

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, July 9, 2023

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

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

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] *He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High || will abide in the | •shadow• of the Al- | •mighty•. || I will say to the Lord, “My refuge | and my •fortress•, || my | God, in whom I | trust.”*

Verse : **Because you have made the LORD your | dwel- ling place— || the Most | High, who is my | •refuge• || no evil shall be allowed | to be- •fall you•, || no | plague come near your | tent.**

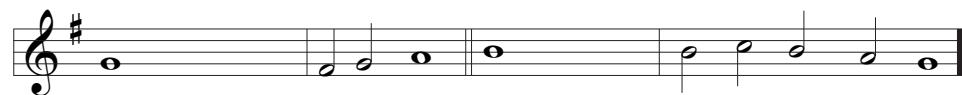
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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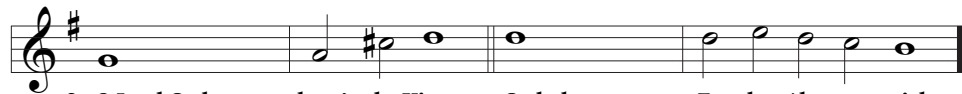
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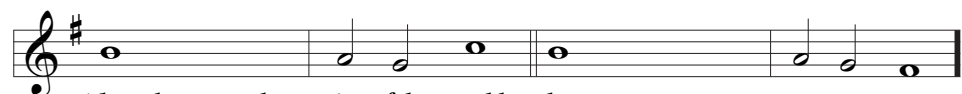
Gloria



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•,**



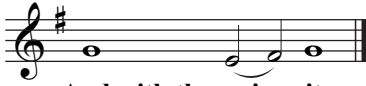
5. **That takest away the .. sin •of the• world,** **have mercy up - - - - - on____ us.**
6. **Thou that takest**
away the sin •of the• world, **re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•**
7. **Thou that sittest at**
the right hand of God the •Father• **have mercy up - - - - - on____ us.**



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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading **Zechariah 9:9-12**

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

Epistle of the Day **Romans 7:14-25a**

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

[Rise]

Alleluia Sequence

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia!*



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

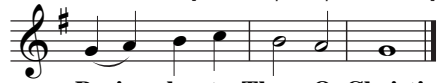
Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 11:25-30**

[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 **If God Himself Burgundy Hymn 724: Sts 1-6**

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

Stanzas 7 thru 10 will be sung after the sermon.]

Sermon

Hymn If God Himself .. Burgundy Hymn 724: Sts 7-10

[All sing stanza 7; Women alone sing stanza 8; Men alone sing stanza 9; All sing stanza 10.]

[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.

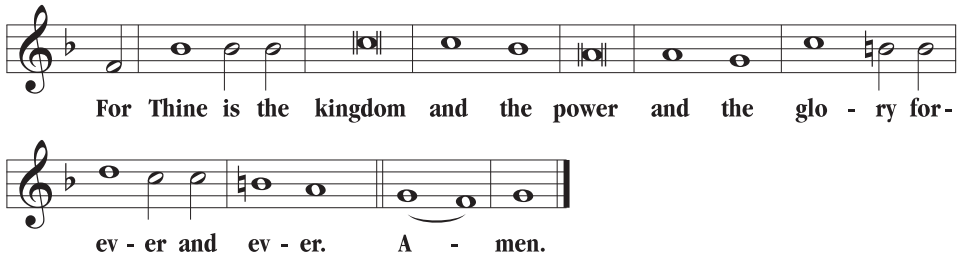
Common Preface, Sanctus

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.

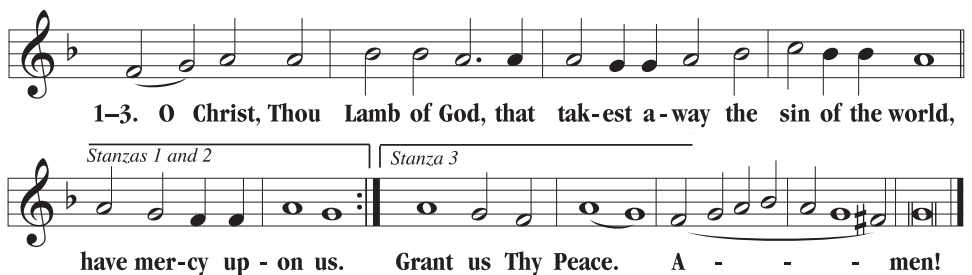
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

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!

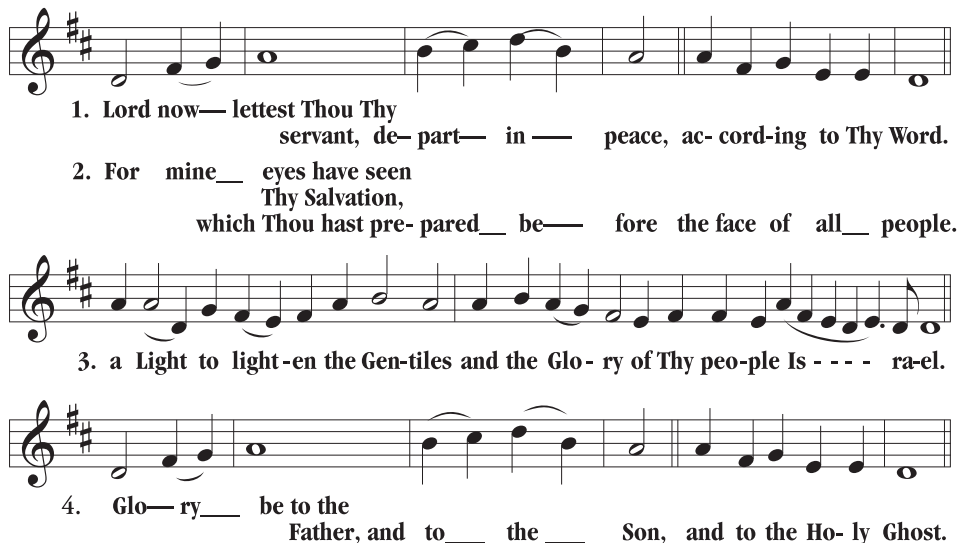
[Be Seated]

**Distribution Hymns I Come O Savior to Thy Table .. Burgundy Hymn 618
 Come Unto Me Ye Weary Burgundy Hymn 684**

[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



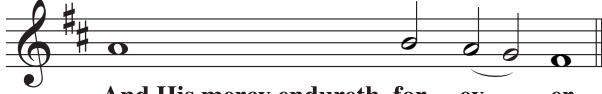
1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
 servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
 2. For mine__ eyes have seen
 Thy Salvation,
 which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.
 3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.
 4. Glo— ry__ be 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.



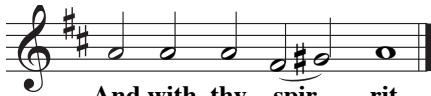
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

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 Evening and Morning Burgundy Hymn 726

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Epistle is Romans 7:14-25a

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Gospel is Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and

understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB724 If God Himself Be for Me (before Sermon)

Paul Gerhardt

1. If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, the head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?
2. I build on this foundation, That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.
- W 3. Christ Jesus is my splendor, My sun, my light, alone;
Were He not my defender Before God's judgment throne,
I never should find favor And mercy in His sight
But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.
- M 4. He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
5. For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
6. Who clings with resolution To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution; For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses Will be his daily bread.

LSB724 If God Himself Be for Me (after Sermon)

Paul Gerhardt

7. From me this is not hidden, Yet am I not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken And ev'rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken And cleave to You alone.
- W 8. No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.

M 9. No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.

10. My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

LSB618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Friedrich Christian Heyder

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1. I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

4. Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*

5. What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

LSB684 Come Unto Me Ye Weary

William C. Dix

1. "Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.
2. "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.
3. "Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.
4. "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

LSB726 Evening and Morning

Paul Gerhardt

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1. Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning,
Wealth, peace and gladness, Comfort in sadness:
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!
Times without number, Awake or in slumber,
Thine eye observes us, From danger preserves us,
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.
2. Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors, Blot out my errors
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.
Order my goings, Direct all my doings;
As it may please Thee, Retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.
3. Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me;
Though billows tower, And winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing And peace never ceasing;

These shall I treasure And share in full measure
When in His mansions God grants me a place.

4. To God in heaven All praise be given!
Come, let us offer And gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth A heart that believeth,
Hymns that adore Him Are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

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

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th, ELA), **Michael Cullen** (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), **John Kuker** (4th),
Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st),
Karen Koehlert (K-A), **Rachel Wiegman** (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music),
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Michael Hollman, MM
Church Office Manager: Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our 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, Bryce Shull, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Bob Ockree, John Starks, Marilyn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Michael Petrillo, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Sue Doepner, 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Carolyn Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Altar Vases are given in recognition of Carolyn Wallschlaeger's birthday by her family. 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 9, 2023 thru July 15, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	11:30 AM	Lunch & Learn	
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

July 16, 2023

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: the Adult Bible Class continues with the Convention Bible Study today under the leadership of our fieldworker Paul Mroczenski. Sunday School is on summer break.

THE ALTAR GUILD will hold a Brunch & Training session on July 29th 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: 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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Isaiah 40:8 — "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Last week's verse was Colossians 4:2.

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 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. A full job description is available at 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 or (260) 452-2118, or visit the Creative Dining Services website.

CLHS has immediate openings for an Grant Writer, Marketing & Communication Coordinator, Administrative Assistant to the Principal, a Cafeteria Assistant, a fun and energetic person to lead our Boys and Girls Swim Program, make a impact in lives by becoming a School Counselor and a 2nd Shift Custodian (four positions). To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: "[E]verything that is done in the local congregation should flow from and be directed back to the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. There really should not be anything superfluous to the work of the Gospel. Even reporting back to the congregation should have an intentional connection to the work of the Gospel in that place. Facts and figures, new members and transfers, building and grounds, catechesis and education, should all flow from and return to the central work of the congregation: the stewardship of the greatest treasure in all creation that is the Gospel!" (From the July 2023 *StewardCAST* newsletter).

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 LECTONARY

Evening Prayer

Matthew 11:25-30

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12

Acts 14:19-15:5

Monday

Judges 6:1-24

Acts 15:6-21

Tuesday

Judges 6:25-40

Galatians 1:1-24

Wednesday

Judges 7:1-23

Galatians 2:1-21

Thursday

Judges 13:1-25

Galatians 3:1-22

Friday

Judges 14:1-20

Galatians 3:23-4:11

Saturday

Judges 15:1-16:3

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:12-17

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Rest for Heavy-laden Sinners

Up to this point we have heard how God deals with the wise and understanding, namely, that he blinds them and hides the gospel from them, and likewise how he deals with the babes and the simple, namely, that he gives them a real understanding and reveals the gospel to them [Matt. 11:25]. Now somebody may say: “If that’s the way it is, then I must necessarily be in great peril of conscience until I hear and know that the gospel applies to me also. I am a sinner and maybe the gospel does not apply to me; I am unworthy of it.” That’s why Christ goes on and says, in order to comfort such timid, dismayed, troubled consciences, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” Here we are called to come to this consolation, to the gospel. Here you must not think about your worthiness; for this is just what he has been saying, You “who labor and are heavy-laden,” that is, with the law, with sin, with anxiety and affliction, and with whatever else may burden the conscience. That’s why he does not give it any special name. He does not say, with this or that difficulty, but simply says, “all who labor and are heavy-laden.” Nor will he have any one excluded, for he says “all”; which is an excellent and mighty comfort in temptation, no matter what temptation it may be. So whoever feels his sinfulness and knows his inability to fulfil the law of God, let him come confidently and boldly; he will surely be helped. “I will give you rest,” he says to those who are oppressed, as it were, with hard labor and toil. But see to it only that you believe this friendly bidding and assurance. *Luther’s Works*, 51:129.



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**



FOR ALL PEOPLE

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Every three years, alongside the Synod convention, LCMS congregations and their members join to share special gifts through the LCMS National Offering.

The 2023–2026 National Offering, under the theme “We Preach Christ Crucified for All People,” will support the translation and production of meaningful Lutheran resources in languages other than English, so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified in a language easily understood.

Through the 2019–2022 National Offering, you made a difference in urban areas, with new immigrants, on college campuses, with partner church missionaries and in church-planting efforts both stateside and abroad.

Will you join again in 2023? A matching gift opportunity is available.

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LUTHERAN NIGHT

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.

POSTGAME FIREWORKS

Enjoy a spectacular fireworks display, shot directly from the field!

FAMILY FEAST NIGHT (PRESENTED BY US FOODS)

Every Tuesday night, fans can enjoy select concession items for only \$2.00 including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and pizza slices!

Order tickets online at:

<https://www.tincapstickets.com/group/event/lutherannight2023/>

Only ticket orders received prior to Tuesday, July 18th will receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.

LUTHERAN NIGHT • TICKET ORDER FORM • TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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Name: _____

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METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check (Payable to Fort Wayne TinCaps)

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Lutheran Night Tickets		\$12 ⁰⁰	
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