Historic Zion Lutheran Church Divine service for the twenty-first sunday after pentecost

9:00 am ...... Sunday, October 22, 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;

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   (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 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;
 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

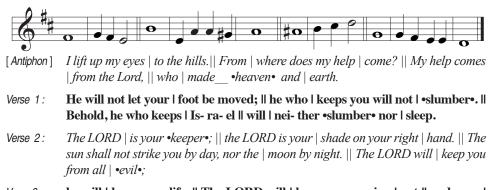
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[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.

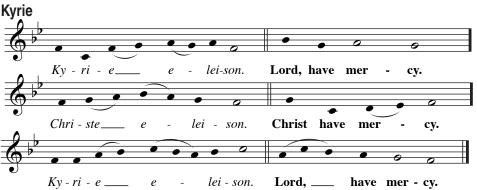
The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

#### Introit



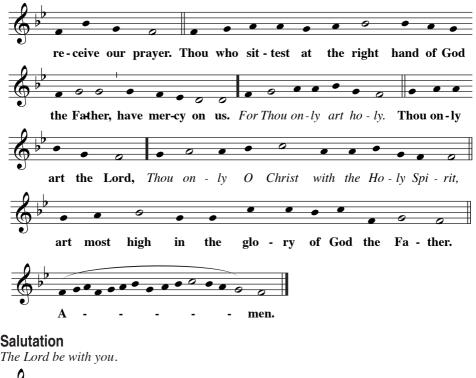
Verse 3: he will | keep your life. || The LORD will | keep your go- ing | out || and your | com- ing in || from this time forth | and for- ev- er- | more.

[Antiphon] I lift up my eyes | to the hills.|| From | where does my help | come? || My help comes | from the Lord, || who | made\_\_\_\_\_\_. •heaven•\_\_\_\_\_ and | earth.





*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!





**Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost:** *O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.* 

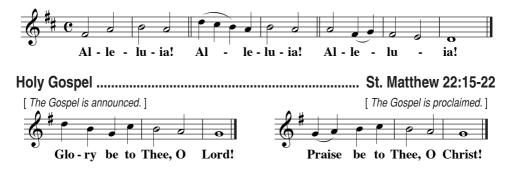


[ Be Seated ] + The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 45:1-7
[ After the reading ] This is the word of the Lord	
Epistle of the Day	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
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[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord	Thanks be to Gou.

#### Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! You have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority Alleluia!



#### **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!

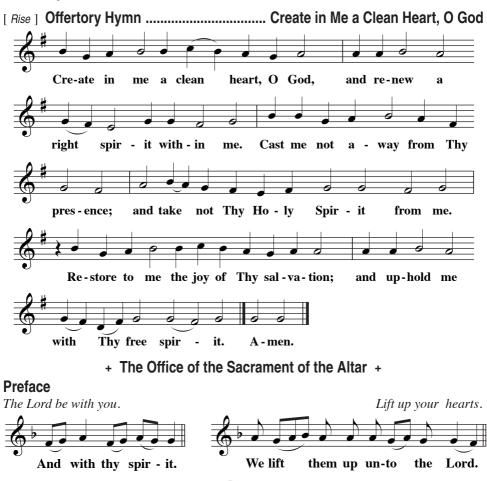
[ Be Seated ]

Hymn of the Day ..... Holy God We Praise Your Name ... Burgundy Hymn 940 [ Choir sings stanzas 1 & 2; All sing stanzas 3, 4, & 5; Rise for stanza 5. ]

[ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

## [ Be Seated ] Offerings

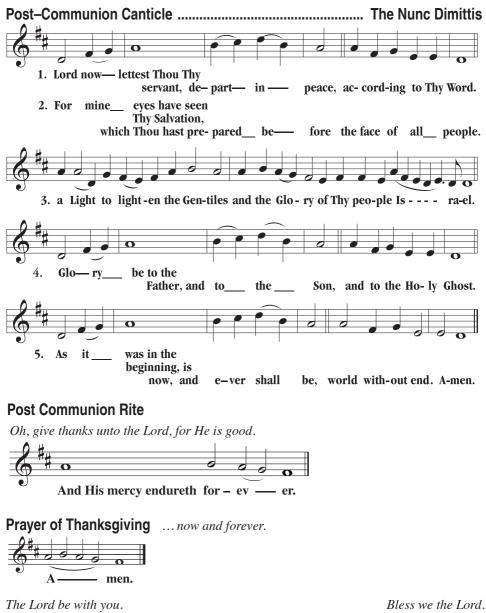
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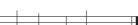
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#### [ Rise ] Eucharistic Benediction







God.

Thanks be to

#### 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.



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 ...... Before You, Lord We Bow ...... Burgundy Hymn 966

#### Postlude

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

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 45:1-7 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God: I equip you, though you do not know me. that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things."

#### The Epistle is 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

#### The Gospel is Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

## Hymns for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

#### LSB940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

- 1. Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2. Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3. Lo, th'apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow, And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4. Thou art King of glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary. For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary, First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- 5. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

### LSB851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Eliza S. Alderson

- Lord of Glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice; And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.
- Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
   With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

- Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me." Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue, Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

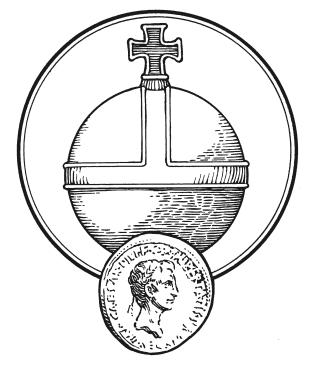
#### LSB819 Sing Praise to God the Highest Good Johann Jacob Schütz

- Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation. The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation. With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory!
- What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping. By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping. Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right: To God all praise and glory!
- 3. We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us. Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored: To God all praise and glory!
- 4. He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation; He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation. As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band: To God all praise and glory!
- 5. All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory. Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story. Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone: To God all praise and glory!

## LSB966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

- Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- The nation You have blest May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land— Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
- May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song.
- Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.
- 5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Hvangelical Lutheran Church

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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- · Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
  - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
  - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

#### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor: Field Workers: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

#### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Teachers:

pal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; <u>www.lsusfw.org</u>) ers: 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: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM 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 Matthew 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, Karen Coleman, Sarah Hollman, Gloria Gonzalez, Debra Busche, Marilynn Shafter, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Paul Herrmann, 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, especially David & DaVanna Seifert
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, including Haley & Amelia Brooks
- + 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 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of David & DaVanna Seifert's 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> birthday of Haley Brooks and the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday of Amelia Brooks by their grandparents Dave & Janeen Kaiser. 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 22, 2023 thru October 28, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	, Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
MON.	11:00 AM	Fall Pastors' Conference	Noblesville
		No Jr. Catechesis today	
TUES.	7:00 AM	Fall Pastors' Conference	Noblesville
		Administrative Council moved to next	week
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.		NO School for LSUS	
FRI.		NO School for LSUS	
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:30 PM	Circuit Forum & Sacred Music	Bauer Hall
		October 29, 2023	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service — The Reformation	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	5:00 PM	Trunk or Treat	Zion parking lot

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FOR PASTORAL CARE needs Monday and Tuesday, call the office. We'll dispatch an elder.

**FYI:** from November 5<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>, Zion will be collecting food items for CTSFW students and families. Ed and Janice Grim will make sure that there are bags and a list of suggested items. Then, once a week, they will drop all the food off at the seminary

**DON'T FORGET:** the Fort Wayne South Circuit Forum is this Saturday, October 28, 1:30 PM. Our circuit delegates, Pastor Joe Ferry (Southwest) and layman Kevin Leininger (Zion), will offer their reports and answer your.15

questions about last summer's LCMS Convention. Convention materials, including the Workbook, all editions of Today's Business, and Convention minutes, are available for download or viewing at <u>www.lcms.org/convention/national</u>. 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** is next Sunday at 5:00 PM in the parking lot. Stop by each car for treats with game stations between cars. Make your last stop the hot dog stand.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Matthew 11:28—"Come to me, all who labor and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Last week's verse was John 8:31-32.

**ST. PETER-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin dinner & bake sale on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 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 <u>lisa.slack@in.lcms.org</u> 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 <u>mkonow@clhscadets.com</u>. They will also need many hands the week prior to the auction to help with set-up and tear down on Sunday, December 3.

**GOLDEN HEIRS** activity this month is a presentation, "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land," by Dr. Arthur A. Just Jr. It will be Friday, November 3, 10 am, at St. Paul's Heritage Hall. Dr. Just is Professor of the Exceptical Theology at CTSFW where he has taught since 1984. Lunch following presentation will be at Acme by Full Circle, 1105 E. State. If you want to go, respond by October 25 to Carole at <u>radcar1969@comcast.net</u> or 483-0650.

**PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED** – Emmaus Lutheran Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, is in need of an afternoon aide for the remainder of this school year. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Joann Olsen, Preschool Director, at <u>jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org</u> or 260-459-7722, ext. 1012.

#### 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.

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	DAILY LECTIONARY	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Matthew 22:15-22	The Twenty-first Sunday after P	Pentecost Isaiah 45:1-7
Matthew 16:13-28	Monday	Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10
Matthew 17:1-13	Tuesday	Deuteronomy 25:17–26:19
Matthew 17:14-27	Wednesday	Deuteronomy 27:1-26
Matthew 18:1-20	Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-22
Matthew 18:21-35	Friday	Deuteronomy 29:1-29
Matthew 19:1-15	Saturday	Deuteronomy 30:1-20

#### 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:

[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 praver. 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 <u>Matthew</u>, our synod president, and <u>Richard</u>, 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!

[Daily]

#### The Our Father

#### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**The Festival of the Reformation** Romans 3:19-28



# What Doctor Luther Says:

About Temporal Authority and Divine Authority

A human ordinance cannot possibly extend its authority into heaven and over souls; it is limited to the earth, to external dealings men have with one another, where they can see, know, judge, evaluate, punish, and acquit.

Christ himself made this distinction, and summed it all up very nicely when he said in Matthew 22 [:21], "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Now, if the imperial power extended into God's kingdom and authority, and were not something separate, Christ would not have made this distinction. For, as has been said, the soul is not under the authority of Caesar; he can neither teach it nor guide it, neither kill it nor give it life, neither bind it nor loose it, neither judge it nor condemn it, neither hold it fast nor release it All this he would have to do, had he the authority to command it and to impose laws upon it. But with respect to body, property, and honor he has indeed to do these things, for such matters are under his authority.

David too summarized all this long ago in an excellent brief passage, when he said in Psalm 113 [*reference should be Psalm* 115:16], "He has given heaven to the Lord of heaven, but the earth he has given to the sons of men." That is, over what is on earth and belongs to the temporal, earthly kingdom, man has authority from God; but whatever belongs to heaven and to the eternal kingdom is exclusively under the Lord of heaven. *Luther's Works*, 45:111.

## LSUS NOTES

Praying for You! Please pray for these students/staff: Willow Hailey



Willow Jade Angela Alonte DaMonica Hailey TraShawn Brandon Camarion Yaronna

## **CLHS Service Day**



This year for Concordia Lutheran High School's Annual Servant Day, they sent two groups to serve here at LSUS. Mrs. Koch's (retired teacher, Mr. Koch's, wife) group returned and a new group led by Mr. LaCroix served us on Friday, September 29th. They helped inside and outside the building: spreading mulch or rocks, helped in classrooms with reading, math, or other tasks, did some organizing in a few classrooms, cleaned areas in need, and light office work. Some of

the students talked with our 8th graders about high school expectations. Let's give a big LSUS THANK YOU to the CLHS students who helped us a few weeks ago!!







For the 2023-2024 school year Lutheran South Unity School has a new Food Service Director. She isn't new to our school family as she has children who attend LSUS. Mrs. Stacey Antoine is in charge of breakfast, distribution of lunches, and extended care snacks.

Mrs. Antoine studied medical billing and coding at Stanford Brown College. She worked as an operations manager at Jack Laurie. Following this

she worked at Dunkin Donuts as a general manager.

Jovan Antoine is her husband. They have five children who attend LSUS. Daisy is the family dog. When she was in high school, she was on the swim team. She loves to swim. However, lately, her hobbies have been to hang out with her husband, kids, and do as many fun family activities as possible.

Mrs. Antoine has enjoyed feeding your children and planning their breakfasts and snacks. She enjoys getting to know your children.

## Found in Scriptures:

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

-Ephesians 4:32

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, October 5, 2023 (The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary), F. Jackson, W. Krause, K. Vlot. Elders absent: T. Muehl, B. Scott Pastor present: Pr. Punke

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

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on upcoming funerals, the health of our members, junior catechesis, and participation in Forty Days for Life, among other items.

The elders reviewed the progress on implementing Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting October 1, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by Dec. 31, 2023." The attendance cards collected in September will be compiled to arrive at the baseline average attendance on a Sunday. Pastor Punke will identify those who have not attended worship since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the elders will begin the process of contacting them. The elders will review information on the synod's "Every One His Witness" program, preparatory to preparing a strategy next month to meet Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In the fall of 2023, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion."

The elders reviewed the "Ushers' Job Responsibilities" from the Worship Practice and Assistance Committee, and the committee document from the Pastoral Support and Assistance Committee.

Pastor Punke reported that Marge had begun work on planning for a reception after the Divine Service on November 12 to recognize Pastor Punke's twentieth anniversary at Zion and Richard Lammert's twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination and retirement.

The meeting was concluded with Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur E. Litke, secretary

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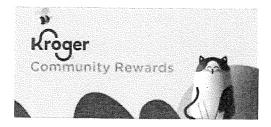
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