

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, July 23, 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]

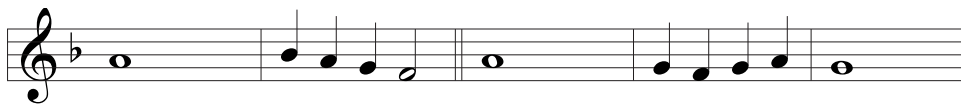
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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] Give ear, O Lord, | to my pray- er; || listen | to my plea for | grace.

Verse 1: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may | walk in your truth; || unite my | heart to fear your | name.

Verse 2: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, | with my whole heart, || and I will glorify your | name for- ev-__ | er.

Verse 3: For great is your steadfast | love •toward• me__ ; || you have delivered my soul from | the depths of She- | ol.

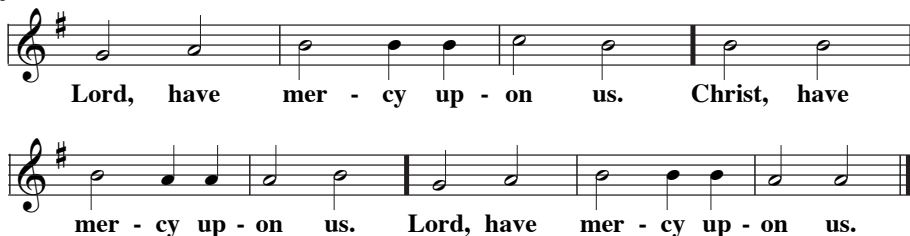
Verse 4: O God, insolent men have risen | up a- gainst me; || a band of ruthless men seek my life, and they do not | set you be- fore | them.

Verse 5: But you, O Lord, are a God merci- | ful and gra- cious, || slow to anger and abounding in steadfast | love and faith- ful- | ness.

Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son__ ; || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now__, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!

[Antiphon] Give ear, O Lord, | to my pray- er; || listen | to my plea for | grace.

Kyrie



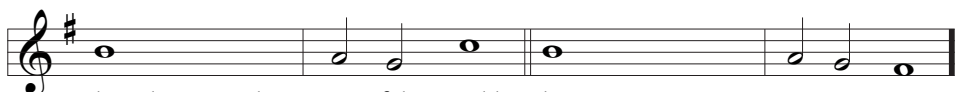
Gloria



1. *Glory be to God on high:* And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men
2. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glorify 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- begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, . . . Son__ of the •Father•,



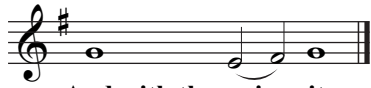
5. That takest away the . . sin •of the• world, have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.
6. Thou that takest away the sin •of the• world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•
7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the •Father•, have mercy up - - - - - on__ us.



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

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: *O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8**

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

Epistle of the Day **Romans 8:18-27**

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." Alleluia!*

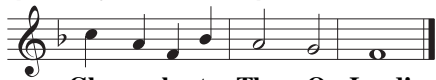


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia!

Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

[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 **In Holy Conversation** **Burgundy Hymn 772**

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,



Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!

[Be Seated]

- Distribution Hymns** **Feed Thy Children** **Burgundy Hymn 774**
Lord Jesus Christ **Burgundy Hymn 585**
Father, We Thank Thee **Burgundy Hymn 652**

[Rise] **Eucharistic Benediction**

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle **The Nunc Dimittis**



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre— pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



3. a Light to light— en the Gen— tiles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - - ra— el.



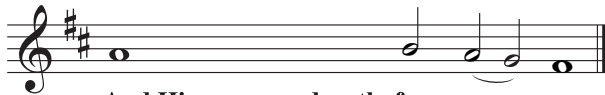
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



5. As it ___ was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



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 On What Has Now Been Sown ... Burgundy Hymn 921

Postlude

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Readings for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

The Epistle is Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Gospel is Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,

but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

...

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Hymns for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB772 In Holy Conversation

Gregory J. Wismar

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1. In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.
2. These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.
3. As holy conversation, In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

LSB774 Feed Thy Children

Johann Heermann

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1. Feed Thy children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners, poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.

LSB585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Philip Melancthon

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In those last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.

3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
4. May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through –
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

LSB652 Father, We Thank Thee

Didache, 2nd century

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1. Father, we thank Thee who hast planted
Thy holy name within our hearts
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus, Thy Son, to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,
Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
2. Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save it from evil, guard it still,
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it,
Cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands Thy Church be gathered
Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

LSB921 On What Has Now Been Sown

John Newton

1. On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;

The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2. To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.
3. O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

The Eighth 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, especially TruLaine & John Starks
- + 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, especially the family of Sandy Cunningham
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Sandy Cunningham
- + 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of 21st wedding anniversary of TruLaine & John Starks. 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 23, 2023 thru July 29, 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.	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	9:30 AM	Altar Guild Brunch & Training	Bauer Hall
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
		LCMS Convention begins	Milwaukee, WI

July 30, 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. Sem. Mroczenski will lead it again. Sunday School is on summer break.

THE LCMS CONVENTION begins this Saturday and goes through August 3. We pray today for a good convention filled with Godly actions for the sake of Christ and His church. We pray for Kevin Leininger's safe travels there as he represents our circuit. You can still contribute to the National Offering. Donate by phone at 888-930-4438 or text "2023Offering" to 41444. Donate online at lcms.org/givenow/national-offering. Donate by mail by writing a check made out to The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (2023 LCMS National Offering in the memo line) and mailing it to P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

FREE HAIR CUTS: During the month of August, 25 LSUS students are able to receive a free haircut along with a backpack of supplies. Please contact Melvia in the office for more information, or check with Allison, the LSUS secretary.

THE ALTAR GUILD will hold a Brunch & Training session this Saturday, 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).

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Hebrews 1:1-2 — "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world." Last week's verse was John 5:39.

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.

INDIANA DISRICT OFFICE says, "We will be specifically lifting up your congregation in our prayers. We, as a staff, pray for the pastors, teachers, staff, and congregations of the district. It is truly a joy and privilege for us as a staff and individually to gather and study the Word and then remember in prayer the work and lives of our brothers and sisters in the faith."

RTLNI: SIDEWALK ADVOCACY TRAINING Have a passion for helping women choose life? Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Friday, July 28th for Sidewalk Advocate Training. The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place in the Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am- Noon. This 90-min, introductory training will empower you to turn your passion into action. To learn more visit: www.ichooselife.org/advocate or call 260-471-1849.

ALSO, RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA is accepting submissions for our Oratory Contest! The contest is 9am- 10:30a on Saturday, August 5th, 2023, at the Right to Life office at 3106 Lake Ave. Submissions are due by Monday, July 31st. All high school students are eligible to participate in the contest. Contestants are to research and write an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, stem cell research, or euthanasia. The speech is to be 5–7 minutes in length. To learn more visit www.ichooselife.org/contest or call 260-471-1849.

CLHS has immediate openings for an Grant Writer, Marketing & Communication Coordinator, a Cafeteria Assistant, School Counselor and a 2nd Shift Custodian .To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

SHEPHERD OF THE CITY LUTHERAN CHURCH will be holding their annual Ribs & Chicken Bar-b-Que on Saturday, August 5, at 11 AM – 4 PM, at 1301 S. Anthony Blvd. Eat in or carry out. Call 260-422-3790 for more information or to place your order. While there, be sure to visit their Shepherd's Hands facility.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Acts 21:15-36

Monday

1 Samuel 8:1-22

Acts 21:37-22:16

Tuesday

1 Samuel 9:1-27

Acts 22:17-29

Wednesday

1 Samuel 10:1-27

Acts 22:30-23:11

Thursday

1 Samuel 12:1-25

Acts 23:12-35

Friday

1 Samuel 13:1-18

Acts 24:1-23

Saturday

1 Samuel 14:47-15:9

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Richard, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Righteous Shining like the Sun in Paradise
13. *But according to His promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.*

Through the prophets God promised again and again that He would create new heavens and a new earth. Thus He says in Is. 65:17:5 “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,” in which you shall be happy, rejoice, and leap. Likewise in Is. 30:26: “The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days.” And in Matt. 13:43 Christ says: “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” How this will take place we do not know, except that it is promised that there will be the kind of heaven and earth in which there will be no sin, but that only righteousness and God’s children will dwell there, just as St. Paul also says in Rom. 8 that there will be nothing but love, nothing but joy and pleasure, and nothing but the kingdom of God.

Here one may be concerned about whether the blessed will live in heaven, or on earth. Here the text gives the impression that they will dwell on earth, so that all heaven and earth will be a new Paradise, in which God resides. God dwells not only in heaven but everywhere. Therefore, the elect will be where He is.

Luther’s Works, 30:197-8.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, June 1, 2023
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (Chairman), F. Jackson (secretary pro tem), W. Krause, A. Litke, K. Vlot.

Elders absent: T. Muehl, B. Scott

Pastor present: Pr. Punke

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading from Luther's Large Catechism on the Sacrament at the Altar.

Pastor Punke presented his monthly report to the elders, providing information regarding members, regarding his activities and regarding associations that have a relation to church (LSUS and CLHS).

The main focus of the elders at the meeting was to determine some strategies to meet the first of the goals assigned to the Council of Elders by the Ministry Clarity team: "Pillar 1, Goal #1- Starting October 1, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by Dec 31, 2023." The elders enumerated various strategies, including how to find a baseline for current attendance, how to encourage members to attend (especially members who were strong attendees before the Covid pandemic, but did not return afterwards), and methods of contacting members who were not regularly attending the Divine Service.

The elders reviewed changes in the use of personnel in the chancel during the Divine Service for the summer, beginning June 11.

The meeting was concluded with Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Jackson, secretary pro tem

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, July 6, 2023
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

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Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading from Luther's Large Catechism on the Sacrament at the Altar.

Pastor Punke presented his monthly report to the elders, providing information regarding members, regarding his activities and regarding associations that have a relation to church (LSUS and CLHS).

The main focus of the elders at the meeting was to determine some strategies to meet another one of the goals assigned to the Council of Elders by the Ministry Clarity team: "Pillar 2, Goal #3: Starting October 1, Zion will have a quarterly non-Communion worship service (elders determine strategies, timetable, location, etc.)." The elders had changed the goal two meetings before from a monthly non-Communion worship service to a quarterly service. Although the goal was clear—and the elders developed several strategies for meeting the goal—the elders found it difficult to determine how this goal was intended to fit in with the normal worship schedule of Zion as well as how this fit in with involving nonmembers in church worship. The elders will take their questions back to the Ministry Clarity team for more clarity on this matter.

The meeting was concluded with Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Jackson, secretary pro tem



It's diaper drive time

FACTS: On average, babies use around 240 diapers per month.

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on Sept 9th. NEWBORN, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 size diapers are needed. Just bring your diapers to the church and place them into the bassinet.

Last day to bring diapers will be August 30th.

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**Sunday, August 6th
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2023 OUTING WITH THE FORT WAYNE TINCAPS

**TUESDAY,
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**GAME TIME:
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TICKET LINK



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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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