

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, October 8, 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!*

[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!

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] *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good; || for his steadfast | love en- dures for- | ever!* || *Let | Is- rael say, || "His steadfast | love en- dures for- | ever!"*

Verse 1: **The stone that the | builders re- jected || has be- | come the cor- ner- | stone. || This is the | Lord's__ doing; || it is | mar- velous in our | eyes.**

Verse 2: *This is the day that the | Lord has made; || let us rejoice | and be glad in | it. || You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you; || you are my God; | I will ex- tol | you.*

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men, who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1-7**

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

Epistle of the Day **Philippians 3:4b-14**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.” Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 21:33-46**

[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 **O Love, How Deep** **Burgundy Hymn 544**

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

[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.

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

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns My Song Is Love Burgundy Hymn 430

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

God Loved the World Burgundy Hymn 571

[All sing stanza 1; Women alone sing stanza 2; Choir alone sings stanza 3;
 Men alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6; Rise for stanza 6.]

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.



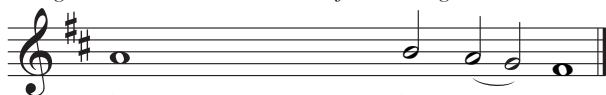
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



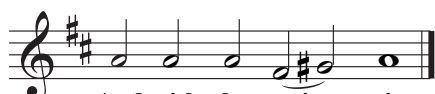
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

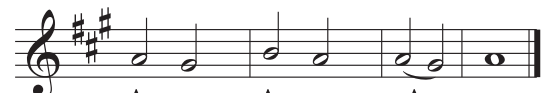
Bless we the Lord.



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 Christ Is Made Burgundy Hymn 909

Postlude

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Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The Epistle is Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel is Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said,] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Hymns for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB544 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Thomas à Kempis

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
2. He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.
- M 3. For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
- W 4. For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- M 5. For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.
- W 6. For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △ 7. All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

LSB430 My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman

1. My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

2. He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!
- M 3. Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.
- W 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
- M 5. They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suffering goes
That He His foes From thence might free.
- W 6. In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
7. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!!

LSB571 God Loved the World *Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, Stettin*

1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- M 2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- choir 3. God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- W 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
5. If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

LSB909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Latin c. 8th Century

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.
 2. To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.
 3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.
- △ 4. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

The Nineteenth 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, Matt Harrison

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)
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 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
- + 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, especially Helen Pickett
- + 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Helen Pickett by her daughter Karen Coleman and family. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

October 8, 2023 thru October 14, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	3:00 PM	Craig Cramer Organ Concert Followed by a Reception	Church Bauer Hall
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Dr. Voelz Fireside Chat	CTSFW
	5:30 PM	RLNI Banquet	Allen County Coliseum
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.			
FRI.	5-7 PM	Doris Yerger Visitation	Church Narthex
SAT.	11:00 AM	Doris Yerger Funeral	Church

October 15, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

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.

THANKS to everyone that took part in Zion's day of prayers for the 40 Days of Prayer effort.

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

FYI: Dr. Voelz will be speaking at a "fireside chat" in the Commons at the Seminary on Monday, October 9th at 7:00 pm. As we will mark this February the 50th 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.

THE FORT WAYNE SOUTH CIRCUIT will hold a circuit forum to report on the actions and activities of last summer's LCMS Convention. Our circuit delegates, Pastor Joe Ferry (Southwest) and layman Kevin Leininger (Zion), will offer their reports and answer your questions. Convention materials, including the Workbook, all editions of Today's Business, and Convention minutes, are available for download or viewing at www.lcms.org/convention/national. The circuit forum will be held at Zion, 2313 Hanna St., at 1:30 PM on Saturday, October 28. The forum will conclude with a Sacred Music at Zion hymn sing led by Michael Hollman, Zion's organist and music director. This is our Synod, and our delegates represented our churches. Please come.

TRUNK OR TREAT FALL EVENT: Sign up for your spot in the parking lot, October 29th, 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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 Timothy 1:15—"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of fully acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost." Last week's verse was Proverbs 22:6.

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.

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 20th from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon. You're invited. RSVP to Carole at radcar1969@comcast.net by October 9 or call 260-483-0650.

RLNI ANNUAL BANQUET is this Monday, October 9th. Dr. Ben Carson will be the keynote speaker. Melissa Montana from Star 88.3 will also emcee this event. Visit www.ichooselife.org/banquet 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.

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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 21:33-46

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Matthew 10:24-42

Monday

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Matthew 11:1-19

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 9:1-22

Matthew 11:20-30

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 9:23–10:22

Matthew 12:1-21

Thursday

Deuteronomy 11:1-25

Matthew 12:22-37

Friday

Deuteronomy 11:26–12:12

Matthew 12:38-50

Saturday

Deuteronomy 12:13-32

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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:6-9

Philippians 4:4-13

Matthew 22:1-14



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Christ, a Stumbling Stone, Then and Now

When those people hear [about relying on Christ and His righteousness alone], they recoil, stumble, and are offended. They say: “What? Do you mean to say that chastity, celebrating Mass, and similar good works amount to nothing? The devil tells you to say this.” They cannot adjust themselves to the thought that what they undertake to do is not good, but they think that it is pleasing to God. They even quote passages from Scripture and say: “God has commanded us to do good works.” When one chooses to refute them, they begin to shout: “Heretic! Heretic! Fire! Fire!” Therefore they cannot endure the Stone and want to overturn It. Thus they collide with this Stone and cannot avoid being crushed by It, as Christ says in Matt. 21:42, 44: “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The very Stone which the builders rejected has become the Head of the corner?’ ... And he who falls on this Stone will be broken to pieces; but when It falls on anyone, It will crush him.” Therefore do as you please, this Stone is no joke. It has been laid, and It will remain in position. He who wants to collide with It and scoff at It will have to cave in.

This is the stumbling and the offense about which Scripture says a great deal. ... this Stone will fall on all unbelievers and crush them. Therefore even though Christ is such a choice and precious Stone, yet through no fault of His He must also be called “a Stone that will make men stumble, a Rock that will make them fall.” And just as the Jews have done, so we also always do today. For just as they boasted with God’s name that they were God’s people, so it happens today too. Christ is denied today under the name of Christ and the Christian Church, and the precious Stone is rejected. He comes because they should reject their works. But this they cannot endure, and they reject Him.

Luther’s Works, 30:60-1.

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Presents**

Dr. Craig Cramer

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

In Recital



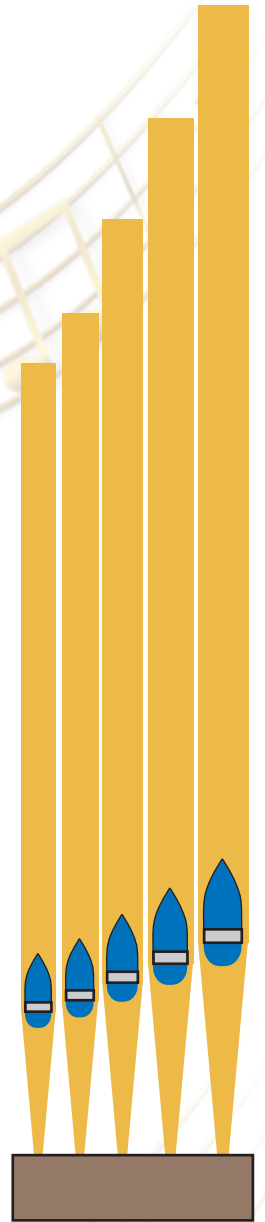
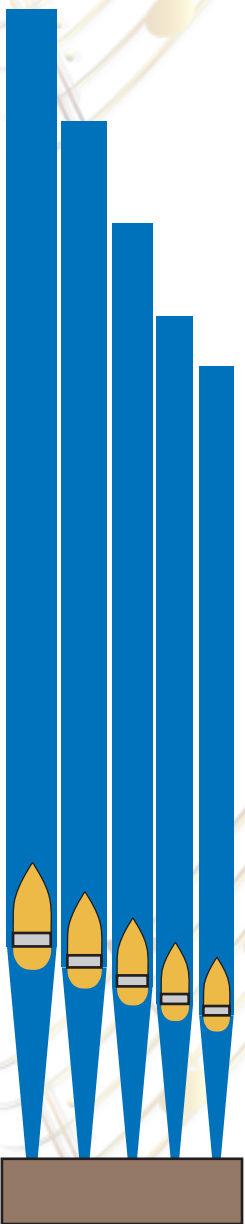
**An Afternoon of Organ Music
On the Four Manual / 85 stop Organ**

at

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2313 Hanna Street - Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3pm

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LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Myava	Leshon
Ja'Maire	Montray
Anyla	Blake
Tracey	Natasha
Nyomi	Mr. Cullen
Ja'veah	Mr. Kuker



Garden Project!

Bishop Luers (led by student, Tommy) invited LSUS to be a part of their teaching garden project. They have recently finished 6 garden boxes on the Luers property. First grade went over and helped plant seeds for the fall garden. We are excited to see the plants grow and develop!



Meet The Staff



We welcome Mr. Chase Mertz as Lutheran South Unity's 6th grade homeroom teacher. His main emphasis is Social Studies in the middle grades. This is his first year teaching. He received his bachelor's degree from Purdue, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mertz grew up in the Fort Wayne area. He attended Ascension Lutheran School in his middle grade years. Then he went on to Concordia Lutheran High School. He still attends Ascension Lutheran Church.

In his free time he enjoys the outdoors and video games. He has two cats and one dog.

He is very excited to be a teacher. This year he is looking forward to getting to know the children and their families.

Found in Scriptures:

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

—1 John 2:28

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

5:00 PPM

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