

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

9:00 am Sunday, October 29, 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

Preservice Music

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

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.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Entrance Hymn Thy Strong Word..... Burgundy Hymn 578

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

Kyrie

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

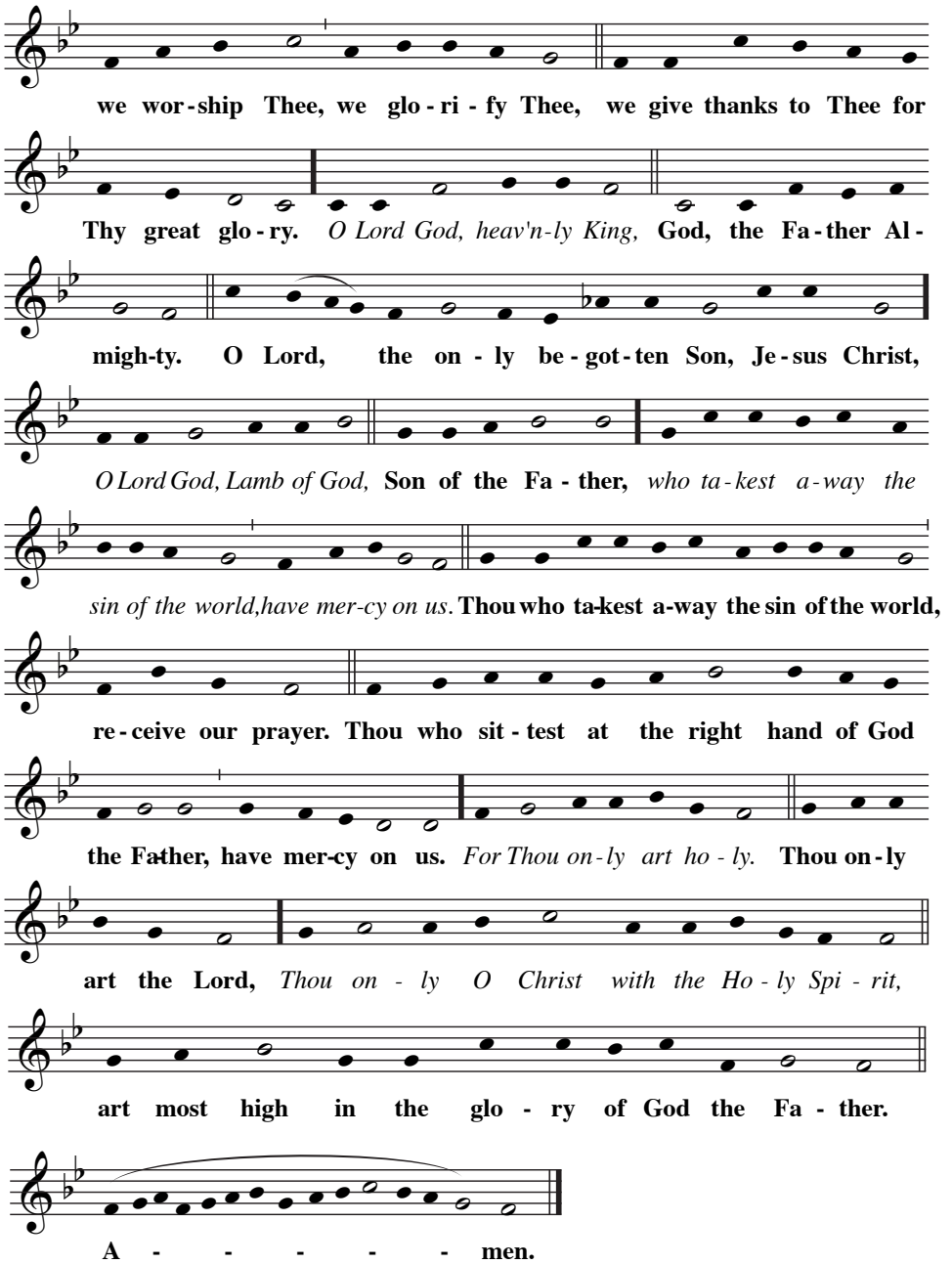
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,

a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,



we wor-ship Thee, we glo-ri-fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for
 Thy great glo-ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa-ther Al-
 migh-ty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ,
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, who ta-kest a-way the
 sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Thou who ta-kest a-way the sin of the world,
 re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit-test at the right hand of God
 the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho-ly. Thou on-ly
 art the Lord, Thou on-ly O Christ with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,
 art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
 A - - - - - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Festival of the Reformation: *Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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 +

First Reading Revelation 14:6-7

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

Epistle of the Day Romans 3:19-28

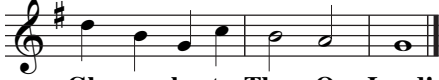
[After the reading] "This is the word of the Lord." "Thanks be to God."

[Rise]

Sequence Hymn ... God's Word Is Our Great Heritage Burgundy Hymn 582

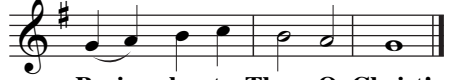
Holy Gospel St. John 8:31-36

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

[After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.]

Hymn of the Day **A Mighty Fortress** **Burgundy Hymn 656**

[Be seated]

Sermon

+ The Office of Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution +

Having heard the Word of God, and as we prepare for the great gift of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, let us confess our sins and receive God's 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!

[Rise] **Credal Hymn** **We All Believe** **Burgundy Hymn 954**

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 Hymn** **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a

right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy
 pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re - store to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me
 with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Common Preface, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:
 Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[*Kneel*] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry
 for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



[*Be Seated*] **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!

Distribution Hymns The Church's One Burgundy Hymn 644

Salvation Unto Us Burgundy Hymn 555

[*All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanza 3, 5, & 7; Women alone sing stanza 4, 6, & 8; All sing stanzas 9 & 10. Rise for stanza 10.]*

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.



The Lord be with you.

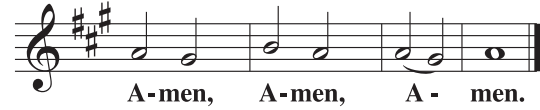


Bless we the Lord.



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 My Hope Is Built Burgundy Hymn 575
[Sung to the tune "Melita".]

Postlude

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Readings for the Festival of the Reformation

The First Reading is Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The Epistle is Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Gospel is John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Hymns for the Festival of the Reformation

LSB578 Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzmann

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1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- W 3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- M 4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- △ 6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

LSB582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig

1. God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations.

LSB656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

LSB954 We All Believe in One True God

Martin Luther

1. We all believe in one true God, Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love Has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us; All we need His hand provides us;
Through all snares and perils leads us, Watching that no harm betide us.
He cares for us by day and night; All things are governed by His might.
2. We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might, Source of ev'ry grace and blessing;
Born of Mary, virgin mother, By the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother; That the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified for all our sin And raised by God to life again.
3. We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who, in highest heaven dwelling
With God the Father and the Son, Comforts us beyond all telling;

Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God eternally.
Amen, amen.

LSB644 The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

LSB555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

Paul Speratus

1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.
2. What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.

Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

- M 3. It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.
- W 4. From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart —
So deep is our corruption.
- M 5. Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.
- W 6. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.
- M 7. Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken:
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.
- W 8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

LSB575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Edward Mote

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
3. His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

The Festival of the Reformation



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 Mrocznski, Matthew Harrison

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

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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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz is back and will return to the Gospel according to St. Mark to lead our Adult Bible Study today. As needed Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Michael Bahr (15), Rev. Richard Lammert (25), and Rev. Dr. John Pless (40), whose years of service in the Holy Ministry were recognized at the Pastors' Conference this past week.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT FALL EVENT is this evening at 5:00 PM in the parking lot. Stop by each car for treats with game stations between cars. Make your last stop the hot dog stand.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 2:8-9—"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Last week's verse was Matthew 11:28.

ST. PETER-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin dinner & bake sale on Saturday November 4th from 4-7 pm with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733. Cost is \$13.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, purchasing new blinds for the windows in the classrooms.

CLHS is looking for volunteers to help with their Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction. If you are detail-oriented, enjoy data entry, photography, graphic design, or writing and have a few hours each week to consistently donate between now and the December 2 event, please contact Matt Konow at 260-483-1102, ext. 251 or at mkonow@clhscadets.com. They will also need many hands the week prior to the auction to help with set-up and tear down on Sunday, December 3.

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

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

WORSHIP ANEW: Join an amazing ministry team at Worship Anew as the Donor Database Specialist. The ministry is seeking a part-time Donor Database Specialist to be responsible for all database entry, reporting, and upkeep. This position also assists with viewer requests and performs other administrative duties as needed. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683.

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

John 8:31-36
Matthew 20:1-16
Matthew 20:17-34
Matthew 21:1-22
Matthew 21:23-46
Matthew 22:1-22
Matthew 22:23-46

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Festival of the Reformation

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Revelation 14:6-7
Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27
Deuteronomy 32:28-52
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Jeremiah 1:1-19
Jeremiah 3:6-4:2
Jeremiah 5:1-19

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Richard, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Feast of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Christian Freedom on Account of Christ

Let us learn to place a high value on this freedom of ours; not the emperor, not an angel from heaven, but Christ, the Son of God, through whom all things were created in heaven and earth, obtained it for us by His death, to set us free, not from some physical and temporary slavery but from the spiritual and eternal slavery of those most cruel and invincible tyrants, the Law, sin, death, the devil, etc., and to reconcile us to God the Father. Now that these enemies have been defeated and now that we have been reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is certain that we are righteous in the sight of God and that all our actions are pleasing to Him; and if there is any sin left in us, this is not imputed to us but is forgiven for the sake of Christ. Paul is speaking very precisely when he says that we should stand in the freedom for which Christ has set us free. Therefore this freedom is granted to us, not on account of the Law or our righteousness but freely, on account of Christ. Paul testifies to this and demonstrates it at length throughout this epistle; and Christ says in John 8:36: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." He alone is thrust into the middle between us and the evils that oppress us. He conquers and abolishes them, so that they cannot harm us any longer. In fact, in place of sin and death He grants us righteousness and eternal life, and He changes slavery and the terrors of the Law into the freedom of conscience and the comfort of the Gospel, which says (Matt. 9:2): "Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven." Therefore he who believes in Christ has this freedom. *Luther's Works*, 27:5-6.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Braylee	Ivan
Holly	Max
Monroe	De'Cora
Kayden	Angelina
Lani	Ms. Maresh
Vicente	All our Pastors



Special Visitors

We often get visitors that share God's messages during our Thursday chapels. Mr. Schwantz (Mrs. Schwantz's husband) talked about our theme verse, Keah Payne talked about her mission in Tanzania, and Mr. Pennekamp from CLHS just to name a few this year.



Third Grade Fun!

Third grade worked in groups to build towers out of paper! Check out those awesome structures!



Found in Scriptures:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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TRUCK OR TREAT

**OCTOBER 29TH @ 5:00 PM
STOP AT EACH CAR FOR CANDY,
PLAY A COUPLE GAMES, AND
FINISH AT OUR HOT DOG STAND.**



Voting in Allen County

There are three ways to vote in Allen County: by mail, early in person, and on election day in person.

To vote by mail, first registered voters must meet eligibility requirements (visit allencountyinvoters.gov and click on “How Can I Vote” at the top of the page for criteria). Second, voters must complete and submit an absentee ballot application. You can apply online at the state’s Voter Portal (on the same “How Can I Vote” page, click on “[application](#)” of “online [application](#)”) or you can request an application by sending an email to acebab@allencounty.us, calling 260-449-7329, or printing the application found on the same “How Can I Vote” page. This time click on “[application](#)” of “print an [application](#)”.

The deadline is October 26, 2023 at 11:59 PM. Applications can be accepted online, in person, by mail, fax or email. The ballots themselves must be returned to the Election Board office by 6 PM on Election Day. Ballots can be returned by USPS or in person to the Election Board office. Keep in mind, USPS’s first class mail turnaround is five to seven days.

To vote early in person, you may go to the Rousseau Centre or one of the Satellite Locations listed on the reverse side of this insert at the listed times. Don’t forget to take your ID.

To vote on election day in person, locate your precinct. Again visit allencountyinvoters.gov and click on “Where Do I Vote” at the top of the page. Click “Verify Voter Registration” and enter the requested information. Your precinct number, polling place, and address will be listed, and a map provided.

You can also download a sample ballot for your given address.

There’s other information available on this tab, and still more on the additional tabs.

Finally, I’ve printed some Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Voter Guides for you, if you want to use them. They’re on the table in the Narthex.

VOTE EARLY

YOUR TIME • YOUR VOICE • YOUR VOTE

VOTE AT ONE of FIVE LOCATIONS in ALLEN COUNTY

2023 Municipal Election

Vote at Rousseau Centre - 1 E Main St

Mon - Fri, 10/11 - 10/31: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sat, 10/28: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wed - Fri, 11/1 - 11/3: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sat, 11/4: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mon, 11/6: 8:00 AM - Noon



SATELLITE LOCATIONS



ONLY on 11/1 – 11/4

Indiana Wesleyan University - 8211 W Jefferson Blvd

Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus - 3800 N Anthony Blvd

Public Safety Academy - 7602 Patriot Crossing

Salomon Farm Park - 817 W Dupont Rd

Wed - Fri, 11/1 - 11/3: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sat, 11/4: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM