

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, May 28, 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*

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

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### 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 ..... O Holy Spirit, Enter In ..... Burgundy Hymn 913**

## 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 - migh - t - y.

O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God,

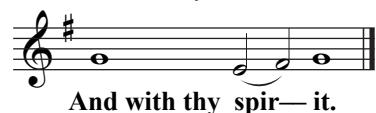
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on \_ us: Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the

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 Pentecost:** *O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through 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** +

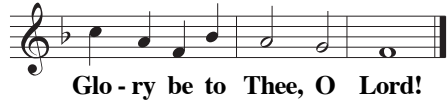
**Old Testament Reading** ..... **Numbers 11:24-30**  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** ..... **Acts 2:1-21**  
 [ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord.* ..... **Thanks be to God.**

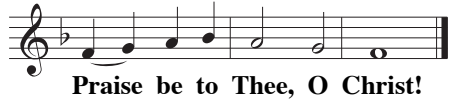
[ Rise ]  
**Sequence Hymn** ..... **Come, Holy Ghost** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 497**

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. John 7:37-39**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]



[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



**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** ..... **To God the Holy Spirit** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 768**

**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 Pentecost, Sanctus**

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

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

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

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

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

## Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



## 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 ..... Holy Spirit, Light Divine ..... Burgundy Hymn 496  
Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid.... Burgundy Hymn 500**

[ Rise for stanza 4. ]

## 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.



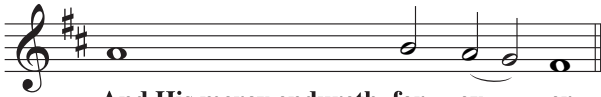
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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 ..... O Day Full of Grace ..... Burgundy Hymn 503

## Postlude

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## **Readings for the Feast of Pentecost**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Numbers 11:24-30**

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

### **The Second Reading is Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

““And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;  
even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of  
the Lord shall be saved.””

### **The Gospel is St. John 7:37-39**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me, and let him who believes in me drink.\* As the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

\*Footnoted translation in ESV.



## Hymns for the Feast of Pentecost

### LSB913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Michael Schirmer

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.
2. Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
3. O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

### LSB497 Come, Holy Ghost German, 5<sup>th</sup> cent. (st. 1); Martin Luther (sts. 2-3)

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1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
With all Your graces now outpoured  
On each believer's mind and heart;  
Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light  
In holy faith Your Church unite  
From every land and every tongue;  
This to Your praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Come, Holy Light, Guide divine,  
Now cause the Word of truth to shine.  
Teach us to know our God aright  
And call Him Father with delight.  
From every error keep us free,  
Let none but Christ our Master be,

That we in living faith abide,  
In Him our Lord with all our might confide: Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Come, Holy Fire, Comfort true,  
Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide,  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Your power prepare each heart  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death, to You, our Lord, ascend: Alleluia! Alleluia!

**LSB768 To God the Holy Spirit** German, 13<sup>th</sup> cent. (st. 1); Martin Luther (sts. 2-4)  
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1. To God the Holy Spirit let us pray  
For the true faith needed on our way  
That He may defend us when life is ending  
And from exile home we are wending. Lord, have mercy!
2. O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;  
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother. Lord, have mercy!
3. Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,  
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not falter nor courage fail us  
When the foe shall taunt and assail us. Lord, have mercy!
4. Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,  
Till to our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mercy!

**LSB496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine**

Andrew Reed

1. Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
2. Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.
3. Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

4. Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.
5. Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

### **LSB500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid**

**Rabanus Maurus**

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
The world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;  
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free;  
May we Your living temples be.
2. O Source of uncreated light,  
The bearer of God's gracious might,  
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,  
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;  
Your sacred, healing message bring  
To sanctify us as we sing.
3. Giver of grace, descend from high;  
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;  
Help us eternal truths receive  
And practice all that we believe;  
Give us Yourself that we may see  
The glory of the Trinity.
- △ 4. Immortal honor, endless fame  
Attend the almighty Father's name;  
The Savior-Son be glorified,  
Who for all humankind has died;  
To You, O Paraclete, we raise  
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

### **LSB503 O Day Full of Grace**

**Scandinavian, c. 1450**

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1. O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in His joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,  
Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime,  
Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
All darkness and shame removing.
3. For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,  
When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone  
That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
Our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all His healing.
5. When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
With angels His name adoring.

# The Feast of Pentecost



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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)  
Field Workers: Patrick Jackson, 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 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 Hilda Volmerding and Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Diane Lammert, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Bob Ockree, John Starks, Marilynn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Ruth Reid, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Geraldine Woods, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Sarah & Mike Hollman
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, including André Woodard
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Virginia Shull
- + 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 Feast of Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Sarah & Mike Hollman. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given by Pastor & Marge in celebration of the baptism of André Woodard. Correction for last Sunday: the Cross Bowl was given in celebration of the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of Virginia Shull celebrated on May 9<sup>th</sup> by her husband Bryce Shull 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 28, 2023 thru June 3, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	1:00 PM	CLHS Graduation	Embassy
<b>MON.</b>		Office Closed for Memorial Day	
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **June 4, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR** Dr. Voelz continues teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark in Bauer Hall. Sunday School is on break for the summer.

**FYI:** the church office is closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

**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?

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** John 1:12— “To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” Last week’s verse was Philippians 1:6.

**ZION MEMBERS, YOU’RE INVITED** to join in on the Reunion Brunch on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

**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](http://stpaulgarcreek.org/jobs) to learn more!

**CROSS CONNECTIONS:** It’s that time of year again!! Invite your family & friends and join us for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Connections Golf Outing taking place Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at Brookwood Golf Club, 10304 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne. Registration deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://CrossConnectionsCounseling.com) for sponsorship registration information. We hope to see you there!!

**CLHS** is hiring for a Social Studies Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. In this position, you will be teaching in the areas of World History, United States History, and Geography, but you will have the freedom to educate students in new and creative ways (including a World Foods Day). We are seeking someone with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Secondary Education, or a related field, a Teacher's License in Social Studies, and someone that possesses classroom teaching experience. However, recent graduates are welcome to apply. To learn more about the position and to apply, please visit [www.clhscadets.com/employment](http://www.clhscadets.com/employment). Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

**THE INDIANA DISTRICT OFFICE** has a part-time opening (20 hours/week) for the position of Receptionist/Office Administrative Assistant. Qualifications include but are not limited to a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-starter, willingness to learn, and attention to detail. Please note that the Indiana District will NOT be providing compensation for moving costs. Starting compensation for this part-time position is \$17/hr. We will be accepting resumes through Friday, June 9, 2023. If you have any questions, please call the Indiana District office at (260) 423-1511. Interested individuals can send their resume to the following email - [lisa.slack@in.lcms.org](mailto:lisa.slack@in.lcms.org) or by mail to: Attn: Lisa Slack, Indiana District – LCMS, 1145 S. Barr St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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**Morning Prayer**

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

**Evening Prayer**

John 7:37-39

**The Feast of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21

Luke 22:1-23

Monday

Numbers 22:1-20

Luke 22:24-46

Tuesday

Numbers 22:21-23:3

Luke 22:47-71

Wednesday

Numbers 23:4-28

Luke 23:1-25

Thursday

Numbers 24:1-25

Luke 23:26-56

Friday

Numbers 27:12-23

Luke 24:1-27

Saturday

Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27

**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**

**The Holy Trinity**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Matt 28:16-20





# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Word of God, Living Water from Christ*

Christ means to say that His ministry of preaching is a refreshing stream of life. This is not apparent, for it is a simple process. You need only hear it, read it, and preach it. I hear only the weak tone of a voice; I see only a poor letter of the alphabet in the book; I have the thought in my heart. But this same Word that is preached will exert such a secret power that it will flush throngs of devils out of the heart, the realm where the devil rules so mightily, just as the Elbe carries refuse downstream. He calls the Word of God a stream advisedly, for it performs many great acts. It rushes along like a torrent. Such is the effect of Peter's message on Pentecost (Acts 2:41), when with one sermon he drives and washes, as with a stream, approximately 3,000 people from the devil's realm. In one hour he delivered them from death, sin, and devil. That is not apparent, but the Word does have this great power. The stream revived them and brought them to Christ. ...

Mark this verse well against the Anabaptists and the schismatic spirits, or against any blasphemers of the oral Word, who contend that the Spirit and faith are internal, and that therefore everything must be wrought by the spiritual Word. They say that if God does not comfort directly, then the external Word is nothing. This is what the pope also claimed. They want to close our ears to the physical voice or the external Word, and they declare that a sermon is only a feeble sound from the pulpit, just as they also say that Baptism is only plain water, and that the Lord's Supper contains only simple bread and wine. But what does the Lord Christ say here? He declares: "He who believes in Me, comes to Me, and drinks of Me, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water."

*Luther's Works, 23:274-5.*

## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

#### Please pray for these students/staff:

KDG: Whole Class 6<sup>th</sup>: Camren

1<sup>st</sup>: Zamara 7<sup>th</sup>: Naomi

2<sup>nd</sup>: Vaeda 8<sup>th</sup>: Jayland

3<sup>rd</sup>: Hazel Nurse Jordan

4<sup>th</sup>: Bella Miss Sally

5<sup>th</sup>: Khloe Nurse Jordan's Little brother: Bobby



## Kindergarten Graduation

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Royce, Unity, Anyla, Azariah, Monroe, Trushon, Dontae, Eleanor, Major, Jacielle, Angela, Amira, Corlesiya, K'Marie, Alexia, Carreonna, Layla, Anastasia, KriShawn, Henry, Angel, and Judah class as they graduated from Kindergarten! They've worked hard all year learning kindergarten basics and prepping for 1st grade! Congrats class of 2023!



Miss Springer's message to her class: "Words can't describe how proud I am of these kids. I love them ALL sooo much and am going to miss them so much next year. These kids have made this year so wonderful, interesting, and taught me so much. I can't believe how grown they have become in their short time with me. First grade here they come! "

## 8th Grade Honors Breakfasts

Each year 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are honored for their accomplishments. They exemplify what LSUS is all about – academic excellence, spiritual development, and being of service to others. We are proud and honored that these students are recipients of these awards:

- The Lutheran Schools Partnership Honors Award celebrated at CLHS: Jalasha, Kata, Myante, and Jayland.
- The Allen County Non-Public School Association honored students with an honors breakfast at the Orchid: Aiden and Kata. Congratulations honorees, way to represent LSUS!



## A Day at the Ballpark!

We had fun day at the Parkview Field cheering on the Fort Wayne Tincaps! We are so glad many of our families spent their Mother's Day with us at the baseball game!



## 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:

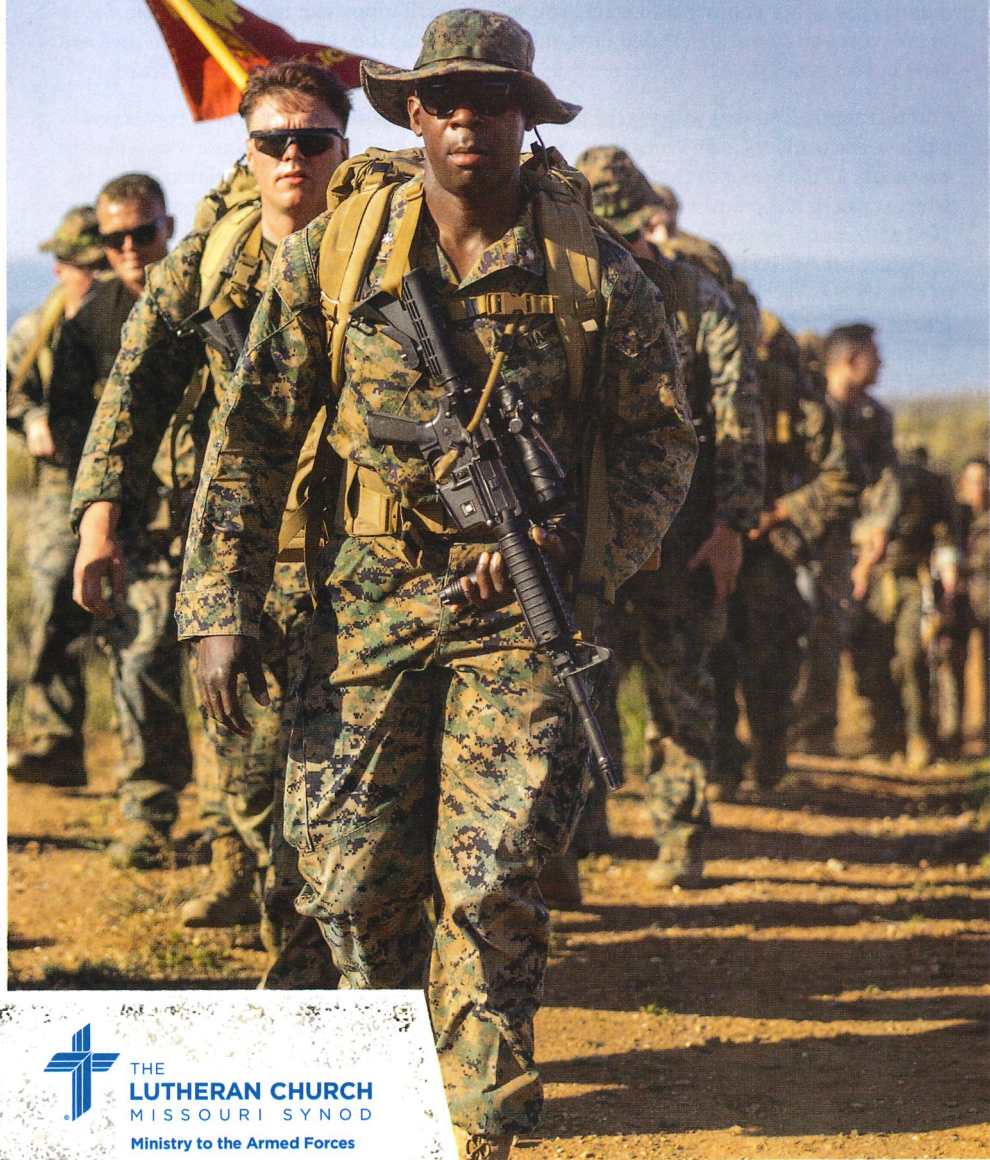
But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

—Matthew 6:33

FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE

# LORD

and in the **STRENGTH** of his  
might ... Stand therefore,  
having fastened on the belt  
of **TRUTH**, and having put  
on the breastplate of  
**RIGHTEOUSNESS** (Eph. 6:10, 14).



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**“FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE LORD and in the strength of his might ... Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness” (EPHESIANS 6:10, 14).**

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These are powerful words. Paul’s tone is like a great military leader addressing professionally trained warriors before a battle. The apostle knows the situation is desperate. Satan is the father of lies. Satan wants you to think you’re broken and defeated. Just quit! Give up! Surrender!

Our text reminds us that we have the belt of truth — the truth of God’s Word that is a belt that holds all the armor of God together. God who cannot lie has promised us eternal life. God who cannot lie gives us His breastplate of righteousness. We are washed in the blood of Christ! He won the victory on the cross. Christ destroyed sin, death and the power of the devil. The battle is won, the strife is over! God imputes His righteousness to us, and we are His redeemed children. That is the truth!

This passionate text has an urgency to it, as it calls us to be strong in the Lord and in His might. We have the truth of God’s Word; we wear the breastplate of His righteousness. We aren’t supposed to stand around, meandering leisurely with friends while taking in some restful scene. No! This is spiritual warfare with a deadly, cunning enemy. We have the life-giving Gospel truth and we need to proclaim it.

This is a desperate battle for our men and women of the armed forces. These brave men and women stand firm against the enemies of our nation and defend the freedoms we hold dear. They, along with their families, need your support to receive what they need to be strong, to stand firm in the truth of their faith. LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces continues to provide them with the Gospel-centered resources they need to be spiritually fit for battle.

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These warriors can stand strong because they have the whole armor of God which begins with the belt of truth. Our service members have answered the call to defend our freedoms. It is now our turn to give them the resources they need to be strong in the Lord and stand for the truth of God’s Word.

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces provides these resources to those who selflessly serve and have served our nation. These are challenging times on many fronts. Yet knowing there are people like you — who have their back with your prayers and financial support — is a blessing to them and to us.

We are committed to providing pastoral care to our LCMS chaplains and their families while they serve our nation and her selfless service members, often in austere and dangerous conditions. Our work ensures these chaplains receive what they need to stay spiritually fit and supported by their church.

Your sincere Christian care for our service members and their families is greatly appreciated. And, because LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces operates solely by the generous offerings you supply, your sustained financial support is joyfully welcomed. Thank you!

In Christ’s Service,



Chaplain Craig G. Muehler  
CAPT, CHC, USN (Ret.)  
Director, LCMS Ministry to  
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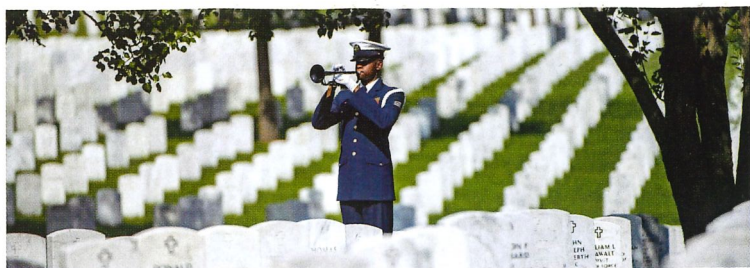
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- ▶ **HELP SUPPORT THE RECRUITING, TRAINING AND ENDORSING** of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Your gift will ensure they receive valuable Lutheran resources, training and support.
- ▶ **HELP PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** of our chaplains and LCMS military members. We have always been — and will continue to be — a strong advocate and defender for chaplains to preach and teach in accordance with the tenets of their faith. We work tirelessly to ensure that all military members retain their God-given right and constitutionally protected freedom of religion.
- ▶ **HELP SUSTAIN OPERATION BARNABAS**, a network of care that trains and equips LCMS congregations and individuals to assist all military-connected people in our congregations and communities in getting the support and assistance they need. Learn how you can get involved by visiting [lcms.org/operationbarnabas](http://lcms.org/operationbarnabas).
- ▶ **HELP ENABLE THE MINISTRY-BY-MAIL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE** as we send Lutheran devotional materials and resources (including Portals of Prayer) to all Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world. Please send military contact information to [lcmschaps@lcms.org](mailto:lcmschaps@lcms.org).
- ▶ **HELP FACILITATE CHAPLAIN AND FAMILY WELLNESS** by funding the travel and expenses for chaplains and their wives to attend our annual training seminars. These seminars allow them to reconnect, network and receive pastoral care and support from their church — things they need and deserve.
- ▶ **HELP GROW A CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND** that enables our chaplains to complete a Doctor of Ministry degree to sharpen their skills.

You can find helpful Ministry to the Armed Forces information and materials on the LCMS website at [lcms.org/armedforces](http://lcms.org/armedforces).

