

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, October 1, 2023

### RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*  
*When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed*

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

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#### [ Rise ] **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!*

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*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] *The LORD lifts | up the •humble•; || He casts the | wick- ed to the | ground.|| Sing to the LORD | with thanks- •giving•; || make melody to our | God\_\_ on the | lyre!*

Verse 1: **Praise | the\_\_ LORD! || For it is good to sing | prais- es to our | God; || for | it is •pleasant•, || and a song of | praise is fit\_\_ | ting.**

Verse 2: *The LORD builds up Je- | ru- sa- lem;|| he gathers the out- | casts of Is- ra- | el.|| He heals the | brok- en- •hearted• || and | binds\_\_ up their | wounds.*

Verse 3: **He determines the number | of the stars;|| he gives to | all of them their | names. || Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in •power•; || his understand- ing is be- | yond\_\_ mea\_\_ | sure.**

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!**

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## Kyrie



*Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.*



*Chri - ste\_\_ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.*



*Ky - ri - e\_\_ e - lei - son. Lord, \_\_ have mer - cy.*

## Gloria in Excelsis



*Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,*



*a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,*



*we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for*



*Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa - ther Al -*



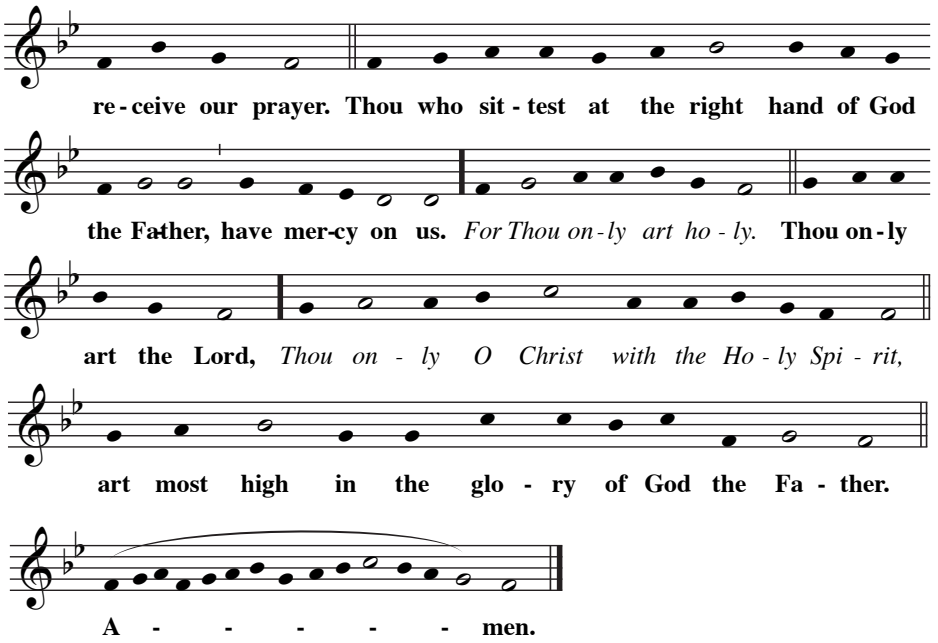
*migh-ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,*



*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the*



*sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,*



re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly  
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** *Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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**..... **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 24-32**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Alleluia!*

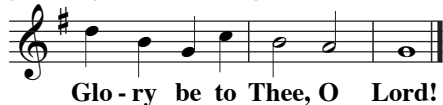


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

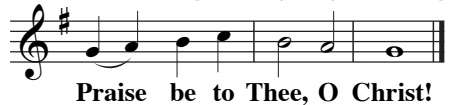
**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Matthew 21:23-32**

[ 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 ..... Jesus Sinners Doth Receive .... Burgundy Hymn 609

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5, 6, & 7. ]

## Sermon

### Installation of Officers and Installation of Field Worker

#### [ 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 Hymn ..... 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 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.



## The Installation of an Intern

*The intern is presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:*

### Invocation

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

**Amen.**

*Brothers and sisters in Christ, according to the usual custom of the Church, Matthew Harrison has been assigned to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church as a field worker. As a student assigned to our congregation he will continue his education in preparation for service to the Church as a pastor.*

*Hear what the Word of God says about those who serve in the Church.*

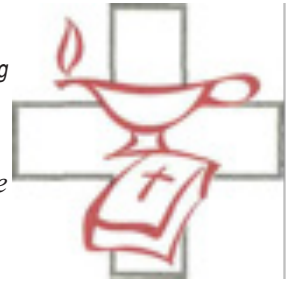
*The presiding minister or an assistant reads one or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture.*

Working together with him, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way. *2 Corinthians 6:1-4a*

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. *1 Peter 4:10-11*

By the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. *Romans 12:3-8*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:15-17*



Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:15-16

*The pastor addresses the intern:*

*Matthew, are you prepared to serve as a field worker in this congregation under the supervision of Pastor Punke, undertaking your assignments as those who seek training for service in the Church as a pastor? If so, then answer: I am, with the help of God.*

***I am, with the help of God.***

*Matthew, I install you as a field worker at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... **Amen.***

*The congregation stands. The intern kneels.*

*Let us pray. O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant health both of mind and body to Your servant Matthew who shall serve as a field worker in our midst. Enable him to love You with his whole heart, and with his whole strength to perform those things that are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

1 Corinthians 15:58

*The intern returns to his seat.*

*The service continues with the PRAYER OF THE CHURCH in the Divine Service or the Prayers in the Daily Office.*

## Installation of Congregational Officers

1. This rite is used to install those who have been properly elected or appointed to hold office in the congregation.
2. The installation is set within the Divine Service before the Prayer of the Church or preceding the Prayers in the Daily Office.
3. This rite may also be used in other settings (e.g., at a congregational meeting). In that case, it may begin with the Invocation. The Lord's Prayer should be inserted immediately prior to the dismissal/blessing. Appropriate hymns may be sung before or at the conclusion of the rite.
4. Outgoing officers of the congregation may be thanked for their faithful service either at the beginning of this rite as the officers-elect come forward or by using the rite of Recognition of Servants of the Congregation (page 252).
5. The pastor of the congregation serves as the presiding minister.



*Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The pastor addresses the congregation:*

*Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”*

1 Corinthians 14:40

*To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:*

*The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”*

Acts 6:2-4

*The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:*

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 4:10-11

*Each officer is named individually according to his or her respective office.*

Name has been elected/appointed to serve as title of position.

*The pastor addresses the officers-elect:*

*You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. You are to work with the pastor(s), that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.*

*You are to see that the services of God's house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.*

*You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly admin-*

*istered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.*

*While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.*

*In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.*

**I do.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

*Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Zion Lutheran Church. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.*

**We do.**

*The pastor addresses the officers-elect:*

*Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of Zion Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.*

**Amen.**

*Stand*

*Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks ... now and forever.*

**Amen.**

*Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

1 Corinthians 15:58

**Amen.**

*The service continues with the PRAYER OF THE CHURCH in the Divine Service or the Prayers in the Daily Office.*

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 hosts:



Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes 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



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 ..... Baptismal Waters Cover Me .... Burgundy Hymn 616

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us ..... Burgundy Hymn 693

[ 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.



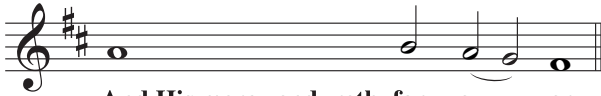
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.*



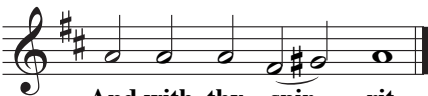
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

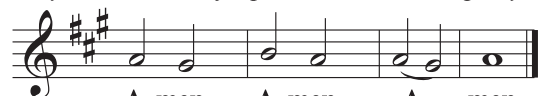
*Bless we the Lord.*



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 ..... May We Thy Precepts ..... Burgundy Hymn 698**

**Postlude**

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## **Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. ...

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

### **The Epistle is Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18**

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ...

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am

to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

### **The Gospel is Matthew 21:23-32**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.



# Hymns for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## LSB609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Erdmann Neumeister

1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- W 3. Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Wearied souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- M 4. I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
5. Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion:  
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
6. Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
7. Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

## LSB616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

Kurt E. Reinhardt

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1. Baptismal waters cover me  
As I approach on bended knee;  
My Father's mercy here I plead,  
For grievous sins of thought and deed.
2. I look to Christ upon the tree,  
His body broken there for me;  
I lay before Him all my sin,  
My darkest secrets from within.
3. Lord, may Your wounded hand impart  
Your healing to my broken heart;

Your love alone can form in me  
A heart that serves You joyfully.

4. From Your own mouth comes forth a word;  
Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard;  
Through him Your hand now stretches out,  
Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.
5. Baptismal waters cover me;  
Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father's strong embrace,  
With joy I praise Him for His grace.

**LSB693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace**

**Bartholomäus Ringwaldt**

1. O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever.  
The hour of death cannot bring loss  
When we are sheltered by the cross  
That canceled our transgressions.
2. Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.  
O make us die to ev'ry sin,  
Each day create new life within,  
That fruits of faith may flourish.
3. And when our earthly race is run, Death's bitter hour impending,  
Then may Thy work in us begun Continue till life's ending,  
Until we gladly may commend  
Our souls into our Savior's hand,  
The crown of life obtaining.

**LSB698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill**

**Edward Osler**

1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill  
And do on earth our Father's will As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.
2. So may we join Thy name to bless,  
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess, From sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

3. Spirit of life, of love and peace,  
Unite our hearts, our joy increase, Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

2313 Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46803 | 260-744-1389

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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, Matt Harrison

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)  
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),  
Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), John Kuker (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>),  
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 fieldworkers Paul Mroczenski and Matt Harrison
- + 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 those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care, including Bryce Shull, Kenneth Raber, and Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Connie Houser, Sarah Hollman, Gloria Gonzalez, Debra Busche, Marilyn Shafter, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Bob Ockree, 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, especially DaVanna Seifert
- + 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
- + 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of DaVanna Seifert by her 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

### **October 1, 2023 thru October 7, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	2:00 PM	Murder on the Orient Express	CLHS
<b>MON.</b>	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board meeting	LSA Campus
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	8A – 5 P	40 Days for Life	2930 Lake Ave
	7:00 PM	Elder Council	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>	7:00 PM	One-Act Plays	CLHS
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	2:00 PM	DaVanna's 50 <sup>th</sup> All Black Party	Bauer Hall

### **October 8, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	3:00 PM	Craig Cramer Organ Concert	Church
		Followed by a Reception	Bauer Hall

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** the Adult Bible Class continues today with the Gospel of St. Mark with Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall. Sunday School continues in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

**NOTE:** Visitation for Doris Yerger will be at Zion on Friday, October 13, 5-7 PM; the funeral will be at Zion on Saturday, October 14, 11 AM, with visitation one hour prior.

**FYI:** Dr. Voelz will be speaking at a "fireside chat" in the Commons at the Seminary on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. As we will mark this February the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walkout at CSL, Dr. Voelz will share his recollections of the experiences he had as a student at Concordia Seminary just prior to the Walkout. Zion members are welcome to attend.

**A CIRCUIT FORUM** reporting on the actions of the 2023 LCMS Convention will be held at Zion on Saturday, October 21, 1:30 PM. Circuit delegates Pastor Joe Ferry of Southwest Lutheran Church and Kevin Leininger of Zion Lutheran Church will give their reports and answer any questions you may have. This Forum takes the place of our Theology in the Parish lecture this fall, but we will have a Sacred Music at Zion hymn festival following the Forum. Please come to stay informed about the "goings on" in the larger church.

**TRUNK OR TREAT FALL EVENT:** Sign up for your spot in the parking lot, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM. The sign up sheet is located at Julie's table. Then figure out your costume, get your treats, and get ready. If you don't want to decorate your car we could use help with the hot dog stand, traffic & parking, or help with one of the five game stations.

**OUR DAY TO PRAY FOR LIFE** is this Thursday, October 5. Sign up for an hour. While there, you may, of course, talk to people who may come up to you, but the main purpose is to pray for life with prayers of thanksgiving for what God has done recently — nationally and in Indiana — to slow the number of abortions, and continued prayers to change the minds of abortionists and those seeking abortion. Pastor generally brings a lawn chair to sit on in the public areas, and he uses the materials you can also pick up at the table to pray.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Proverbs 22:6 — "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Last week's verse was Psalm 91:11-12.

**LWML** (Lutheran Women in Mission), South Fort Wayne Zone, invites you to their Fall Gathering on October 14th at Peace Lutheran Church, 4900 Fairfield. Registration and a light breakfast begin at 8:30 am (fee of \$6.00 at the door), with program and business meeting to follow.

**CLHS THEATRE PRODUCTION** presents "Murder on the Orient Express" as the Fall Drama on Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium at 1601 St. Joe River Dr. Also, on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, there will be two one-act presentations: "Star Bright Diner" & "By Any Chance."

**GOLDEN HEIRS** will be touring the Amp Lab at Electric Works ("The Amp Lab is a unique learning environment built for students of diverse backgrounds to gain real-world experience in an innovative and agile setting) on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon. You're invited. RSVP to Carole at [radcar1969@comcast.net](mailto:radcar1969@comcast.net) by October 9 or call 260-483-0650.

**RLNI:** You're invited to celebrate Life with Right to Life of Northeast Indiana at their annual Banquet on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ben Carson will be the keynote speaker. Melissa Montana from Star 88.3 will also emcee this event. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/banquet](http://www.ichooselife.org/banquet) or call 260-471-1849.

**MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN** Last year 354 babies from Northeast Indiana lost their lives to abortion. On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm, join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana to remember these babies at Catholic Cemetery on 3500 Lake Ave in Fort Wayne. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/memorial](http://www.ichooselife.org/memorial) or call 260-471-1849.

**WORSHIP ANEW:** Join an amazing ministry team at Worship Anew as the Donor Database Specialist. The ministry is seeking a part-time Donor Database Specialist to be responsible for all database entry, reporting, and upkeep. This position also assists with viewer requests and performs other administrative duties as needed. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683.

**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 21:23-32

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Matthew 7:1-12

Monday

Deuteronomy 3:1-29

Matthew 7:13-29

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 4:1-20

Matthew 8:1-17

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 4:21-40

Matthew 8:18-34

Thursday

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Matthew 9:1-17

Friday

Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9

Matthew 9:18-38

Saturday

Deuteronomy 6:10-25

**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**

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Salvation by Grace, Not Works*

[H]ere you hear Christ saying that the Father “reveals” [salvation by God’s grace], and again, that it is the Father’s “gracious will”; and thus he actually nullifies all human merit. Here no satisfactions can help, here no works have any validity whatsoever. It is done only by the will and good pleasure of the Father. He does not look upon the person as it appears before the world; he neither disdains nor rejects the sinner, no matter how laden with sins he may be. So in Luke also Christ says to his disciples, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” [Luke 12:32]. This the hypocrites and work-saints cannot stand; in fact it makes them furious, raving mad that the foolish and simple, the publicans and open sinners should go into the kingdom of God before them [cf. Matt. 21:31], and they, with all their holiness and beautiful, fine, glittering works, be excluded. After all, it is enough to make a person mad. But what can we do for him? This is God’s good pleasure; the one to whom He reveals it, has it, and the one from whom He hides it, it is hidden from him. There is nothing to be done about it.

And note here especially that Christ says, “Yea, Father, for so it was well-pleasing before thee.” “Before thee,” yes, before the world was created, as St. Paul says in Eph. [1:4-6], “Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.” This excludes all merit; so don’t let it enter your mind that you can earn anything here or brag about your works or your wisdom or your merits. Here all glorying is taken away, so that, as Paul says to the Corinthians, “Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord” [I Cor. 1:31].

*Luther’s Works*, 51:127.





**Beginning September 10,  
CHOIR REHEARSALS  
RESUME ON:**

**SUNDAYS  
AT 8:05 am**

**In the church balcony.  
All are welcome.**

**Welcome ...  
to our new fieldworker,  
Matt Harrison, his wife  
Courtney, and their  
daughter Rosie.**

Many of you have known Matt longer than I have. Here's how he introduces himself and his family to the rest of us.

“Hello! We are the Harrisons, and we are so grateful to be a part of your congregation as one of your fieldwork families. My name is Matthew Martin Luther Harrison. I have been told (by my father, specifically) that I was given this name so that if I chose to join another denomination, I would look like a fool. So far, I would say his strategy was effective. Joking aside, as Lutherans, we are so blessed to have pure doctrine that continually preaches Christ crucified for you and me. The Lord knows I need to be reminded of that as often as possible.

“As many of you may already know, my father was Pastor here at Zion until 2001. It was in 2001 that we moved to St. Louis, where we've been ever since. My wife, Courtney, was born and raised in St. Louis, as was my daughter, Rosie. In the short time we've been here in Fort Wayne, we have grown to love this city. More specifically, we have grown to love Zion and have been so warmly welcomed by all of you. Thank you, truly. I am excited both to serve and learn from all of you.”



**Zion Ev. Lutheran Church  
Presents**

**Dr. Craig Cramer**

**University Organist Emeritus,  
The University of Notre Dame**

**In Recital**



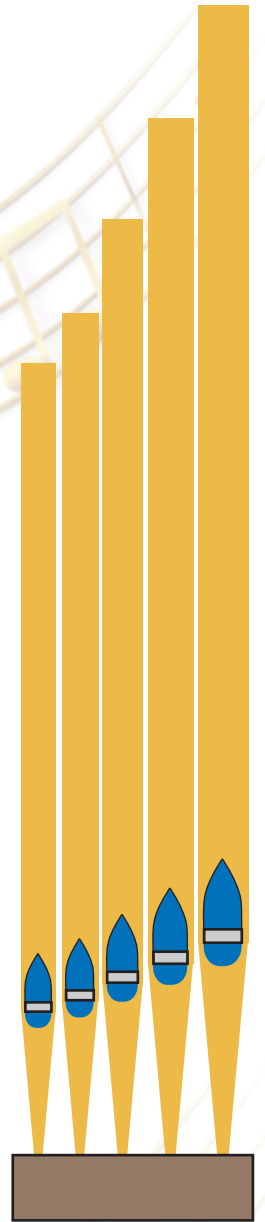
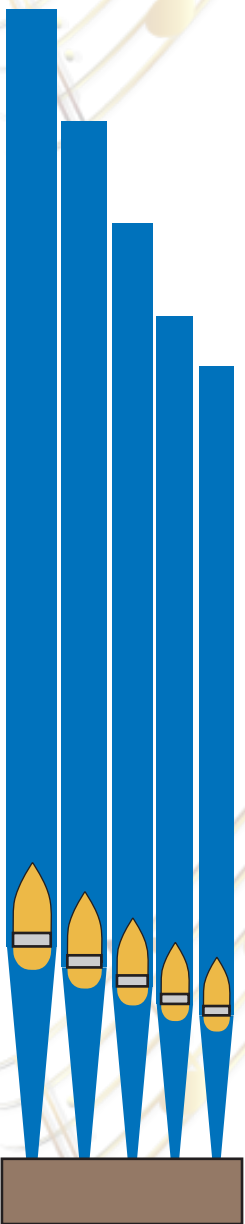
**An Afternoon of Organ Music  
On the Four Manual / 85 stop Organ**

at

**Zion Ev. Lutheran Church  
2313 Hanna Street - Fort Wayne, Indiana**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3pm**

Admission is free and the recital is open to the public.





## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

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

Dakota

Jordyn

Kyu Kyu

Tyte'Anna

Major

Michael

Paislee

Carlos

Khloe

Mrs. Wiegman and her new baby, Bennett!

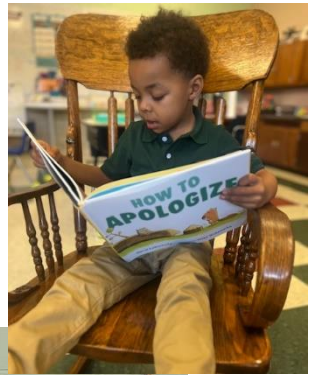
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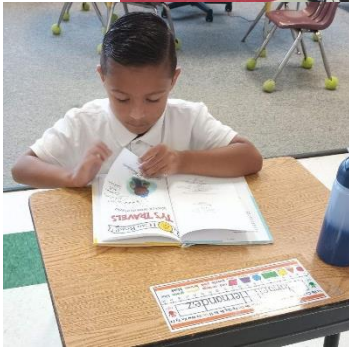
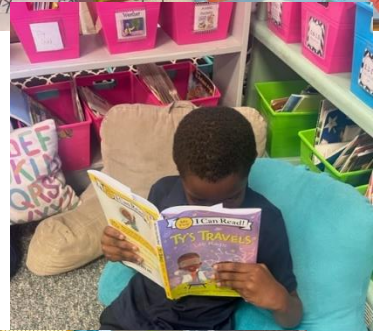
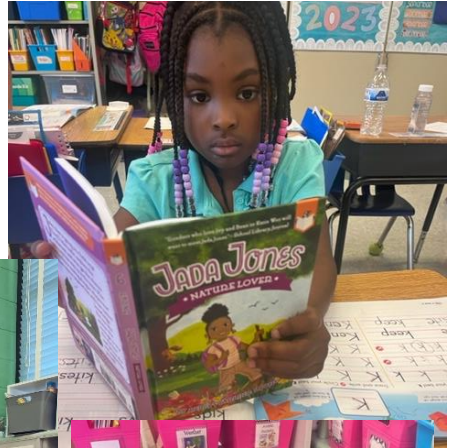
Ms. Taylor & Mrs. Wakeland



## Let's Read Together!

Pastor King and NINE (Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement) gave a small library to each classroom here at LSUS! The books were about diversity, character building skills, and themed to encourage students. Some of the authors signed the books for each classroom. The kids love getting new books and wasted no time diving in and reading them!





## Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. —Matthew 19:25-26



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

5:00 PPM

# ZION PRESENT: TRUNK OR TREAT



WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME,  
DECORATE YOUR CAR & PASS  
OUT CANDY



**DAVANNA & CO.**

**50<sup>th</sup> Birth  
DAY**

**Party**

**October 7th, 2023**

**All BLACK Affair**

two o'clock in the afternoon



2313 Hanna Street  
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Zion Lutheran Church  
Reception Hall

The gift of your presence is  
enough! No presents, please



# **Pump Up the Pipes!**

## **A FREE Concert**

**Of (mostly) Organ Music  
Sunday, October 22—3:30 PM**



### **Featuring**

**Some of Fort Wayne's  
Wonderful Organists**



### **Including**

**Irene Ator, Michael Dulac,  
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Wayne Peterson, Tim Robison**

***A Free-Will Offering Will Be Received  
To Benefit Our Console Update Fund***

***Reception to follow to Meet the Artists***

**St. John Lutheran Church  
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Fort Wayne, IN 46802**





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October 7, 2023  
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Please RSVP by September 22