's re-demp - tion  
Je - sus' blood and mer - it; Grant us to grow in  
they will stand A - mong the glo - rious heav'n-ly band Of  
grace each day By ho - ly Bap - tism that we may E -  
ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ter - nal life in - her - it.

Rite of Holy Baptism ( The Lutheran Formula of 1526 ) ..... Insert

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of  
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Lutheran Formula of 1526

Sophia Ruth Wagner

*Daughter of Joel Peter and Rebecca Leah Wagner*

*Born April 24, 2023*

*Reborn into Christ this Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023*

*Sponsors: Isaiah and Audrey Ambrecht  
St. John Lutheran Church, Decatur, IN*

**All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they will stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of every tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.**

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## MARTIN LUTHER'S ADMONITION TO THE BAPTISMAL PARTY AND THE CONGREGATION

"In all Christian earnestness I would ask all those who administer baptism, who hold the children, or witness it, to take this wonderful work to heart in all its seriousness. For here, in the words of these prayers, you hear how meekly and earnestly the Christian church concerns herself about the little child and how he confesses before God in plain undoubting words that he is possessed by the devil and is a child of sin and wrath, and prays very diligently for aid and grace through baptism that he becomes a child of God. Remember, therefore, that it is no joke to take sides against the devil and not only to drive him away from the little child, but to burden the child with such a mighty and lifelong enemy. Remember, too, that it is very necessary to aid the poor child with all your heart and strong faith, earnestly to intercede for him that God, in accordance with this prayer, would not only free him from the power of the devil, but also strengthen him, so that he may nobly resist the devil in life and death.

I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal. . . . See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God's Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, "Let us pray," he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God, . . . carrying the little child's need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper . . . to treat the matter with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil's tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God's own children, and brethren of Christ.

Ah, dear Christians, let us not value and administer this unspeakable gift so indolently and indifferently; for baptism is our only comfort and admits to every blessing of God and to the communion of all the saints. To this may God help us! Amen!"

### + THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

[ *The baptismal party gathers at the baptismal font  
during the Processional Hymn* ]

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

### + THE EXORCISM +

[The Lutheran Church retained The Exorcism from the historic baptismal rite because of the Biblical doctrine of original sin. "It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God."]

[ *To the candidate* ]

*Depart O unclean spirit and make room for the Holy Spirit!  
Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your mind ✠ and  
upon your heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the  
crucified..... Amen!*

[ To the congregation ]

*Let us pray: O Almighty eternal God, who according to Your righteous judgment did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood; and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family; and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of your baptism; and who through the baptism of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away for sins: We pray through Your same boundless mercy that You will graciously behold this **Sophia Ruth Wagner**, and bless her with true faith in her spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in her from Adam, and which she herself has added thereto, may be drowned in her and engulfed, and that she may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom, and serve Your name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers she may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. .... Amen!*

[ To the candidate ]

*I adjure you, O unclean spirit, by the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit ✠ that you come out of and depart from this servant of Jesus Christ, **Sophia Ruth Wagner**. .... Amen!*

### **+ THE WORD OF GOD +**

[God does bring blessings to those who are baptized, including infants: "It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him."]

*The Holy Gospel of St. Mark..... **Glory be to You, O Lord!***

*And they were bringing children to [Jesus] that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them [Mark 10:13-16].*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord!..... **Praise be to You, O Christ!***

### **+ THE OUR FATHER and THE BLESSING +**

[In Holy Baptism, God is at work. It is a Sacrament, a divine activity, through which He gives His blessing: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."]

[ We pray together for God's blessing on the candidates ]

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen!**

[ To the candidate ]

*The Lord preserve your going out and coming in now and forevermore. .... Amen!*

## + THE CONFESSION OF THE FAITH +

[Baptism is based on the command and promise of Christ, who causes Baptism to bring saving grace to the candidates by the power of the Word: "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."]

[ *To the sponsors, the parents, and the congregation* ]

*Because this candidate cannot answer for herself, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows upon this candidate in and through Baptism:*

*Do you renounce the devil? ..... I do renounce him!*  
*and all his works? ..... I do renounce them!*  
*and all his ways?..... I do renounce them!*

*Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?*

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?*

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Do you desire to be a baptized and forgiven person?..... I do!*

## + THE BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY TRINITY +

[Through Holy Baptism poor sinners are adopted into God's family in the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: "Without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."]

***Sophia Ruth Wagner, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!..... Amen!***

[ *To the newly baptized and all the baptized here present* ]

*Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth through water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting!..... Amen!*

*Peace be with you!..... Amen!*

[ *The baptismal party returns to the pews* ]

## + A FINAL NOTE FOR BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS +

"What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

[Explanatory notes contain quotations from two primary statements of what Lutherans believe, teach and confess: The Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.]

## 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter:** *Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that, when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



[ Be Seated ] + **The Office of the Word of God** +

**First Reading**..... **Acts 2:42-47**  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

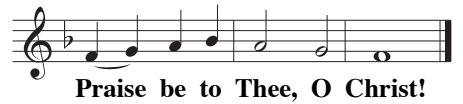
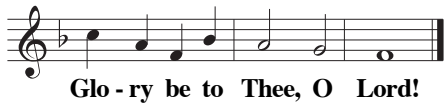
**Epistle of the Day** ..... **1 Peter 2:19-25**  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

[ Rise ] **Sequence Hymn** ..... **Our Paschal Lamb** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 473**

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. John 10:1-10**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



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

**Hymn of the Day** ..... **The King of Love** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 709**

**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**

**Choral Voluntary** ..... **My Shepherd Will Supply** ..... **arr. V. Thompson**

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



+ **The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar** +

**Preface**

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*



Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



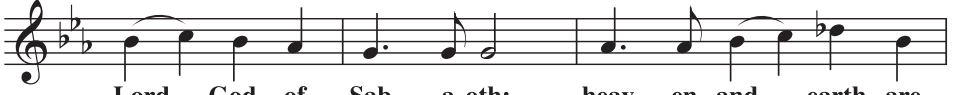
It is meet \_\_\_ and right so \_\_\_ to do. \_\_\_

### 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 ..... I Am Jesus' Little Lamb ..... Burgundy Hymn 740**

**Christ, the Word of God ..... Burgundy Hymn 540**

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

**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—tles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo—ple Is - - - ra-el.



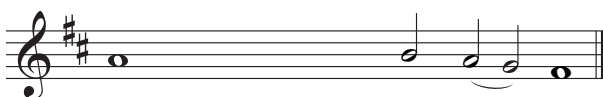
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.

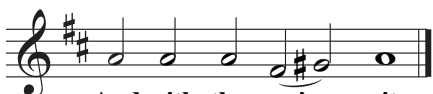
**Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.**



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.



*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 ..... Scatter the Darkness ..... Burgundy Hymn 481**

**Postlude**

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## Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

### **The First Reading is Acts 2:42–47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### **The Epistle is 1 Peter 2:19–25**

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### **The Gospel is St. John 10:1–10**

[Jesus said,] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

## Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

### **LSB601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
2. With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

### **LSB473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free**

Martin H. Franzmann

1. Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed. O keep  
The feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again  
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Let all our lives now celebrate The feast; let malice die.  
Let love grow strong anew, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again  
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Let all our deeds, unanimous, Confess Him as our Lord  
Who by the Spirit lives in us, The Father's living Word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again  
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!

### **LSB709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

Henry W. Baker

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

### **LSB740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**

Henrietta L. von Hayn

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

### **LSB540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate**

Stephen P. Mueller

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1. Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
2. Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.
3. Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse's tree;  
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.
4. Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, Watching all Your lambs and sheep;  
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.  
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;  
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice alone.

5. Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.
- △6. Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

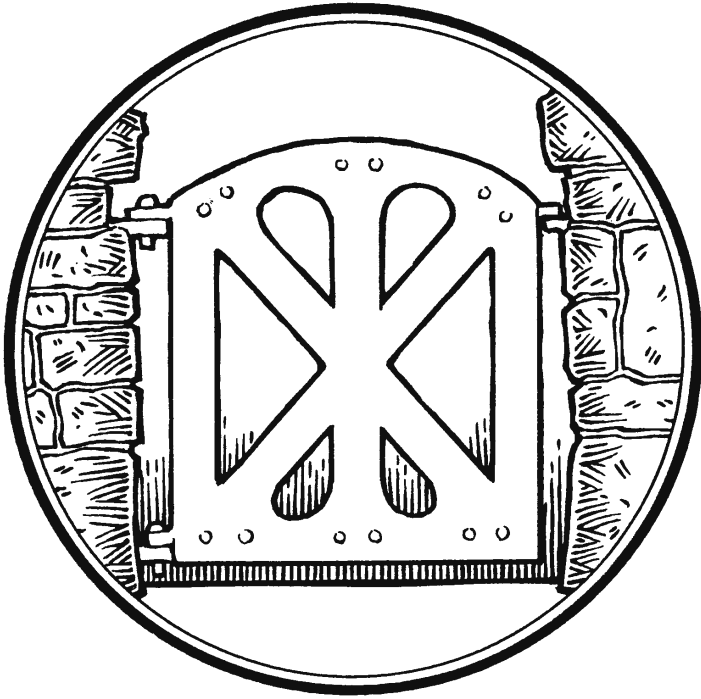
**LSB481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom**

**Stephen P. Starke**

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1. Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb  
Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows,  
Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!
2. Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die;  
He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again—our foes defeated!  
Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
3. Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world!  
Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing!  
Let there begin the jubilee—Christ has gained the victory!

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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)  
Field Workers: Paul Mroczenski

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)  
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>), Anyssa Scaer (7<sup>th</sup>, MS History), Abigail DeForest (6<sup>th</sup>),  
Allison Wims (K-8 Technology & MS Health), Marcus Rush (MS PE),  
Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), Jamie Taylor (4<sup>th</sup>), Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>),  
Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>), 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 work of our call committees; for Karen Koehlert, considering a call as Kindergarten teacher
- + 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, David Evans, John A. Pless, Bob Ockree, 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 Ruth & Greg Albersmeyer
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially for Sophia Ruth Wagner, born 8:10 AM, April 24 (6 lbs 11 oz and 19 inches), baptized today
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of Ruth & Greg Albersmeyer by Rosie and Carl Albersmeyer. 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

### **April 30, 2023 thru May 6, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
<b>MON.</b>	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS Campus
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Divine Service	Church
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	9:00 AM	Great American Clean-up	Area around Zion
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **May 7, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	1 – 5 PM	Sanctuaries and Stained Glass Tour	See announcement

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR** Dr. Voelz continues teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark in the Great Hall, and Sunday School continues in the Assoc. Pastor office.

**CONGRATUATIONS** to Patrick (Laura) Jackson who was assigned his vicarage at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY (for those who remember former fieldworker Marcus Baike, he is a pastor there); to Peter (Rebecca) Wagner who was called to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Latimer, IA; to Brennan (Abigail) DeForest who was called to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chico, CA; to David (Elizabeth) Woelmer who was called to Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX; and to Ellery (Megan) Steffensen who was called to St. John's Lutheran Church, Kimball, NE, and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Burns, WY. We include them in our prayers.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the Great American Clean Up, next Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9 - 11 am. We'll participate by cleaning up around Zion. Please sign up at Julie's table if you are willing to participate, so that we can order the right number of shirts, gloves, etc.

**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:** Mark 12:29-31 — “Jesus answered, ‘The most important [commandment] is, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.”” Last week's verse was Ephesians 2:13-14.

**THE FORT WAYNE CITY OF CHURCHES TOUR** is excited to invite you to The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sanctuaries & Stained Glass Tour, next Sunday, May 7, 1 – 5 PM! The following churches are participating (please note the time exceptions in parentheses): 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; and Trinity Episcopal, 611 W Berry. This free, self-guided tour may be done at whichever churches you want, in whatever order you would like. Churches may provide refreshment, musical examples, art explanations and 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](mailto:office@emmauslutheranfw.org).

**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 10:1-10

**The Fourth of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47

Luke 9:18-36

Monday

Leviticus 9:1-24

Luke 9:37-62

Tuesday

Leviticus 10:1-20

Luke 10:1-22

Wednesday

Leviticus 16:1-24

Luke 10:23-42

Thursday

Leviticus 17:1-16

Luke 11:1-13

Friday

Leviticus 18:1-7, 2-19:8

Luke 11:14-36

Saturday

Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37

**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 reasonable 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**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

# Assisted Listening at Zion

Zion has just had installed an assisted listening system for those who have difficulty hearing the spoken word in church. The system is able to be used with modern hearing aids that interface with your smart phone, or with regular headphones or earbuds that connect to the phone or a tablet.

It works this way: sound from one of our microphones (at the lectern, or pulpit, or lapel mics) gets sent to a special server that can connect up with a phone (or tablet) app through a special wireless router. That sound then can be heard through the earbuds or hearing aids connected to the phone. See graphic to the right.



## Getting Started

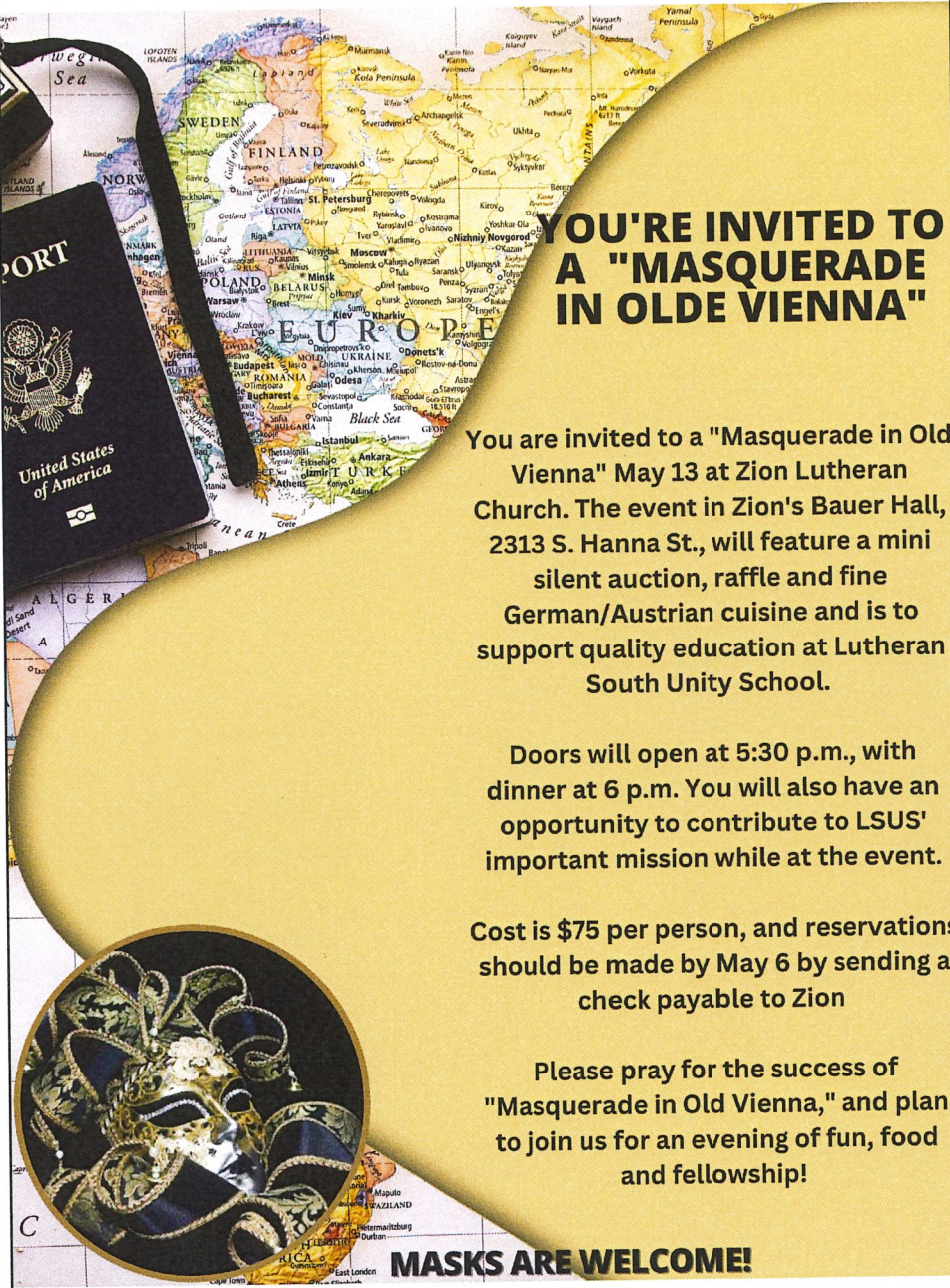
### *What You Need*

- Smart phone or tablet
- Modern Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids OR
- Bluetooth or wired headphones or earbuds
- Please note: some Bluetooth listening devices may exhibit a delay. Wired devices have none. They may be best.

### *What to Do* (for phone; for tablet should be similar)

- First. On your phone, go to Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store; search for and download the app "Listen Everywhere."
- Second. On your iPhone, go to Settings → Wi-Fi, OR on your Android phone (I checked this on Melvia's phone), go to Settings → Connection → Wi-Fi, and select the "Listen\_System" server. Note: this Wi-Fi router does not provide Internet access. It's only for the assisted listening. You may have to verify you want to continue without Internet.
- Third. On your phone, open the "Listen Everywhere" app and press the "Venue Scan" button. It should connect and display an audio channel "Audio RCGD."
- Fourth. On your phone, press this channel (or the play arrow in the midst of that channel), and you should connect to the streaming audio. You're ready to listen. Volume is controlled with your phone.

Please give us feedback on the listening assist. We may need to adjust some settings in the weeks to come to make it most useful to you.



# YOU'RE INVITED TO A "MASQUERADE IN OLDE VIENNA"

You are invited to a "Masquerade in Old Vienna" May 13 at Zion Lutheran Church. The event in Zion's Bauer Hall, 2313 S. Hanna St., will feature a mini silent auction, raffle and fine German/Austrian cuisine and is to support quality education at Lutheran South Unity School.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. You will also have an opportunity to contribute to LSUS' important mission while at the event.

Cost is \$75 per person, and reservations should be made by May 6 by sending a check payable to Zion

Please pray for the success of "Masquerade in Old Vienna," and plan to join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!

**MASKS ARE WELCOME!**

# Zion Lutheran School/Academy

# ALL CLASS

# REUNION

**June 9th- Meet & Greet 6PM**

**June 10th- School tour, Photos & BBQ Dinner 4PM**

**June 11th- Sunday Service 9AM with Brunch to follow**

Go to [www.eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite) enter Zion Lutheran All Class Reunion to save your spot or call Melvia at the church office 260-744-1389

\*We have Zion Lutheran Lions t-shirts for sale



# LSUS NOTES

## Praying for You!



### Please pray for these students/staff:

KDG: Royce                      6<sup>th</sup>: Tyson  
1<sup>st</sup>: La'Bella                    7<sup>th</sup>: Stephanie  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Sierra                      8<sup>th</sup>: Myante  
3<sup>rd</sup>: De'Lyn                    Ms. Selig  
4<sup>th</sup>: Forever                  Nurse Jordan's Sister: Henrietta  
5<sup>th</sup>: James                      Mrs. Najdeski & family  
All Students testing!            (Husband passed away)

## Phil's Friends

We were excited to have Judy Earnshaw, representative from Phil's Friends, with us on Thursday afternoon, 4/13. She shared a nice presentation with us, talking about being the light of Jesus to others. A special thank you to our LSUS school families as well as our four church families: Bethlehem, Mount Calvary, Peace, and Zion, for their donations for care packages for people with cancer. We were also able to present a \$250 check from our chapel offerings!

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!!



1st Grade wrote original stories and then shared them with the Kindergarten class!

**“SHINE”**  
LSUS End of Year Music Showcase

**FEATURING LSUS K-8 STUDENTS**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 7:00 PM**

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Gym  
1819 Reservation Drive

Come and join us!!!

**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 now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll!  
260-744-0459

**Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. —1 Peter 1:3





# Summer Camps

**At Concordia Lutheran High School**

**Register online at [www.clhscadets.com/summer](http://www.clhscadets.com/summer)**



**Art Camp - June 26-30 (Grades 6-8)**

**Junior Cadets Band Camp - June 26-30 & July 3, 5-7 (Grades 5-9)**

**Cadet Baseball Camp - June 12-16 (Boys, Grades 2-8)**

**Boys Basketball Camp - June 19-23 (Grades 3-8)**

**Lady Cadets Basketball Camp - June 5-8 (Grades 4-9)**

**Cheer Camp - July 17-19 (Girls, Grades K-8)**

**Junior Cadets Color Guard Camp - June 26-30 & July 3, 5-7 (Grades 6-9)**

**Computer Camp--Summer of Code with Disney & Robots - June 12-15 (Grades 5-12)**

**Computer Camp--Raspberry Jam: Video Game System - June 5-8 (Grades 5-12)**

**Drama Camp - July 3-7 (Camp will meet on July 4) (Grades 4-9)**

**Fundamentals Football Camp - June 26-29 (Boys, Grades 4-8)**

**Golf Camp - June 26-30 (Grades 3-8)**

**Rocket Science Camp - June 13-16 (Grades 6-8)**

**Rowing (Crew) Camp - June 19-23 (Grades 7-9)**

**Soccer Camps - July 10-14 (Co-ed, Grades K-4); June 12-16 (Girls, Grades 4-8); and July 17-21 (Boys, Grades 3-8)**

**Softball Camp - July 26 (Girls, Grades 1-8)**

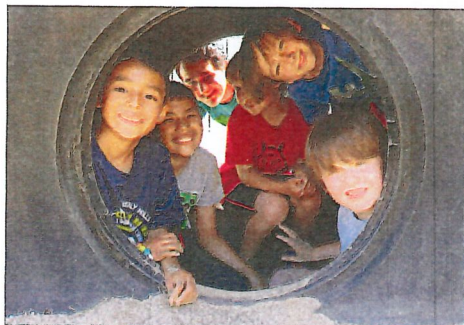
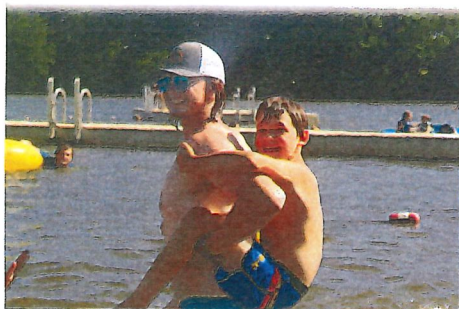
**Tech Theater Camp - July 3, 5, 7 (Grades 7-9)**

**Tennis Camps - June 5-8 (rainout date is June 9) (Grades 1-12)**

**Volleyball Camps - May 31-June 2 (Girls, Grades K-8)**

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