

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, September 3, 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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *Trust in the Lord, | and do good; || dwell in the land and be- | friend__ faith-
ful- | ness__. || Delight yourself | in the Lord, || and he will give you the de- |
sires__ of your | heart.*

Verse 1: **Commit your way | to the Lord; || trust in | him, and he will | act__ . || He
will bring forth your righteousness | as the light, || and your justice | as the
noon-__ | day.**

Verse 2: *Be still be- | fore the Lord || and wait | pa- tient- ly for | him__ ; || fret not your-
self over the one who prospers | in his way, || over the man who carries out |
e-__ vil de- | vices!*

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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the de- | sires__ of your | heart*

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 - mighty - y.



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



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on __ us: Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the

Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
 on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, 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..... **Jeremiah 15:15-21**
 [After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle of the Day **Romans 12:9-21**
 [After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 16:21-28**

[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..... Hail, Thou Once Burgundy Hymn 531

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 - 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!

A - men

Agnus Dei

[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
 sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
 sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymn All for Christ I Have Forsaken Burgundy Hymn 753

Now, My Tongue Burgundy Hymn 630

[Rise for stanza 5.]

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.



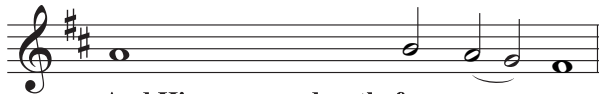
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



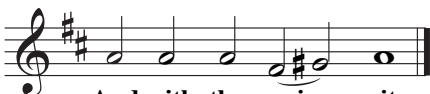
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Burgundy Hymn 685

Postlude

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Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

The Epistle is Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel is Matthew 16:21-28

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Hymns for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus *A Collection of Psalms and Hymns and Hymns Addressed to the Holy, Holy, Holy, Triune God*

1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor; Life is given through Thy name.
2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.
3. Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly host adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.
4. Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

LSB753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken

Calvin Chao

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1. All for Christ I have forsaken And have taken up my cross;
Worldly joy, its fame and fortune, Now I count as worthless dross.
2. Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus? No good thing in Him I lack!
Hand to plow, at peace I follow Where He leads me . . . why look back?
3. Gone the past, unknown the future — Grace supplies my daily breath;
Strong in Christ through death's dark valley, Firm and faithful unto death.
4. When God takes me home to heaven, Should this be the day I die,
God will keep my spouse and children As the apple of His eye.
5. Though the road ahead be thorny, Though dark clouds all light obscure,
Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper, With the Lord, I am secure.

LSB630 Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling

Thomas Aquinas

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1. Now, my tongue, the mystery telling Of the glorious Body sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling, Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Once on earth among us dwelling, Shed for this world's ransoming.
2. Given for us, and condescending To be born for us below,
He with us in converse blending Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending His most patient life of woe.
3. That last night at supper lying Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying, Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying, Gives Himself with His own hand.
4. Word made flesh, the bread He taketh, By His word His Flesh to be;
Wine His sacred Blood He maketh, Though the senses fails to see;
Faith alone the true heart waketh To behold the mystery.
- △ 5. Glory let us give and blessing To the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing, While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing Who from both with both is One.

LSB685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Sigismund von Birken

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1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share You woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

The Fourteenth Sunday after 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:

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 returning students and teachers and a successful start to school
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care, including Doris Yerger, Bryce Shull, Kenneth Raber, and Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Sarah Hollman, Marilynn Shafter, Debra Busche, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Bob Ockree, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Michael Petrillo, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Sue Doepner, Geraldine Woods, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages,
- + 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 James Yerger and Dorothy Zinter Willard
- + 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given by Doris Yerger & family in loving memory of James Yerger on the occasion of his birthday. The Altar Vases are given by James Crouse in memory of his godmother and aunt Dorothy Corella (née Pederson) Zinter Willard, who was born in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, on 3 September 1917. 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

September 3, 2023 thru September 9, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.		Labor Day (Office Closed)	
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	12 NOON	Diaper Give-A-Way	Bauer Hall

September 10, 2023

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: the Adult Bible Class concludes the Convention Bible Study today, Pastor Punke leading it. Dr. Voelz said that he will pick things back up in Mark starting next Sunday. Sunday School also continues on summer break. We'll restart that as demand dictates.

FALL TIME: as we roll into September, ask yourself do I have time to volunteer? If so please let Kevin, DaVanna, or Julie know that you are willing to help out with things around the church. Diaper drive, Altar Guild, Church care, Trunk or Treat, annual fall clean up, etc., are all places where you can volunteer.

THANKS! You gave 5,704 diapers to be passed out on September 9th, 12 Noon until 3 pm. Now, if you have any spare time to help with the preparation and/or distribution, please talk to DaVanna (260-494-0803) or TruLaine (260-615-1873) about what you can do.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 2 John 6 — “This is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.” Last week’s verse was Titus 3:4-6.

GOLDEN HEIRS join us for the September event, which will be a tour of the Fort Wayne International Airport on Friday, September 15 at 10 a.m. We will have lunch following the tour at The Clyde on Bluffton Road. RSVP to Carole at radcar1969@comcast.net. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. Drivers will be needed.

CTS SEMINARY GUILD says, “Come Join Us!” You are invited to attend the Concordia Theological Seminary Guild on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Luther Hall on the campus of CTSFW. The featured speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, Director of Certification and Placement. Mark your calendar for Donation day on October 10th. For further information, visit semguild@ctsfw.edu.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., will have an Alumni Sunday next Sunday, September 10, 2023. She invites all former students, teachers, and staff of Bethlehem to attend a worship service at 9:00 am with a reception afterwards. Participants will be able to tour the school and have an opportunity to reunite with your *classmates*.

EMMAUS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL, 8626 Covington Road, is in need of two aids for this school year, for 1 morning position and 1 afternoon position, 20 hours per week. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Joann Olsen, Preschool Director, at jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org or 260-459-7722, ext. 1012.

WYNEKEN CHILDCARE is actively seeking individuals with a heart to serve and who love to share the Gospel. If interested, please contact: Jennifer Conrad at 260-909-1118 (jconrad@wyneken.org) or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064 (childcare@wyneken.org).

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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 16:21-28

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Ephesians 4:1-24

Monday

2 Kings 2:1-18

Ephesians 4:25-5:14

Tuesday

2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7

Ephesians 5:15-33

Wednesday

2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37

Ephesians 6:1-24

Thursday

2 Kings 4:38-5:8

Philippians 1:1-20

Friday

2 Kings 5:9-27

Philippians 1:21-2:11

Saturday

2 Kings 6:1-23

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 18:1-20



What Doctor Luther Says:

About God's Precious Gift of Life even after Death
20. *And Adam called the name of his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.*

... The name which Adam gives his wife is a very pleasing and delightful name. For what is more precious, better, or more delightful than life? Familiar is the popular little verse: "That you may purchase back your life"; for neither gold nor jewels nor the wealth and glory of the whole world can be compared to life, just as Christ also says in Matt. 16:26. The Jews commonly give their children names derived from roses, flowers, and jewels; the name Eve, however, was not taken from valuable objects but from life itself, which surpasses all other objects.

Moreover, Adam adds the reason: "Because she is the mother of all living." It is clear from this passage that after Adam had received the Holy Spirit, he had become marvelously enlightened, and that he believed and also understood the saying concerning the woman's Seed who would crush the head of the serpent. Moreover, he wanted to give an outward indication of this faith of his and lend distinction to it by means of his wife's name. He gave it to no other creature. By this designation of his wife he gave support to the hope in the future Seed, strengthened his own faith, and comforted himself with the thought that he believed in life even when all nature had already been made subject to death.

Luther's Works, 1:219-20.



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Encouragement Found in Scriptures & our theme:

See God in everything and reflect Him through **S**teadfastness, **E**ndurance, **E**ncouragement, **H**armony, **I**mitation, and **M**indset.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 15:5-6

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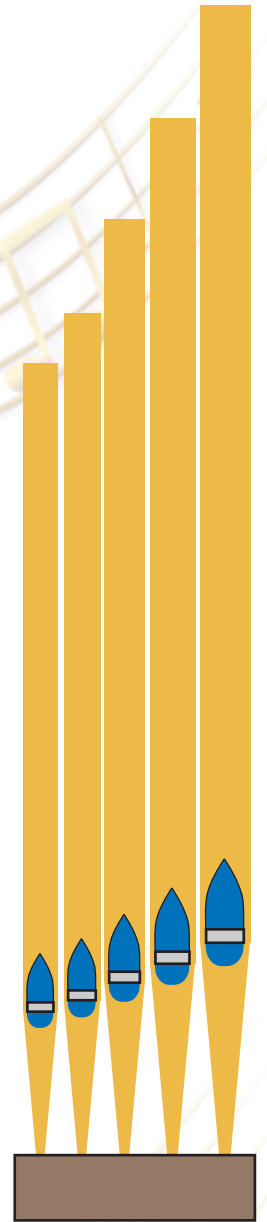
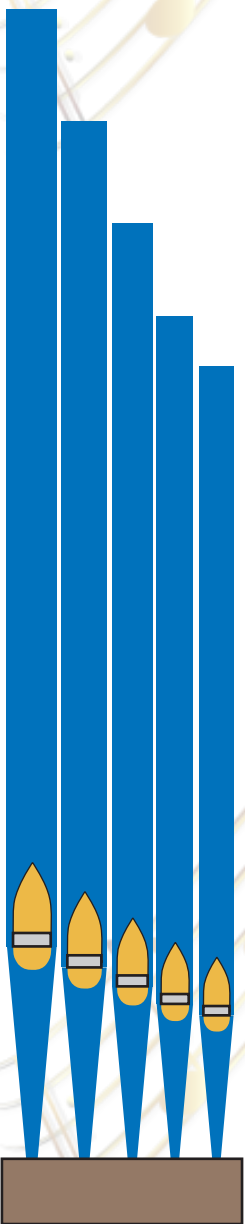
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Life Newsbytes

On August 23, the Center for Biblical Worldview at Family Research Council released the results of a nationwide study analyzing the beliefs of American churchgoers. Of the 1,009 survey participants, 72% reported weekly church attendance, while the other 28% said they go to church at least monthly ... About one out of every six respondents (16%) admitted to having ever paid for, encouraged, or chosen to have an abortion. Among these, 56% indicated they read the Bible weekly, and 62% attend church weekly. Additionally, 50% of those who have participated in an abortion said the Bible was “clear and decisive” on the topic of abortion. (Only 26% said the Bible was “unclear or ambiguous.”) ... Christians might be surprised to learn that around 17% of female churchgoers have had an abortion, and 15% of male churchgoers have paid for or actively encouraged someone to get an abortion ... Among the 65% who said the Bible indicates when human life begins, 52% said it teaches that life begins “upon fertilization of the female egg.” Other responses included once the child has been delivered and begins breathing (8%), once the embryo/fetus reaches viability (7%), six weeks after the fertilization of the female egg (6%), sometime during the first three months after fertilization (3%), and sometime after three months but before six months after fertilization (3%). (*The Washington Stand*, 8/26/23, washingtonstand.com/commentary/regarding-abortion-the-views-of-regular-churchgoers-are-surprisingly-mixed)

Speaking up For Life

“A Christian funeral isn’t the end. Yes, we don’t deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That’s Christian. Because the dead don’t stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

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