

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, July 16, 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!**

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



[Antiphon] *The Lord is merciful and gra-__ cious, || slow to anger and a- | •bounding• in stead-fast | love__ . || For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth, || so great is his steadfast love toward | those who fear__ | him;*

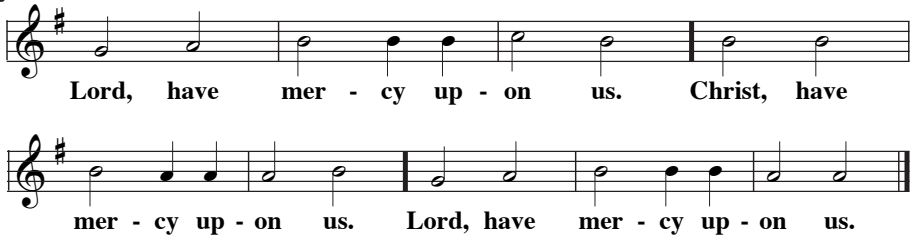
Verse 1: **As for man, his days | are like grass; || he flourishes like a | flow- er of the | field__ ; || for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone, || and its | place knows it no | more.**

Verse 2: *But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on | those who •fear him•, || and his righteous- | ness to child- ren's | child- ren, || to those who keep his | co- ve- nant || and remember | to do his com- | •mandments•.*

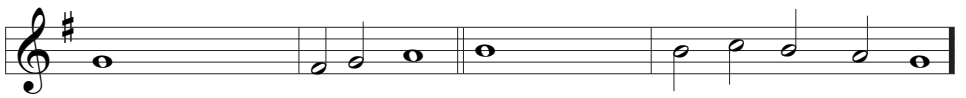
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | Spir- it; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever• A- | men!**

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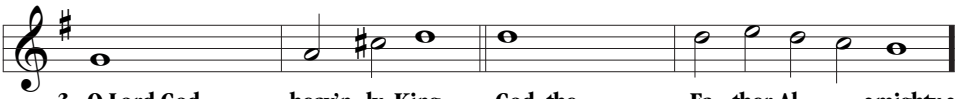
Kyrie



Gloria



1. *Glory be to God on high: And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men*
2. **We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,**
bless Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•.



3. **O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa- ther Al-__ •mighty•,**
4. **O Lord, the only- O Lord God,**
begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son__ of the •Father•,



5. **That takest away the .. sin •of the• world, have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.**
6. **Thou that takest away the sin •of the• world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•**
7. **Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the •Father•, have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.**



8. **For Thou •only• art •holy• Thou on - - - ly art the Lord.**
9. **Thou, only, O art most**
Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father• A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: *Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 55:10-13**

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

Epistle of the Day **Romans 8:12-17**

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia!*



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

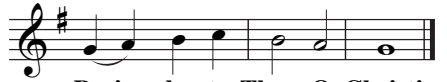
Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day ... Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast ... Burgundy Hymn 577

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.

Common Preface, Sanctus

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

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

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for-
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!

[Be Seated]

- Distribution Hymns** **God's Word Is Our Great** **Burgundy Hymn 582**
Faith and Truth and Life **Burgundy Hymn 584**
Preach You the Word **Burgundy Hymn 586**

[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**

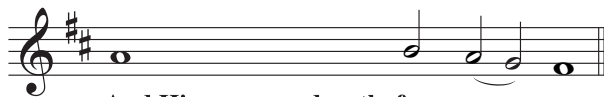
1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre— pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.
3. a Light to light— en the Gen— tles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - - ra— el.
4. Glo— ry__ be 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.



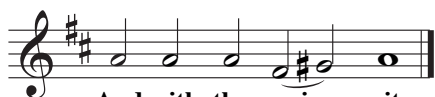
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



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 Almighty Father, Bless Burgundy Hymn 923

Postlude

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Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

The Epistle is Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The Gospel is Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much

soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” ...

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Hymns for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

LSB577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

John Cawood

1. Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
3. Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.
4. So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

LSB582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig

1. God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations.

LSB584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.
2. May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.

LSB586 Preach You the Word

Martin H. Franzmann

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1. Preach you the Word and plant it home
To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.

2. We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.
3. The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have
The wholesome loaves that all men need.
4. Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
“Oh, what of that, and what of that?”
5. Of all his scattered plenteousness
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold:
“Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”
6. Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

LSB923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Thomas Ken

1. Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
2. We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.
3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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 (8th, ELA), **Michael Cullen** (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), **John Kuker** (4th),
Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st),
Karen Koehlert (K-A), **Rachel Wiegman** (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music),
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Michael Hollman, MM
Church Office Manager: Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworker Paul Mroczenski
- + 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 successful summer activities; for preparations for a new school year that are beginning
- + 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, Kenneth Raber, and Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Diane Lammert, Sarah Hollman, Jessica Krause, Bo Stokes, Bill Weinrich, Bob Ockree, John Starks, Marilyn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Michael Petrillo, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Sue Doepner, Ellsworth Smith, Geraldine Woods, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, Jason & Susie Kaiser
- + 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 Virginia Hollman
- + 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given by Dave & Janeen Kaiser in celebration of the 20th wedding anniversary of Jason & Susie Kaiser. The Altar Vases are given in remembrance of Virginia Hollman by her husband Richard Hollman and family. 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

July 16, 2023 thru July 22, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord study	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	4:00 PM	Ordination of Soe Moe as Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach	Southwest Lutheran 5120 Homestead Rd

July 23, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: the Adult Bible Class continues with the Convention Bible Study today. Sunday School is on summer break.

THANKS to those who served last Sunday while we were away to Illinois. Thanks to Kevin Leininger who is serving today in the chancel as subdeacon.

THE ALTAR GUILD will hold a Brunch & Training session on July 29th at 9:30 AM in Bauer Hall. The Altar Guild does the important work of caring for Zion's holy space and the holy vessels, paraments, and vestments used during the Divine Service. If you are on the Guild or would like to join the Guild, please come to this event. For more information, contact DaVanna (260-494-0803).

CONVENTION: The National Convention in Milwaukee is getting ever nearer: July 29 to August 3. Reports and items of interest to the Synod and numerous overtures submitted by the various eligible entities are in the Workbook. The resolutions resulting from the Floor Committees' work, late reports, and late overtures are all now available in the first edition of Today's Business. Both publications can be downloaded at www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: John 5:39 — "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me." Last week's verse was Isaiah 40:8.

LSUS: LSUS Kindergarten classes are in need of start-up supplies. Since we are starting a second kindergarten class, and since both teachers will be new to our school, these start-up supplies are needed. Thank you for your help! You can use the following link, www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KFC7JN11MHAU?ref=wl_share or, if it is easier, monetary donations will be accepted. You can write a check to LSUS and mark it for Kindergarten supplies.

CTSFW is seeking a full-time videographer to create content that informs and engages Seminary friends and supporters, prospective students, congregations, partner organizations, and the public. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by June 30 to Kali Moss at kali.moss@ctsfw.edu. A full job description is available at ctsfw.edu/employment.

CLHS has immediate openings for an Grant Writer, Marketing & Communication Coordinator, Administrative Assistant to the Principal, a Cafeteria Assistant, a fun and energetic person to lead our Boys and Girls Swim Program, make a impact in lives by becoming a School Counselor and a 2nd Shift Custodian (four positions). To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

WYNEKEN MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (Decatur, IN) seeks a middle school language arts teacher, an early childhood teacher (children ages 3-5), and a teacher's aide to begin in the 2023-2024 school year. Those interested in any of these positions are asked to submit a resume and cover letter to Principal Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: "[Telling Zion's story] is not about bragging. It is about connecting the faithful work and worship of God's people in a very visible way. As this is done, the cross is at the center. As the grace of God flows to His people through Word and Sacrament, it flows out through them into a world filled with darkness and death. As the stories of God's work through His people take shape, His people see clearly how He continues to work in and through them." (From the July 2023 *StewardCAST* newsletter).

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13

Galatians 5:1-26

Monday

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Galatians 6:1-18

Tuesday

1 Samuel 1:21-2:17

Acts 15:22-41

Wednesday

1 Samuel 2:18-36

Acts 16:1-22

Thursday

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Acts 16:23-40

Friday

1 Samuel 4:1-22

Acts 18:1-11, 23-28

Saturday

1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Believers Enduring, Deeply Rooted in Christ

We saw many people join our cause in the beginning with great enthusiasm and joy; they esteemed the Gospel so highly. But they have become idle spirits like those of whom Christ speaks in Matt. 13:21. They have encountered no combat and strife; they have remained without experience. They resemble the seed that did not take root but was withered by the heat. They remained without fruit; and finally they fell away from us, as rotten, worm-eaten, and spoiled fruit falls from the trees.

“Anyone who is deeply rooted and well grounded will often imagine that he has neither God nor Christ. He will feel nothing but death, the devil, and sin passing over him like a violent storm and dark cloud. But at such times he will not be forsaken, as it seems. I will not remain away but will return to you and send you such light that you will be able to see Me better and more clearly than before. Yes, the more you suffer and show your love for Me, the more I will manifest Myself to you and demonstrate the greatness of the Father’s and My love toward you.”

Thus this is a sermon not only of words but of experience as well. To be sure, Christ begins with the Word, when He lets us hear the Gospel and receive Baptism and the Sacrament. But the devil comes on the heels of this; he assails and hinders us on all sides, in an attempt to check and obstruct the Word. At this point experience must enter in and enable a Christian to say: “Hitherto I have heard that Christ is my Savior, who conquered sin and death; and I believed this. Now my experience bears this out. For I was often in the agony of death and in the bonds of the devil, but He rescued me and manifested Himself. Now I see and know that He loves me and that what I believe is true.”

Luther’s Works, 41:149-50.



It's that time of year again

FACTS: Babies require up to 12 diapers per day, at a cost of \$70-\$80 per month per baby cost many families can't afford

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Last day to bring diapers will be August 30th.

***Last year Zion Lutheran Church gave away locally**

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LUTHERAN NIGHT

2023 OUTING WITH THE FORT WAYNE TINCAPS

**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 1**

**GAME TIME:
7:05PM**

TICKET LINK



DONATION

Proceeds from Lutheran Night will be shared with Lutheran Life Villages in support of their Employee Assistance Program, a mental health & wellness program for LLV staff and their immediate family.

SPECIAL DRAWING FOR TICKET ORDERS

(For orders received prior to Friday, June 30)

Prizes Include: \$50 gift certificate to *The Orchard* team store, an autographed team bat, a chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch & more.

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