

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, July 2, 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*

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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### 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] *I will sing of the steadfast love of the | Lord, for- •ever•; || with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness | to all gen- er- | •ations•. || For I said, “Steadfast love will be built | up for- •ever•; || in the heavens you will es- | •tablish• your faith- ful- | ness.”*

Verse 1: **Blessed are the people who know the | fes- tal shout, || who walk, O Lord, in the | light\_\_ of your | face, || who exult in your name | all the day || and in your righteous- | ness\_\_ are ex- | •alted•.**

Verse 2: *For you are the glory | of their strength; || by your favor our | horn\_\_ is ex- | •alted•. || For our shield belongs | to the Lord, || our king to the Holy | One of Is- ra- | el.*

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



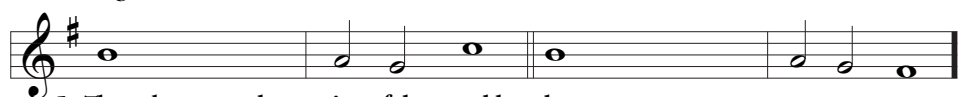
## Gloria



1. *Glory be to . . . . . God on high:* **And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men**  
2. **We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,**  
**bless Thee, we . . . . . worship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•**



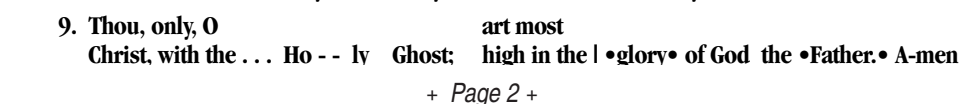
3. **O Lord God, . . . . . heav'n- ly King, God, the . . . . . Fa- ther Al-\_\_ •mighty•**  
4. **O Lord, the only- O Lord God,**  
**begotten Son, . . . . . Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son\_\_ of the •Father•**



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•**



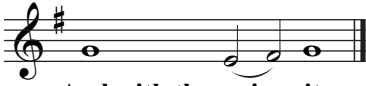
7. **Thou that sittest at the right hand of . . . . . God the •Father•, have mercy up - - - - - on\_\_ us.**  
8. **For Thou . . . . . •only• art •holy• Thou . . . . . on - - - ly art the Lord.**



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

## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:** *Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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** ..... Jeremiah 28:5-9

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... Romans 7:1-13

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

[ Rise ]

## Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia!*



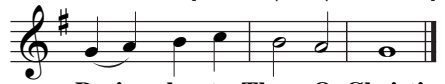
**Holy Gospel** ..... St. Matthew 10:34-42

[ 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** ..... Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus ..... Burgundy Hymn 685

Sermon

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[ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... Hear our prayer.

[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... Amen.

[ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

[ Rise ] Offertory .....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 un-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.

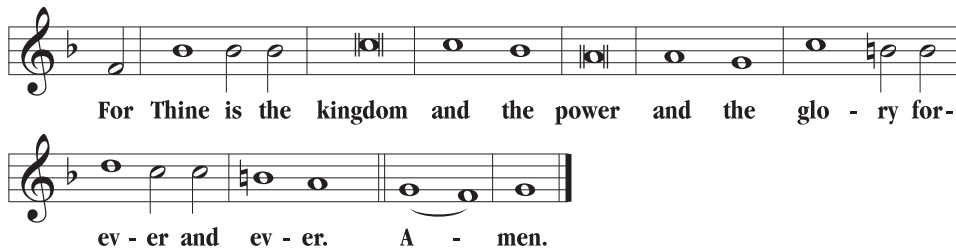
Common Preface, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -  
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that  
 com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

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



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -  
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

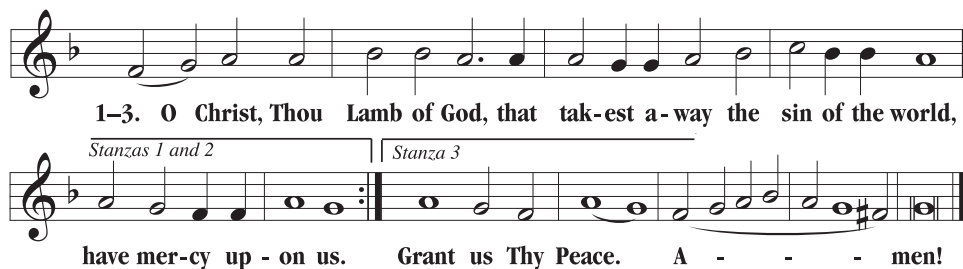
**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*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 ..... These Are the Holy Ten ..... Burgundy Hymn 581**

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanzas 3, 5, 7, & 9;  
Men alone sing stanzas 4, 6, 8, & 10; All sing stanzas 11 & 12. ]

**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast ..... Burgundy Hymn 655**

[ 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 ..... The Nunc Dimittis**



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



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



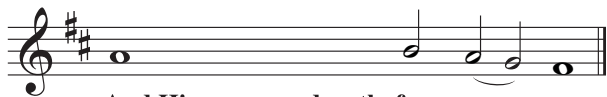
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it \_\_\_\_\_ was in the beginning, is now, and e- ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Post Communion Rite**

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



And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A-men, A-men, A - men.

*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

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

**Postlude**

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## Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

### The Epistle is Romans 7:1-13

Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and

through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

### **The Gospel is Matthew 10:34-42**

[Jesus said,] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”



# Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## **LSB685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**Sigismund von Birken**

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1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share You woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me..

## **LSB581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands**

**Martin Luther**

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1. These are the holy Ten Commands God gave to us by Moses' hands  
When high on Sinai's mount he stood, Receiving them for our good.  
Have mercy, Lord!
2. "I am alone your God, the Lord; No other gods shall be adored.  
But you shall fully trust in Me And love Me wholeheartedly."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- W3. "Do not My holy name disgrace, Do not My Word of truth debase.  
Praise only that as good and true Which I Myself say and do."  
Have mercy, Lord!

- M 4. "You shall observe the worship day That peace may fill your home, and pray,  
And put aside the work you do, So that God may work in you."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- W5. "You are to honor and obey Your father, mother, ev'ry day,  
Serve them each way that comes to hand; You'll then live long in the land."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- M 6. "You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate; Your anger dare not dominate.  
Be kind and patient; help, defend, And treat your foe as your friend."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- W7. "Be faithful to your marriage vow; No lust or impure thoughts allow.  
Keep all your conduct free from sin By self-controlled discipline."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- M 8. "You shall not steal or take away What others worked for night and day,  
But open wide a gen'rous hand And help the poor in the land."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- W9. "Bear no false witness nor defame Your neighbor nor destroy his name,  
But view him in the kindest way; Speak truth in all that you say."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- M 10. "You shall not crave your neighbor's house Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.  
Pray God He would your neighbor bless As you yourself wish success."  
Have mercy, Lord!
11. You have this Law to see therein That you have not been free from sin  
"But also that you clearly see How pure toward God life should be.  
Have mercy, Lord!
12. Our works cannot salvation gain; They merit only endless pain.  
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee, Who pleads for us endlessly.  
Have mercy, Lord!

### **LSB655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast**

**Martin Luther**

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing your praise eternally.

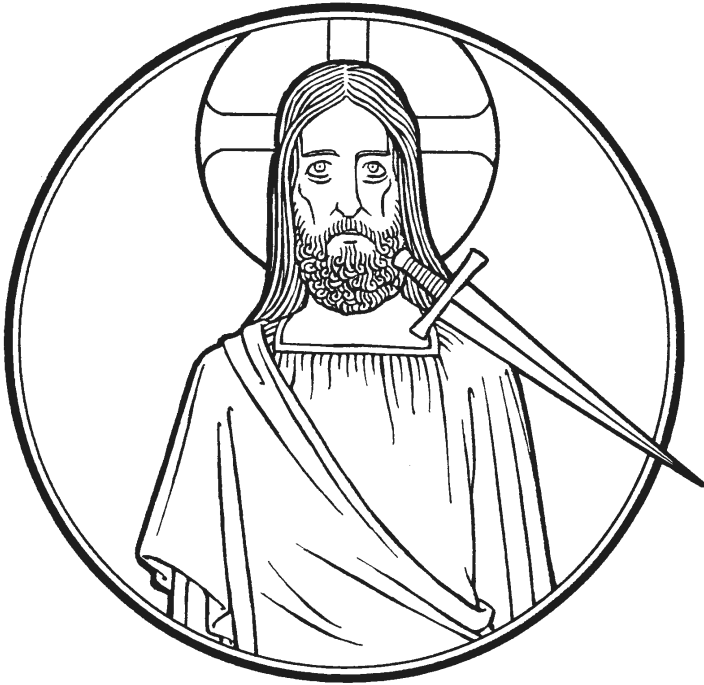
3. O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

**LSB966 Before You, Lord, We Bow**

**Francis Scott Key**

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Evangelical 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

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)  
Teachers: 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: 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 fieldworker Paul Mroczenski
- + 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, Kenneth Raber, and Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Diane Lammert, Sarah Hollman, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Bob Ockree, John Starks, Marilyn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Michael Petrillo, Ruth Reid, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Ellsworth Smith, Geraldine Woods, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Marty & Judy Thomas
- + 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, especially Shakeela and André Woodard at the death of Keela's mother (André's grandmother)
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Eva Widener
- + 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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in honor of Eva Widener by her daughter Joyce Gottschalk in remembrance of Eva's birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of Marty & Judy Thomas' 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. 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

### **July 2, 2023 thru July 8, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board of Directors	LSUS
<b>TUES.</b>		Office closed for the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **July 9, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** the Adult Bible Class will return to the Convention Bible Study today and consider it for the next several weeks. Sunday School is on summer break.

**THE ALTAR GUILD** will hold a Brunch & Training session on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in Bauer Hall. The Altar Guild does the important work of caring for Zion's holy space and the holy vessels, paraments, and vestments used during the Divine Service. If you are on the Guild or would like to join the Guild, please come to this event. For more information, contact DaVanna (260-494-0803).

**CONVENTION:** I reported last Sunday that President Harrison was reelected as Synod President. You can read more about it at [www.lcms.org/convention/national](http://www.lcms.org/convention/national). The National Convention in Milwaukee runs from July 29 to August 3. Reports and items of interest to the Synod and numerous overtures submitted by the various eligible entities are in the Workbook. The resolutions resulting from the Floor Committees' work, late reports, and late overtures are all now available in the first edition of Today's Business. Both publications can be downloaded at [www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications](http://www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications).

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Colossians 4:2 — "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Last week's verse was Colossians 3:12.

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA** is pleased to announce that Dr. Ben Carson will be the keynote speaker at their Annual Banquet on October 9 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Tickets for this event are now on sale and available at [www.ichooselife.org/banquet](http://www.ichooselife.org/banquet) or by contacting the Right to Life office at 260-471-1849.

**GRIEFSHARE**, a grief recovery support group, will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., in room 2 on Tuesdays starting August 22, 2023, from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the workbook. Please register by August 15 by contacting Rhonda in the Bethlehem church office at (260) 744-3228. The Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem sponsors this program.

**CTSFW** is seeking a full-time videographer to create content that informs and engages Seminary friends and supporters, prospective students, congregations, partner organizations, and the public. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by June 30 to Kali Moss at [kali.moss@ctsfw.edu](mailto:kali.moss@ctsfw.edu). A full job description is available at [ctsfw.edu/employment](http://ctsfw.edu/employment).

**CREATIVE DINING SERVICES (CDS)** is seeking a full-time cook to work Tuesday through Saturday on the campus of CTSFW most weeks. The position would include CDS benefits, PTO, health benefits and 401(k). The pay rate starts at \$14.50 per hour. If interested in the position, please contact Jeff Rude at [jrude@creativedining.com](mailto:jrude@creativedining.com) or (260) 452-2118, or visit the Creative Dining Services website.

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**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 LECTONARY**

**Evening Prayer**

Matthew 10:34-42

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Acts 11:1-18

Monday

Joshua 8:1-28

Acts 11:19-30

Tuesday

Joshua 10:1-25

Acts 12:1-25

Wednesday

Joshua 23:1-16

Acts 13:1-12

Thursday

Joshua 24:1-31

Acts 13:13-41

Friday

Judges 2:6-23

Acts 13:42-52

Saturday

Judges 3:7-31

**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**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Zachariah 9:9-12

Romans 7:14-25a

Matthew 11:25-30



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Courage in the Fight against the Devil*

Christians are not to become frightened or to fall away from Christ because [our life, government, order, and peace are shattered on account of Christ]. Rather let us take comfort and be strengthened by it, for it is not an evil sign. It is actually the true mark of the kingdom of Christ. The devil becomes angry, starts an uproar, and incites and drives the world to rage and storm wherever the preaching takes root that Christ alone is Lord and Savior, with the result that people are persecuted and murdered with sword, fire, and water for no other reason except that they confess and obey this Lord.

Nor is the devil to be misunderstood about this. He does not like it when his power and dominion are weakened, when he must stand for having “a stronger than he come upon him,” as Christ says in Luke 11:22, “and take away from him his whole armor.” This sort of thing cannot happen peaceably, without tumult and disturbance. So the devil blusters and turns everything topsy-turvy and defends himself as long as he can. And when he can no longer do this, he still yells about disobedience and rebellion. But this is the way it should be. For Christ is Lord; and He also came for the purpose, as Scripture has it (1 John 3:8), of destroying the kingdom of the devil. For the same reason He also says Himself (Matt. 10:34-36): “Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, ....” ... The jurists and others wise in secular matters have a phrase: “Let justice be done, even though the world perishes on account of it.” Ought this not to be said with far greater emphasis regarding these high and heavenly matters? Thus Christ’s kingdom and obedience to Him are to be maintained, even though all the world crashes to the ground on this account, as it ultimately will.

*Luther’s Works*, 13:278-9.





## It's that time of year again

**FACTS: Babies require up to 12 diapers per day, at a cost of \$70-\$80 per month per baby cost many families can't afford**

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on Sept 9th. NEWBORN, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 size diapers are needed. Just bring your diapers to the church and place them into the bassinet.

Last day to bring diapers will be August 30th.

**\*Last year Zion Lutheran Church gave away locally**

**For more information contact  
TruLaine Starks 260-615-1873  
or DaVanna Seifert 260-494-0803**

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, May 4, 2023  
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

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

Elders absent: none

Pastor present: Pr. Punke

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading from Luther's Large Catechism on Holy Communion.

Pastor Punke presented his monthly report to the elders, providing information about members, about his activities, and about associations that have a relation to the church (LSUS and CLHS).

The elders spent the majority of the time by beginning a review of the goals assigned to the Council of Elders by the Ministry Clarity team. The three goals are the following:

Pillar 1, Goal #1 - Starting October 1, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by Dec 31, 2023.

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.

Pillar 2, Goal #3 - Starting October 1, Zion will have a quarterly non-Communion worship service (elders determine strategies, timetable, location, etc.).

The review provided a high-level view of the goals, and provided the opportunity to add some specific strategies to each goal. In future meetings, each goal will be examined more thoroughly, with the strategies filled in.

The meeting ended shortly after 9:00 p.m. by praying Compline.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tyler Muehl, secretary



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# Life NEWS



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## Life Newsbytes

**One year after the Dobbs decision, new polling [from Tarrance Group] reveals that Americans overwhelmingly agree with pro-life protections for unborn babies and mothers and reject abortion extremism ...**

While much of the coverage on the issue of abortion in the year since the Dobbs decision portrays an America deeply divided, this survey shows that a supermajority (70% or above) of voters agree on a few key areas surrounding the issue ... Three-fourths of all voters are opposed to abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy ... 77% support at least some prohibition to abortion, with exceptions for the life of the mother, rape, and incest. Only 15% “allowed [abortion] throughout all nine months of pregnancy, without any restrictions” ... Three-fourths (76%) support pregnancy resource centers that do not perform abortions but instead offer support to people during their pregnancy and after a baby is born ... SBA Pro-Life America President Marjorie Dannenfelser commented on the poll to LifeNews: “When it comes to protecting life and supporting women, Americans agree far more than the media will report ... We believe parents have a right to know if their daughters are considering abortion. And we believe women deserve all the compassion, support, and resources the pro-life safety net provides to genuinely empower them – not to be sold an abortion and sent off to figure out how to cope on their own.” (Source: [www.lifenews.com/2023/06/21/new-poll-shows-77-of-americans-wants-limits-on-abortions](http://www.lifenews.com/2023/06/21/new-poll-shows-77-of-americans-wants-limits-on-abortions))

## Speaking up For Life

“Neither America, nor democracy, nor capitalism, nor socialism, nor military might, nor diplomacy can even come close to beginning to solve the problems that exist in this world. Even in America, without Christ, we are without hope. And really, what a wonderful message of joy that is. It is not man that will change the world, but Christ alone, for in the end, the world cannot be changed; it is fully and completely at enmity with God.” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan*

“Abortion advocates have no fear asserting what they imagine the Scriptures say or don’t say about the sanctity of life. Why shouldn’t our enthusiasm overshadow theirs? If Satan’s grown comfortable convoluting our truth, doesn’t the certainty and sensitivity our Savior has given welcome and even compel us eagerly to call out the devil’s lies?” *Pastor Michael Salemink*

“God has come down and given us His Son. But in times of doubt or struggle, we can clearly see—through the eyes of faith—Christ the Savior, shining bright into our world. And so, we go down the mountain to the everyday and even the unknown. Like the disciples then, we go with Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” *Rev. Cody Copper, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour*



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2023 OUTING WITH THE FORT WAYNE TINCAPS

**TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 1**

**GAME TIME:  
7:05PM**

TICKET LINK



## DONATION

Proceeds from Lutheran Night will be shared with Lutheran Life Villages in support of their Employee Assistance Program, a mental health & wellness program for LLV staff and their immediate family.

## SPECIAL DRAWING FOR TICKET ORDERS

*(For orders received prior to Friday, June 30)*

Prizes Include: \$50 gift certificate to *The Orchard* team store, an autographed team bat, a chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch & more.

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