

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, October 15, 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] Praise | the__ LORD! || Praise the | LORD, __ O my | soul! __ || I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; || I will sing praises to my God | while I have my | •being•.

Verse 1: I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD; || my soul shall ex- | ult__ in my | God __, || for he has | clothed__ me || with the | gar- ments of sal- | •vation•;

Verse 2: He has | cov- ered me || with the | robe of right- eous | ness __, || as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | head-__ dress, || and as a bride adorns her- | self__ with her | •jewels•.

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

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Kyrie

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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: *Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 25:6-9**

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

Epistle of the Day **Philippians 4:4-13**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 22:1-14**

[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 A Multitude Comes Burgundy Hymn 510

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**

[During the voluntary, the offering and pledges will be received.]

[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,



have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns All Christians Who Burgundy Hymn 596

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

At the Lamb's High Feast ... Burgundy Hymn 633

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women sing stanzas 4 & 6;

All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8.]

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.



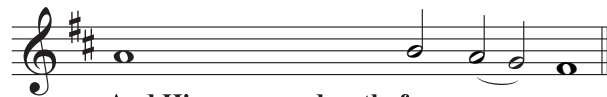
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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 In Thee Is Gladness Burgundy Hymn 818

Postlude

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Readings for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away
from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Epistle is Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The Gospel is Matthew 22:1-14

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Hymns for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB510 A Multitude Comes

Magnus Brostrup Landstad

1. A multitude comes from the east and the west
To sit at the feast of salvation
With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest,
Obeying the Lord's invitation.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
2. O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call
In accents persuasive and tender,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
And find Him, our mighty Defender.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
3. All trials shall be like a dream that is past,
Forgotten all trouble and mourning.
All questions and doubts have been answered at last,
When rises the light of that morning.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
4. The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand
Than ever on earth was recorded.
The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand
The crown to the victors awarded.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

LSB596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Paul Gerhardt

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1. All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
2. You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.
- W 3. But all of that was washed away—Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

- M 4. In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered
 With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.
 For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good
 Before our heav'nly Father.
5. O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.
6. So use it well! You are made new—In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

LSB633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Latin, c. 5th-10 cent.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
 Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.
 Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
 Gives His Body for the feast — Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
 Alleluia!
- M 3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
 Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Alleluia!
- W 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
 With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
 Alleluia!
- M 5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!
- W 6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

LSB818 In Thee Is Gladness

Johann Lindemann

1. In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
2. Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

The Twentieth 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, including Doris Yerger
- + 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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. The Altar Vases are given by the Zion Altar Guild in loving memory of our sister in Christ, Doris Yerger, remembering her service to the Lord. 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 15, 2023 thru October 21, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.	8:00 AM	Pastries with Pastor's	LSUS
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord study	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

October 22, 2023

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Pastor Punke will lead the Adult Bible Class continues today. Dr. Voelz is not available. As needed Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

THANK YOU: I want to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone that attended my birthday party on Oct 7th. I appreciate every card/call/text and gift. I love and appreciate my Zion family so much! DaVanna

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 some help with the hot dog stand, traffic, & parking, or help with one of the five game stations.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: John 8:31-32—"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" Last week's verse was 1 Timothy 1:15.

ST. PETER-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin dinner & bake sale on Saturday November 4th from 4:00-7:00 pm with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733. Cost is \$13.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and/or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, dinner roll, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards purchasing new blinds for the windows in the classrooms.

THE INDIANA DISTRICT LCMS has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant, as our current assistant will be leaving the office to welcome her first child. Qualifications include but are not limited to a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-motivation, a willingness to learn, and an eye for details. Interested individuals should submit their resume by **October 27** to the President's Administrative Assistant, Lisa Slack, either by email at lisa.slack@in.lcms.org or by the U.S. Postal Service to: Indiana District-LMCS, Attn: Lisa Slack, 1145 S. Barr St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

CLHS is looking for volunteers to help with their Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction. If you are detail-oriented, enjoy data entry, photography, graphic design, or writing and have a few hours each week to consistently donate between now and the December 2 event, please contact Matt Konow at 260-483-1102, ext. 251 or at mkonow@clhscadets.com. They will also need many hands the week prior to the auction to help with set-up and tear down on Sunday, December 3.

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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 22:1-14

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:6-9

Matthew 13:24-43

Monday

Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23,
14:28-15:15

Matthew 13:44-58

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22

Matthew 14:1-21

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 17:1-20

Matthew 14:22-36

Thursday

Deuteronomy 18:1-22

Matthew 15:1-20

Friday

Deuteronomy 19:1-20

Matthew 15:21-39

Saturday

Deuteronomy 20:1-20

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 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Assurance in Christ Jesus

“In the light of nature and reason the highest wisdom is the law. When Satan speaks according to the law and says to you in your heart, ‘God doesn’t want to forgive you,’ how will you as a sinner cheer yourself, especially if signs of wrath, like illness, etc., are added?

“[The devil says,] ‘Behold, you are weak. How do you know, therefore, that God is gracious to you?’ Then the Christian must come and say, ‘I have been baptized, and by the sacrament I have been incorporated [in Christ]; moreover, I have the Word.’

“The devil objects: “This is nothing, for many are called, but few are chosen’ [Matt. 22:14].

“Reply: ‘They lose what they were baptized for. They don’t accept it. They fall away again. They hold on to the law and forget Christ. Therefore, they are not of the elect.’ ...

“But a Christian remains firmly attached to Christ and says, ‘If I’m not good, Peter wasn’t either, but Christ is good.’ Such are the elect. Others say, ‘God is gracious to me because I hope to amend my ways,’ but this is only a gallows repentance; the heart isn’t in it. Although the wicked sometimes have compunctions (so they call them)—that is, promise themselves that they will be good—they soon depart from the straight path and seek to merit [a reward]. But a Christian says, ‘I wish to do as much as I can, but Christ is the bishop of souls. To him will I cling, even if I sin.’ It is thus that one has assurance.”

Luther’s Works, 54:86-7.



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TRICK OR TREAT

**OCTOBER 29TH @ 5:00 PM
STOP AT EACH CAR FOR CANDY,
PLAY A COUPLE GAMES, AND
FINISH AT OUR HOT DOG STAND.**

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Ezra	Jaylon
Yanuell	Jaylyn
Azariah	Brandon
Trevion	Camren
Sirah	Arion
Aaleyah	Mrs. Ramsey



Fall Sports: Volleyball & Football

As fall sports come to a close we want to celebrate our fall teams. We had jr. varsity and varsity girls volleyball teams and had 2 of our boys play for the FW Lutheran Cadets football team.

All teams worked hard this fall and each athlete learned new skills or improved on their skills. Thank you to our coaches for guiding and encouraging our athletes!



Meet The Staff



We welcome Mr. John Kuker to the teaching staff at Lutheran South Unity School. He is teaching 4th grade. He graciously subbed several times for the fourth-grade last year. This year is his first year to have his own classroom.

For Mr. Kuker's undergraduate schooling, he attended Taylor University and received a degree in sports management. He then went to St. Francis and received his Masters of Art in elementary education.

Mr. Kuker is married to Gloria Mainz-Kuker. They have a two-year-old dog, Elfie. Mr. Kuker loves to play sports and hang out with family and friends.

This year Mr. Kuker is looking forward to working with his students and helping them grow in their faith, knowledge, and relationships.



Found in Scriptures:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

—Romans 5:1-2

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7P.M.



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