

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, November 12, 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

Pre-Service Anthem This is My Father’s World P. Christiansen

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



[Antiphon] *Even the sparrow | finds a home__ , || and the swallow a | nest__ for her- | self, || where she may | lay her young__ , || at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my | King__ and my | God.*

Verse 1: **How lovely is your | dwell- ing place__ , || O | LORD__ of__ | hosts! || Behold our | shield, O God__ ; || look on the face of | your a- noint-__ | ed!**

Verse 2: *For a day in your | courts is bet- ter || than a | thous- and else-__ | where. || I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God__ || than dwell in the | tents of wick- ed- | ness.*

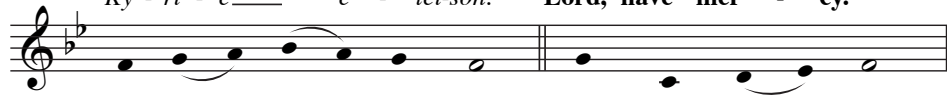
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son__ : || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now__ , || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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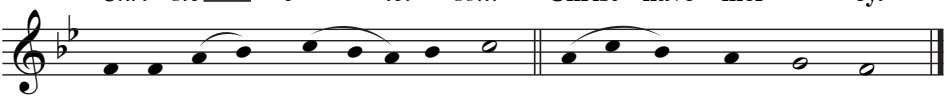
Kyrie



Ky - ri - e__ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.

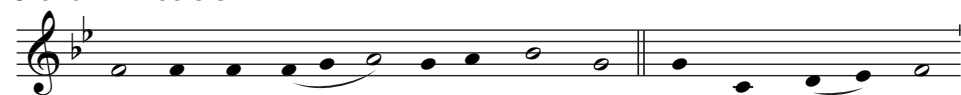


Chri - ste__ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.



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 the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: *Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

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

Old Testament Reading..... Amos 5:18-24

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

Gradual Anthem Lord Sanctify Me Wholly J. Pasquet

Epistle of the Day 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence Sing Ye, Righteous L. Viadana

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 25:1-13

[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 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Burgundy Hymn 516

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 Jesus Loves Me W. Bradbury

[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 The Bridegroom Soon Burgundy Hymn 514
 Lord, Thee I Love RED Hymn 429

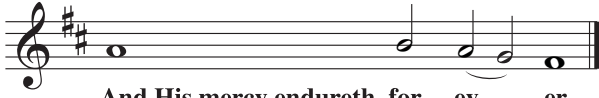
[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle Grant Peace We Pray F. Mendelssohn

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



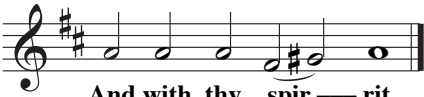
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers Burgundy Hymn 515

Postlude The Lord is My Strength Lee Dengler

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Readings for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

The Epistle is 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel is St. Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Hymns for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Philipp Nicolai

1. “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”
2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.
3. Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!!

LSB514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Johann Walter

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1. The Bridegroom soon will call us, “Come to the wedding feast.”
May slumber not befall us Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning, May find an open door.
2. There shall we see in glory Our dear Redeemer’s face;
The long-awaited story Of heav’nly joy takes place;
The patriarchs shall meet us, The prophets’ holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us In that celestial land.
3. There God shall from all evil Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil, From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness, From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav’nly gladness And wipe away our tears.
4. In that fair home shall never Be silent music’s voice;
With hearts and lips forever We shall in God rejoice.
While angel hosts are raising With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising The Giver of the feast.

TLH429 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Martin Schalling

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav’n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
2. Yea, Lord, ’twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev’ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.

Let no false doctrine me beguile,
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

LSB515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Laurentius Laurenti

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.
2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.
3. The saints, who here in patience Their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

A Cappella Choir at Zion

This is My Father's World

arr. by Paul J Christiansen

1 This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

Lord, Sanctify Me Wholly

arr. Thomas Ken

Lord, sanctify me wholly,
Lord, sanctify me wholly,
That my whole spirit, soul, and body may become Thy temple.

O do Thou dwell in me, and be Thou my God,
And I will be Thy servant.

Lord, sanctify me wholly,
That my whole spirit, soul, and body may become Thy temple.
Lord, sanctify me wholly.

Sing, Ye Righteous

arr. by Leland B Sateren

Sing, oh sing, ye righteous, unto the Lord,
And exalt in song the Lord of hosts!

Praise Him, praise ye the Lord above, oh praise his name.

Sing, rejoice in the Lord and exalt Him

Praise Him, ye people

Sing ye a new song,

Sing and exalt Him,

Sing ye, praise and exalt Him

Sing ye, praise and exalt Him, in harmony praise, exalt Him!

Sing, oh sing, ye righteous, unto the Lord,

And exalt in song the Lord of hosts!

Sing ye, praise the Lord!

Jesus Loves Me

By William Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know,

For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong.

They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me.

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me. He will stay

Close beside me, all the way.

If I love Him when I die,

He will take me home on high.

Grant Peace We Pray

F. Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord,

In our time peace, oh, send us!

For there is none on earth but Thee,

None other to defend us.

Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

The Lord is My Strength

Lee Dengler

The Lord is my strength and my shield.
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped.

Therefore my heart greatly rejoices
And with my song will I praise Him,
With my song will I praise Him.

The Lord is my strength and He is the saving strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people.
Bless Thine inheritance.
Feed them also and lift them up forever.

The Lord is my strength and my shield.
My heart will trust in the Lord,
Trust Him forever!

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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:

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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 Matthew Harrison
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for 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 and Kenneth Raber.
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Connie Houser, Janice Grim, Karen Coleman, Sarah Hollman, Debra Busche, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Paul Herrmann, Bob Ockree, 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 Henrietta & Ferdinand Bornkamp
- + 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-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl and the Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Henrietta & Ferdinand Bornkamp by Jennifer Manth. 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

November 12, 2023 thru November 18, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Recognition Luncheon (Hollman, Lammert, Punke)	Bauer Hall
	3:00 PM	Old Crown Brass Concert	Church
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board	LSUS Campus
TUES.	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	Zion
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	9:00 AM	Annual Fall Clean up	Outside
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

November 19, 2023

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO EDUCATION HOUR today. Ordinarily, we would invite our guests to stay for Dr. Voelz' in-depth teaching on the Gospel according to St. Mark, but instead, we are having a recognition luncheon in Bauer Hall shortly after Divine Service where we are recognizing Michael Hollman's 39 years of service to Zion, Richard Lammert's retirement and 25 years of ministry, and Pastor Punke's 20 years of ministry at Zion. Like the 5 wise virgins said to the foolish 5: "*Since there will not be enough for us and for you*" if all our guests stay, this part of our day is for Zion members. Please understand. No gnashing of teeth, please.

CONCORDIA DAY ... WELCOME! The CLHS A Cappella Choir led by Mrs. Jennifer Porath is with us at Zion today ... and I'm expecting some parents. I'm also expecting Mr. Jacob Pennekamp, Head of School, also, who will have a display in the Great Hall and will speak to us shortly during announcements. We welcome you all warmly. Please note that there will be a free will offering gathered in the narthex after the service.

REMINDER: We are a church of the LCMS and serve the Sacrament of the Altar each Lord's Day. If you are a member in good standing of an LCMS church where you receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus here. If not, you are still invited to come forward, crossing your arms over your chest, and you will receive a Baptismal blessing.

ANOTHER REMINDER: if you want to help CLHS with their Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction, please contact Matt Konow at 260-483-1102, ext. 251 or at mkonow@clhscadets.com.

FALL CLEAN UP: It's almost time for Zion's annual fall clean up. Please join us between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Nov. 18; to rake leaves, trim bushes, and perform other tasks needed to prepare our beautiful buildings and grounds for winter and the Christmas season. Bring rakes and other garden tools, along with an appetite: refreshments will be served! For more information, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

DON'T FORGET, from November 5th to December 5th, 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

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 Peter 1:24b-25—"The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." Last week's verse was Revelation 21:4.

THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB will once again be selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, November 18th. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays.

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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 25:1-13

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24

Matthew 26:20-35

Monday

Jeremiah 26:1-19

Matthew 26:36-56

Tuesday

Jeremiah 29:1-19

Matthew 26:57-75

Wednesday

Jeremiah 30:1-24

Matthew 27:1-10

Thursday

Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34

Matthew 27:11-32

Friday

Jeremiah 33:1-22

Matthew 27:33-56

Saturday

Jeremiah 37:1-21

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-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7-16

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Way of the Righteous by Faith

6. *For the Lord knows the way of the righteous.* For to the ungodly He says (Matt. 25:12): “Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.” Therefore He knows [the way of the righteous] because He is pleased with them. But *the way of the ungodly will perish* at the same time, because the Lord will destroy them. He is blessed forever. Amen.

Finally, from what has been said it follows that Holy Scripture uses words more aptly and better than inquisitive disputers in their studies. Yes, unless one would renounce their imaginations and with Moses remove his sandals, he would not be able to draw near to that burning bush, for it is holy ground (Ex. 3:5). For look, if you said, “But his delight is in the law of the Lord” (v. 2), that is, an act of the will or the power of the act is in the law of the Lord, the sense is hard and meaningless. Yet that is what those people say. But if you spoke with the spirit in this way, “who gladly and willingly does the law of the Lord,” see, the sense is healthier already. But it is worth asking why he did not say, “the delight and the hand are in the law of the Lord.” For “faith without works is dead” (James 2:26), and “they preach but do not practice” (Matt. 23:3). The answer is that he expresses only the will in a twofold reason. The first reason is that a good tree cannot bear evil fruit and every good tree bears good fruit (Matt. 7:17-18). Therefore the will, which is the tree, or the root of the good tree, can do nothing but good and produces good fruit in its season. ...

The second reason is to instruct us that a good work is not so necessary for salvation that the will would not suffice, in case there was no other way.

Luther's Works, 10:25.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, Nov. 3, 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.

Elders absent: W. Krause, T. Muehl, B. Scott, K. Vlot.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke

The meeting did not have a quorum of elders (at least four) present; the elders accordingly heard reports and discussed necessary matters, but without making any official decisions.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading Article I from both the Augsburg Confession and the Apology of the Augsburg Confession..

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on matters of health and other issues of members and friends of Zion, as well as items of interest from Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School.

The elders looked briefly at Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting October 1, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by Dec. 31, 2023." Melvia Culpher has collected electronically attendance statistics for September. Pastor Punke will prepare the initial list of members whom the elders can contact to encourage them to return to worship.

The elders at the meeting considered 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." Discussion centered on the usability of the synod's "Everyone One His Witness" program. It is expected that the elders will take scion on this at the next meeting.

The meeting was concluded with Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur E. Litke, secretary



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LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Ramya	Forever
Joy	Brandon
Trushon	Tianna
Avah	Shelter
Than	Mr. Mertz
Ta'Mya	Mrs. Wiegman



Pastries with Pastors



On Tuesday, October 17th we hosted Pastries with Pastors. We not only invited our school pastors, Pastor Ben, Pastor Punke, Pastor Mann, and Pastor Frincke, but also any pastors that serve our students. They joined us for morning devotions followed by fellowship time with the



students they serve while enjoying a pastry breakfast. Students were able to ask questions and have fun with the pastors. This was an excellent way for the pastors to connect with the student they serve and connect with other pastors in the community.



Thank you to our visitors: Pastor Wakeland, Pastor and Mrs. Reyes, Pastor Gary Bush, Pastor Alemon, Pastor Bahr, Pastor Roberta Hernandez, and Pastor Melissa Fisher.



Meet The Staff



Our second kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Rachel Wiegman, at Lutheran South Unity School is not new to our school this year. She worked in our building last year as a Title 1 teacher for Fort Wayne Community Schools. When the second kindergarten position came open, she applied because she was impressed with our staff and students!

Mrs. Wiegman has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. For three years she taught at St. Joseph Catholic School, Garrett, IN. Two of these three years she taught 3rd grade and 1st grade for one year.

She is married to Braden Wiegman. Congratulations to the Wiegman family as they just had a baby boy, Bennett Thomas, born on September 15th. Older brother Wesley is adapting to having to share time with a baby brother. All are doing well. The family attend church at St. Charles.

We welcome Mrs. Wiegman to our Lutheran South Unity family.

Band Concert!

This week our band students had their Fall concert at CLHS. They performed along with the other area Lutheran elementary school bands to form one large band. Intermediate band students are Paingthu (trumpet), Conor (saxophone) and Caleb (clarinet). Beginning band students include Hazel (coronet/trumpet) and Seneca (drums). Good job guys!



Harvest Time!

The garden LSUS and Bishop Luers planted earlier this year is ready to harvest! First grade helped pick fresh radishes this week! The garden also produced kale.



Found in Scriptures:

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith. —Romans 1:17

Connected...with Christ at the Center



Concordia's growth is seen in our students — their love for the community, their academic vigor, their leadership, and their commitment to the Gospel.

This year, our theme is "Connected...with Christ at the Center." It is based on the verse John 15:5.

It is the support of Zion Lutheran Church that helps these students and so many more like them succeed at CLHS. Your students receive \$1,200 through your congregational scholarship in addition to other financial aid. Your gifts ensure the success of our students. We thank you for all that you do.

Meet your students at CLHS

Katharina Bahr, 9th
Magdalena Bahr, 10th



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“When schools flourish, all flourishes.”

~Martin Luther

Since its founding in 1935, CLHS has flourished, not only in terms of students or buildings raised, but in hearts changed, lives influenced and impact made for the Kingdom.

DISCOVER CONCORDIA NIGHT

**ZION STUDENTS THRIVE AT
CONCORDIA! CHECK US OUT!**

DISCOVER CONCORDIA NIGHT: 6:30 PM NOV. 15, 2023
LOCATION: CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Parents, don't forget about Discover Concordia Night at 6:30 p.m. November 15. This night is open to all grades!

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

**We Want Your Input
on the Future of Our High School**

Sunday, November 12- 2 p.m.
Monday, November 13- 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14- 7 p.m.

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2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

JANUARY 26-28, 2024

(SATURDAY ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE)

Join other women for a weekend retreat at Camp Lutherhaven connecting around cozy fires, small group Bible studies, listening to engaging speakers, campfire worship, and a Fiesta Night as we begin the new year together!

The retreat theme, **FAITH ON FIRE: WOMEN LIVING FOR CHRIST**, comes from Luke 1:45, "*Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!*" Throughout the weekend retreat guests will dive into what it looks like to live out our faith as women of God.

Keynote presenter, Sara Scheiwe, is captivated by people and God's handiwork in creating them each uniquely. Her passion for living life to the fullest and helping others do the same gives her great joy as she navigates this life as a woman living for Christ!

A pastor's wife, Sara, her husband Logan, and teenage daughter Bella reside in Napoleon, OH where they serve the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

Come on your own, bring a friend, or a whole group of ladies from your church or small group for this weekend getaway!

Visit www.lutherhaven.org to register or for more information.