

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 21, 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!*

[Rise] **Easter Acclamation**

Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! **He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!**

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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *I will sing of steadfast | love and •justice•; || to | you __, O__ | Lord, || I will make | mu-__ sic. || I will ponder the | way__ that is | •blameless•.*

Verse 1: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth! || Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his | pres-__ ence with | •singing•! || Know that the Lord, | he is God! || It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the | sheep__ of his | •pasture•.**

Verse 2: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise! || Give thanks to | him __; bless his | name! || For the | Lord is good; || his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness | to all gen- er- | •ations•.*

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



Lord, have mer-cy up - on __ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord __ have mer-cy up - on __ us.

Gloria



Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.



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 - might - y.



O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on __ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the

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

Hymn of the Day Christ Is the World's Redeemer Burgundy Hymn 539

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

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

[Be Seated] Offerings

Voluntary

[Rise] OffertoryCreate 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. ___

Proper Preface for Easter, 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 - en and _ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is ___ He that com - eth in the name _ of the



Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[Remain standing] **Lord's Prayer**

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



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry



for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!




A - men

Agnus Dei



[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the



sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the



sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Come, Oh, Come** **RED Hymn 226**

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanza 3; OMIT stanzas 4 -6;

Men sing stanza 7; All sing stanzas 8 & 9.]

O Christ, Our Hope **Burgundy Hymn 553**

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

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.



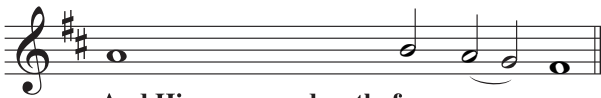
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

Bless we the Lord.



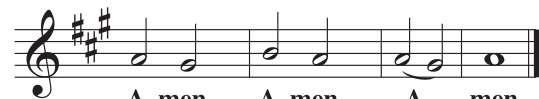
And with thy spir - rit.



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.



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

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 Christ, High-Ascended Burgundy Hymn 840

Postlude

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Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and

"Let another take his office."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Epistle is 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for

the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ...

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel is St. John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

Hymns for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

TLH223 We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend

Author Unknown

1. We thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,
That Thou didst into heav'n ascend.
O blessed Savior, bid us live
And strength to soul and body give. Hallelujah!
2. Ascended to His throne on high,
Hid from our sight, yet always nigh,
He rules and reigns at God's right hand
And has all pow'r at His command. Hallelujah!
3. The man who trusts in Him is blest
And finds in Him eternal rest;
This world's allurements we despise
And fix on Christ alone our eyes. Hallelujah!
4. We therefore heartily rejoice
And sing His praise with cheerful voice;
He captive led captivity,
From bitter death He set us free. Hallelujah!
5. Through Him we heirs of heaven are made;
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
That we may firmly trust in Thee
And through Thee live eternally. Hallelujah!

LSB539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

attr. Columba

1. Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.
2. Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
This Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
3. Down in the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.

- △ 4. Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

TLH226 Come, Oh Come, Thou Quickening Spirit **Heinrich Held**

1. Come, oh, come, Thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all eternity!
May Thy power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.
2. Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That they ever may be seeking Only that which pleaseth Thee.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow, Working error's overthrow.
3. Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind Thee And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
7. Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new,
Make Thy work within us perfect And the evil foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife And with victory crown our life.
8. Guard, O God, our faith forever; Let not Satan, death, or shame
Ever part us from our Savior; Lord our Refuge is Thy name.
Though our flesh cry ever: Nay! Be Thy Word to us still Yea!
9. And when life's frail thread is breaking, Then assure us more and more,
As the heirs of life unending, Of the glory there in store,
Glory never yet expressed, Glory of the saints at rest.

LSB553 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire **Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.**

1. O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire, Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured:
2. How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.
- W 3. But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.
- M 4. O let Your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.
5. Christ Jesus, be our lasting joy, Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!

△ 6. All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!

LSB840 Christ High-Ascended

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
Throned and exalted, victory completed,
Death's dread dominion finally defeated,
We are His witnesses.
2. Christ from the Father ev'ry power possessing,
Who on His chosen lifted hands in blessing,
Sends forth His servants, still in faith confessing,
We are His witnesses.
3. Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
We are His witnesses.
4. Christ in His splendor, all dominion gaining,
Christ with His people evermore remaining,
Christ to all ages gloriously reigning,
We are His witnesses.
5. As at His parting, joy shall banish grieving,
Faith in His presence strengthen our believing;
Filled with His Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
We are His witnesses.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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: Patrick Jackson, Paul Mroczenski

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th), Anyssa Scaer (7th, MS History), Abigail DeForest (6th),
Allison Wims (K-8 Technology & MS Health), Marcus Rush (MS PE),
Danielle Ramsey (5th), Jamie Taylor (4th), Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd),
Hannah Maresh (1st), Abby Springer (K), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music)

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; and for Peter Wagner, Brennan DeForest, David Woelmer, Ellery Steffenson, and Patrick Jackson, who received their calls or vicarage placement
- + 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 the conclusion of this school year and a restful summer
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death, including Hilda Volmerding and Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Bob Ockree, John Starks, Marilyn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Ruth Reid, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Geraldine Woods, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, including André Woodard
- + 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Altar Vases are given by Pastor and Marge Punke in celebration of our LSUS 8th grade graduates. The Baptismal Bud Vase is also given by Pastor and Marge in celebration of the baptism of André Woodard. 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

May 21, 2023 thru May 27, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
	2:00 PM	LSUS 8 th Grade Graduation	Peace Lutheran
MON.	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.		Pastor out of Town	Lafayette, IN
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WED.		Pastor out of Town	Lafayette, IN
		NO Men of Zion	
THURS.	8:00 AM	Medallion Day & Awards	LSUS
FRI.		LSUS Last Day of School	LSUS
SAT.		Private Confession	Church

May 28, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
	1:00 PM	CLHS Graduation	Embassy

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR Dr. Voelz continues teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark in Bauer Hall. Sunday School is on break until the fall.

PASTOR IS AWAY May 23rd and 24th, attending the Northern Region Pastors' Conference, in Lafayette, IN. If you need any pastoral care, please call the office, and Melvia will get an Elder to help you.

LSUS 8TH GRADE GRADUATION is today at 2 PM at Peace Lutheran. You are invited. Kata Bahr is the valedictorian of the class. Congratulations, Kata.

LIKE OUR PAGE: If you have a Facebook page, please go to our page and hit the "like" button. Over the next couple of weeks there will be pictures from past school years. How many people you can name before the reunion happens?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Philippians 1:6— "I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Last week's verse was Roman 12:12.

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

CROSS CONNECTIONS: It's that time of year again!! Invite your family & friends and join us for the 13th Annual Cross Connections Golf Outing taking place Friday, June 9th, at Brookwood Golf Club, 10304 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne. Registration deadline is May 30th, and cost is \$100 per golfer/\$400 per foursome. Registration starts at 8:00 am with lunch & awards at 1 pm after the round. Please call Jen Robb at 260-373-0213, ext.105, or CrossConnectionsCounseling.com for sponsorship registration information. We hope to see you there!!

CLHS is hiring for a Social Studies Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. In this position, you will be teaching in the areas of World History, United States History, and Geography, but you will have the freedom to educate students in new and creative ways (including a World Foods Day). We are seeking someone with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Secondary Education, or a related field, a Teacher's License in Social Studies, and someone that possesses classroom teaching experience. However, recent graduates are welcome to apply. To learn more about the position and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

THE INDIANA DISTRICT OFFICE has a part-time opening (20 hours/week) for the position of Receptionist/Office Administrative Assistant. Qualifications include but are not limited to a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-starter, willingness to learn, and attention to detail. Please note that the Indiana District will NOT be providing compensation for moving costs. Starting compensation for this part-time position is \$17/hr. We will be accepting resumes through Friday, June 9, 2023. If you have any questions, please call the Indiana District office at (260) 423-1511. Interested individuals can send their resume to the following email - lisa.slack@in.lcms.org or by mail to: Attn: Lisa Slack, Indiana District – LCMS, 1145 S. Barr St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

God calls His own people a “Royal Priesthood.” God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

John 17:1-11

The Seventh of Easter

Acts 1:12-26

Luke 18:35–19:10

Monday

Numbers 14:26-45

Luke 19:11-28

Tuesday

Numbers 16:1-22

Luke 19:29-48

Wednesday

Numbers 16:23-40

Luke 20:1-18

Thursday

Numbers 16:41–17:13

Luke 20:19-44

Friday

Numbers 20:1-21

Luke 20:45–21:19

Saturday

Numbers 20:22–21:9

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 reasonable 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 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Numbers 11:24-30

John 7:37-39



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Revealing the True God through the Son

The gospel is a good, joyful message which teaches me how to know God, through which knowledge I obtain the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. As Christ says to his Father in John [17:3], “This is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.” He says the same things here in this Gospel: “No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him” [Matt. 11:27]. He is speaking here of the knowledge of both the Father and of the Son. Now the one to whom this is revealed knows it, and he has eternal life. But this the Father has hidden from the wise and understanding, that they should know neither the Father nor the Son, and has revealed it to babes, that they might know the Father and the Son and thus have eternal life.

Now, if this is true, as it most certainly is true, then what becomes of free will? When you see that such shameful things are done in the body as are spoken of in the first chapter of Romans [1:24], well, go ahead and boast about your free will. I too would say: What a fine land of a free will that is, to live in such a horrible, inhuman way, which is unheard of even among the animals which have no reason. It’s all very well to boast about free will; we see very well what it accomplishes. ...

But here you hear Christ saying that the Father “reveals” it, and again, that it is the Father’s “gracious will”; and thus he actually nullifies all human merit. Here no satisfactions can help, here no works have any validity whatsoever. It is done only by the will and good pleasure of the Father.

Luther’s Works, 51:126-7.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

KDG: K'Marie	6 th : Jayden
1 st : Yu May	7 th : Olivia
2 nd : Leilani	8 th : Martin
3 rd : Owynn	Nurse Jordan's Little brother: Bobby
4 th : Cain	Kitchen Staff: Christina Gillispie,
5 th : Lizzy	Hser Hser, Reggie Blackmon



Pastries with Pastors

Tuesday morning, we welcomed several pastors that minister to our students here at LSUS. They attended our all-school devotions that was led by our association pastors. It was followed by sharing breakfast treats and fellowship. Guest pastors met with their student(s) and had time together in the lobby. Our associated pastors and church workers visited in each classroom where students were able to ask questions and get to know them better.



We hope the event strengthened the bonds between the students and their pastors. It allowed our area pastors to connect with each other as well! Thank you to our guests and pastors: Sergio and Janie Reyes, James Williams, Erica Pearson, Pastor Ben, Pastor Punke, Paster Mann, Pastor Frinke, Pastor Wakeland, Doug Reynolds, Dan Johnson, and Gene Koch.

We look forward to this event next year!



Music Showcase

Last Friday evening, we celebrated music at our Spring Music Showcase! Thank you to all the students who performed: YOU DID GREAT!! Thank you to all the parents, families, and friends that came out to see our students perform and celebrate all their hard work! Thank you, Mrs. Reynolds, for all your hard work! Once again you put on an amazing show!



NOW ENROLLING

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! We are continuing to take registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited that 82 students have already registered! Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll!
260-744-0459



When: Sunday, May
21st @ 2:00pm
Where: Peace Lutheran
Church

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven
—Matthew 5:16