# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

# DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ...... Sunday, June 11, 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:

- who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
- who have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been confirmed (b) 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;
- who believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received (c) 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.  H = 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!
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
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

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



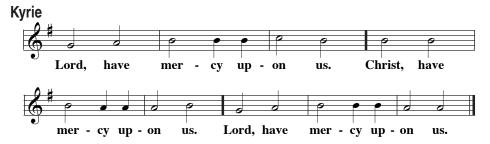
The Mighty One, | God the LORD, || ... | speaks and •summons• the | earth [ Antiphon ] || from the rising of the sun | to its \*setting\*. || Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, | God\_\_ shines\_\_ | forth.

"Hear, O my people, and | I will speak; || O Israel, I will testify against you. | Verse 1: I am God, your | God. || Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you; || your burnt offerings are con- | \*tinually \* be- fore\_\_ | me.

I will not accept a bull | from your house | ... | or goats from your | folds. || For Verse 2: every beast of the | •forest• is mine, || the cattle | on a thou- sand | hills.

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

[ Antiphon ] The Mighty One, | God the LORD, || ... | speaks and •summons• the | earth || from the rising of the sun | to its •setting•. || Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, | God shines | forth.







5. That takest away the .. sin •of the• world, have mercy up - - - - - on\_ us.

6. Thou that takest away the ..... sin •of the • world, re - - - - - - - - ceive our • prayer •

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of . . . . God the • Father, • have mercy up - ---- on\_



8. For Thou . . . . • only• art • holy• Thou..... on -- ly art the Lord.

9. Thou, only, O Christ, with the ... Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father.• A-men.

# Salutation

The Lord be with you.



**Collect for the Second Sunday after Pentecost:** Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[ Be Seated ]

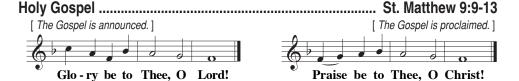
# + The Office of the Word of God +

[ Rise ]

# Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." 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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen!

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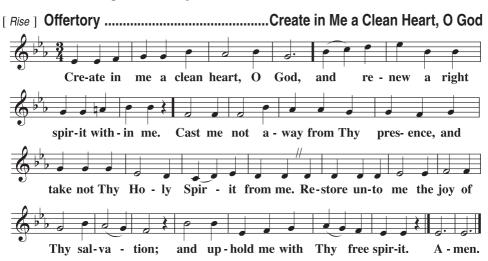
Hymn of the Day ...... Let Me Be Thine Forever ....... Burgundy Hymn 689

# Sermon

# [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to [ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ...... Amen.

# [ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary



# + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

# **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



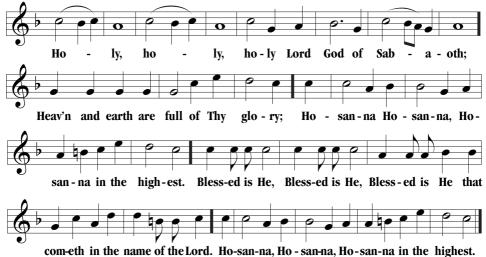
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

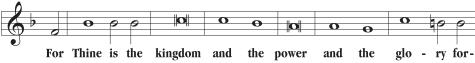
# Common Preface, Sanctus

It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:



# [Kneel] Lord's Prayer

[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; ..... but deliver us from evil.



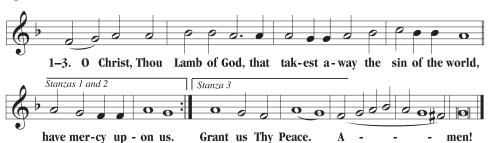


# Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



# Agnus Dei



[ Be Seated ]

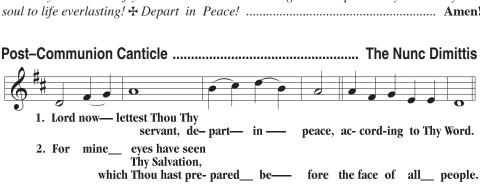
Distribution Hymns ...... Thy Works, Not Mine ....... Burgundy Hymn 565 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive .... Burgundy Hymn 609

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

[ Rise ]

# **Eucharistic Benediction**

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and 

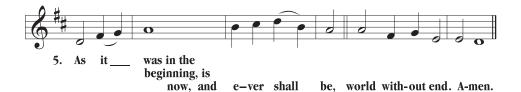




3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - -

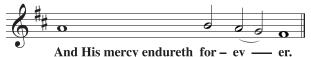


4. be to the — ry\_\_ Father, and to\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



# **Post Communion Rite**

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



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



The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.





# **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 ...... Jesus, Thy Blood ...... Burgundy Hymn 563

# **Postlude**

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# Readings for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

# The Old Testament Reading is Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

"Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

# The Epistle is Romans 4:13-25

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should

become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

# The Gospel is Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

# Hymns for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

# LSB689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

Nicolaus Selnecker, st. 1 *Gesang-Büchlein*, Rudolstadt, sts. 2–3

- 1. Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord; Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word. Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness, And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.
- Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine, My only consolation, O make me wholly Thine! For Thou hast dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain. Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.
- 3. O Thou, O Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide, Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide, Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith. Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

# LSB565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

**Horatius Bonar** 

- 1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart; They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.
- 1. Refrain: To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruisèd soul; Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole. *Refrain*
- 3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God. *Refrain*
- 4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due; Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few. *Refrain*
- 5. Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me; No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee. *Refrain*

# LSB609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

**Erdmann Neumeister** 

1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander! Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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

# LSB563 Jesus, Thy Blood

# Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

- Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
  My beauty are, my glorious dress;
  Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
  With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay; Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore, Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

- 5. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

# The Second Sunday after Pentecost



# Zion Kvangelical 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: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Field Workers: Paul Mroczenski

# The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Amber Bahr (744-0459) Principal:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science), Teachers:

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), 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 fieldworker Paul Mroczenski; and for called and placed workers as they go forth to serve
- + 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 successful summer activities; for our Zion students through the years
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death, including Hilda Volmerding and Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Diane Lammert, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Bob Ockree, John Starks, Marilynn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Ruth Reid, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Geraldine Woods, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days

10:30 AM

- + 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 Albert & Emma Dirks, Johann & Anna Fuchs
- + 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given by Marilynn Shafter in loving memory of Albert & Emma Dirks for their wedding anniversary. The Altar Vases are given by Josefa Schaper in loving memory of Johann & Anna Fuchs. 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

# <u>CALENDAR</u>

June 11, 2023 thru June 17, 2023						
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church			
	10:30 AM	Reunion Brunch	Bauer Hall			
MON.	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room			
TUES.						
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel			
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord	Conference Room			
	6:30 PM	Ministry Clarity Meeting	Conference Room			
FRI.						
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church			
June 18, 2023 (Father's Day)						
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church			

**Bauer Hall** 

Adult Bible Class

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR** will not be held today. Please stay for brunch in Bauer Hall right after Divine Service.

**WELCOME** to all of our students through the years who have come back "home" to Zion for this weekend. We're so pleased at the three-day turnout. We hope you've enjoyed yourselves. With this kind of response, we'll definitely look to do this again.

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: We love you, and we love that you are here. We are also aware that not all who went to Zion became Lutheran and not all who graduated and were confirmed at Zion have remained LCMS Lutherans. This is important because we serve the Lord's Supper at Zion every Sunday. For those persons who are not members of Zion or another LCMS congregation, we ask you to refrain from partaking of the body and blood of Christ here. We are not judging your faith. We ask this for your benefit because we will not be able to provide you ongoing pastoral care. You are still invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your breast to signal the blessing. Those who are members of Zion or a sister LCMS congregation may partake of the body and blood of Jesus. You may receive Christ's body in the mouth or in your hands. The blood is served via a common cup.

**THANK YOU** to everyone that helped plan and execute the three-day reunion, with special thanks to Melvia, who has been the driving force to get this done. Well done, good and faithful servants, all (Matt. 25:21).

**ZION'S BIANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY** will be held on Sunday, June 25, after the Divine Service. Business includes next year's budget, elections to congregational offices, and updates on the Ministry Clarity project. Copies of the budget proposal and ballot are available in the narthex.

**REMINDER**: This year Milwaukee is hosting the 2023 National Convention of the LCMS from July 29 to August 3. Until then, you can read reports and items of interest to the Synod and numerous overtures submitted by the various eligible entities (there's a lot of redundancy with some of these) in the Workbook (visit <a href="https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications">www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications</a> to download it). You can read through the overtures or wait for the first edition of Today's Business that will contain the resolutions that come forth from the Floor Committees, which meet this weekend. The election of the Synod President takes place June 17 – July 11. Kevin and his fellow electors will need to vote in that voting window. We'll know the result prior to the Convention

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Galatians 3:26— "In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith." Last week's verse was 1 Corinthians 6:20.

**PRESCHOOL AIDS NEEDED:** Emmaus Lutheran Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is in need of two aids for the 2023-2024 school year, one morning position and one afternoon position, 20 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact Joann Olsen, Preschool Director, at 260-459-7722 or email <a href="mailto:jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org">jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org</a>.

ST. PAUL GAR CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH is seeking a part-time Youth Group Director to lead and facilitate our youth programs. The ideal candidate is passionate about working with youth, is an active member of the LCMS church, and is committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with High Schoolers. This is a part-time position, approximately 5 hours per week. Hourly wage is competitive and commensurate with experience. Please go to <a href="style-ten-style

**CLHS** has immediate openings for an Administrative Assistant to the Principal, a Cafeteria Assistant, a fun and energetic person to lead our Boys and Girls Swim Program, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian (four positions). To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit <a href="https://www.clhscadets.com/employment">www.clhscadets.com/employment</a>.

### 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>
Matt 9:9-13	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 5:15-6:6
John 14:1-17	Monday	Proverbs 10:1-23
John 14:18-31	Tuesday	Proverbs 13:1-25
John 15:1-11	Wednesday	Proverbs 14:1-27
John 15:12-27	Thursday	Proverbs 15:1-29
John 16:1-16	Friday	Proverbs 16:1-24
John 16:17-33	Saturday	Proverbs 17:1-28

# 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 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 <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!

[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

# **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 19:2-8 Romans 5:6-15 Matthew 9:35–10:20



# What Doctor Luther Says:

About Righteousness for Sinners through Christ

My dear man, [comfort yourself with this saying,] "I came not for the sake of the righteous, but to make righteous what is unrighteous and sinful and to lead the sinners to repentance" [cf. Matt. 9:13].

The whole human race was worthy of hatred, and yet Christ loved us. For if he had not loved us, he would not have descended from heaven. For the prophet says in the psalm: "There is none that does good," except one; "they have all become corrupt and sinners" [cf. Ps. 14:3] except Christ alone. So Christ loves the sinner at the command of the Father, who sent Him for our comfort. So the Father wills that we should look to Christ's humanity and love him in return, but yet in such a way as to remember that he did all this at the bidding of Father's supreme good pleasure. Otherwise it is terrifying to think of Christ. For to the Father is ascribed power, to the Son, wisdom, and to the Holy Spirit goodness, which we can never attain and of which we must despair.

But when we know and consider that Christ came down from heaven and loved sinners in obedience to the Father, then there springs up in us a bold approach to and firm hope in Christ. We learn that Christ is the real epistle, the golden book, in which we read and learn how he always kept before him the will of the Father. So Christ is the "access to the Father" [Eph. 2:18] as St. Paul says. And John too bears witness that Christ said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" [John 14:6]. "I am also the door" [John 10:7] and "no one comes to the Father, but by me" [John 14:6]. Now we see that there is no shorter way to the Father except that we love Christ, hope and trust in him, boldly look to him for everything good, learn to know and praise him. For then it will be impossible that we should have a miserable, frightened, dejected conscience; in Christ it will be heartened and refreshed. *Luther's Works*, 51:46.



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# TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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