

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 14, 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.

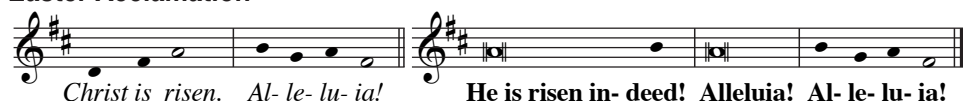
✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*

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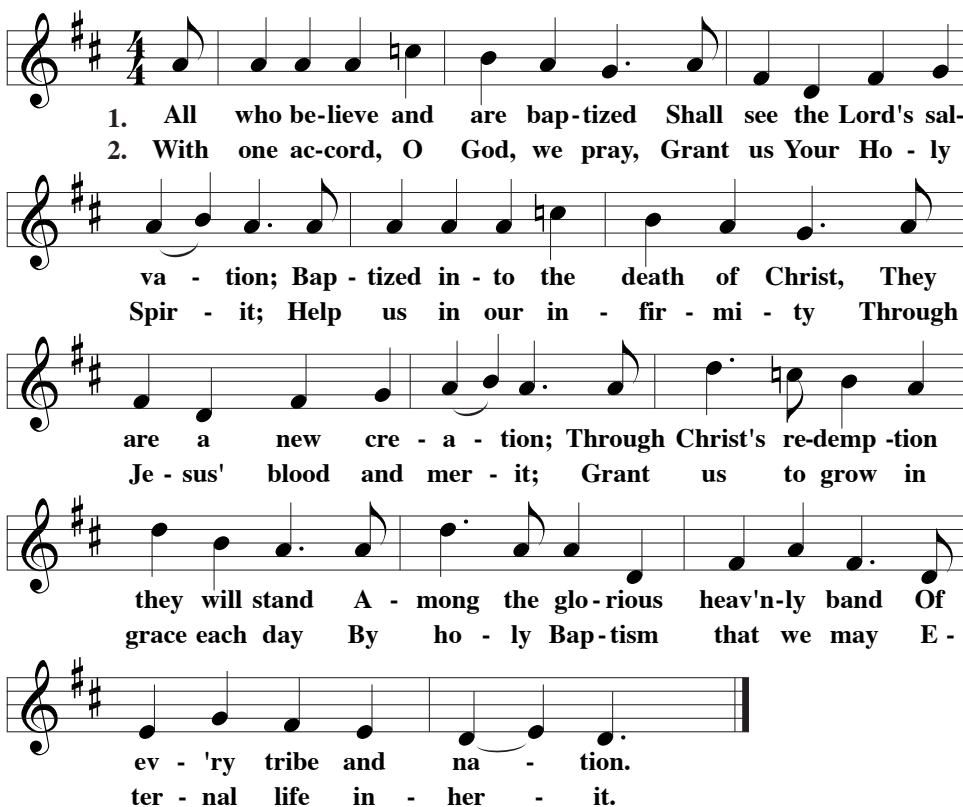
Greeting And Announcements: *The Lord be with you! And also with you!*

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.

Easter Acclamation



Entrance Hymn All Who Believe and Are Baptized (LSB 601)



Rite of Holy Baptism (The Lutheran Formula of 1526) Insert

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Lutheran Formula of 1526

Abel John Jackson

*Son of Patrick William and Laura Ashley Jackson
Born May 4, 2023*

*Reborn into Christ this Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023*

*Sponsors: Jesse and Bethany Brubaker
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Arcadia, CA*

*David and Megan Clark
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, WV*

*Matthew and Pamela Baker
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD*

**All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they will stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of every tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.**

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MARTIN LUTHER’S ADMONITION TO THE BAPTISMAL PARTY AND THE CONGREGATION

“In all Christian earnestness I would ask all those who administer baptism, who hold the children, or witness it, to take this wonderful work to heart in all its seriousness. For here, in the words of these prayers, you hear how meekly and earnestly the Christian church concerns herself about the little child and how he confesses before God in plain undoubting words that he is possessed by the devil and is a child of sin and wrath, and prays very diligently for aid and grace through baptism that he becomes a child of God. Remember, therefore, that it is no joke to take sides against the devil and not only to drive him away from the little child, but to burden the child with such a mighty and lifelong enemy. Remember, too, that it is very necessary to aid the poor child with all your heart and strong faith, earnestly to intercede for him that God, in accordance with this prayer, would not only free him from the power of the devil, but also strengthen him, so that he may nobly resist the devil in life and death.

I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal. . . . See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God’s Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, “Let us pray,” he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God, . . . carrying the little child’s need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper . . . to treat the matter with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil’s tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God’s own children, and brethren of Christ.

Ah, dear Christians, let us not value and administer this unspeakable gift so indolently and indifferently; for baptism is our only comfort and admits to every blessing of God and to the communion of all the saints. To this may God help us! Amen!”

+ THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

[*The baptismal party gathers at the baptismal font
during the Processional Hymn*]

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

+ THE EXORCISM +

[The Lutheran Church retained The Exorcism from the historic baptismal rite because of the Biblical doctrine of original sin. “It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers’ wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God.”]

[*To the candidate*]

*Depart O unclean spirit and make room for the Holy Spirit!
Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your mind ✠ and
upon your heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the
crucified..... Amen!*

[To the congregation]

*Let us pray: O Almighty eternal God, who according to Your righteous judgment did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood; and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family; and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of your baptism; and who through the baptism of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away for sins: We pray through Your same boundless mercy that You will graciously behold this **Abel John Jackson**, and bless him with true faith in his spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in him from Adam, and which he himself has added thereto, may be drowned in him and engulfed, and that he may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom, and serve Your name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers he may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!***

[To the candidate]

*I adjure you, O unclean spirit, by the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit ✠ that you come out of and depart from this servant of Jesus Christ, **Abel John Jackson**. **Amen!***

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

[God does bring blessings to those who are baptized, including infants: "It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him."]

*The Holy Gospel of St. Mark.....**Glory be to You, O Lord!***

And they were bringing children to [Jesus] that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them [Mark 10:13-16].

*This is the Gospel of the Lord!**Praise be to You, O Christ!***

+ THE OUR FATHER and THE BLESSING +

[In Holy Baptism, God is at work. It is a Sacrament, a divine activity, through which He gives His blessing: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."]

[We pray together for God's blessing on the candidates]

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen!

[To the candidate]

*The Lord preserve your going out and coming in now and forevermore. **Amen!***

+ THE CONFESSION OF THE FAITH +

[Baptism is based on the command and promise of Christ, who causes Baptism to bring saving grace to the candidates by the power of the Word: "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."]

[*To the sponsors, the parents, and the congregation*]

Because this candidate cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows upon this candidate in and through Baptism:

Do you renounce the devil? I do renounce him!
and all his works? I do renounce them!
and all his ways? I do renounce them!

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Do you desire to be a baptized and forgiven person? I do!

+ THE BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY TRINITY +

[Through Holy Baptism poor sinners are adopted into God's family in the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: "Without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."]

Abel John Jackson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

[*To the newly baptized and all the baptized here present*]

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth through water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting! Amen!

Peace be with you! Amen!

[*The baptismal party returns to the pews*]

+ A FINAL NOTE FOR BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS +

"What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

[Explanatory notes contain quotations from two primary statements of what Lutherans believe, teach and confess: The Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.]

Kyrie



Gloria

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

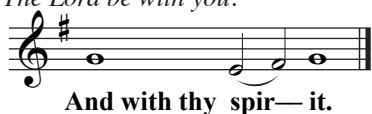
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we
glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry

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
Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



A ————— men!

The first line of musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains seven measures of music. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (half), and E4 (half). The lyrics 'Gloria, Gloria, Gloria' are written below the notes.

The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (half), A4 (half), G4 (half), and F#4 (half). The staff ends with a double bar line.

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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.

Distribution Hymns Your Table I Approach Burgundy Hymn 628

Come Down, O Love Divine Burgundy Hymn 501

I Know My Faith Is Founded Burgundy Hymn 587

[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.



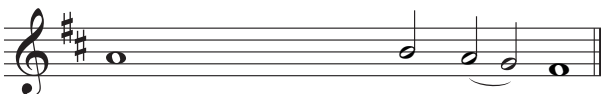
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.



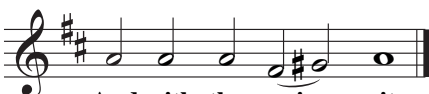
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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 New Songs of Celebration Burgundy Hymn 792

Postlude

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.'

"Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Epistle is 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The Gospel is St. John 14:15-21

[Jesus said,] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

LSB601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
2. With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

Stanzas 1-4 are sung as the Alleluia sequence for the Gospel procession.

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won,
What price our ransom cost Him!
2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
3. My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
4. But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

Stanzas 5-10 are sung as the Hymn of the Day.

5. God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

- W6. The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
7. To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- M8. "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
9. "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
10. "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

LSB628 Your Table I Approach

Gerhard Volter Molanus

1. Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
2. Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
3. Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
4. Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
5. O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
6. Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

LSB501 Come Down, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena

1. Come down, O Love divine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
No soul can guess His grace Till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

LSB587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Erdmann Neumeister

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

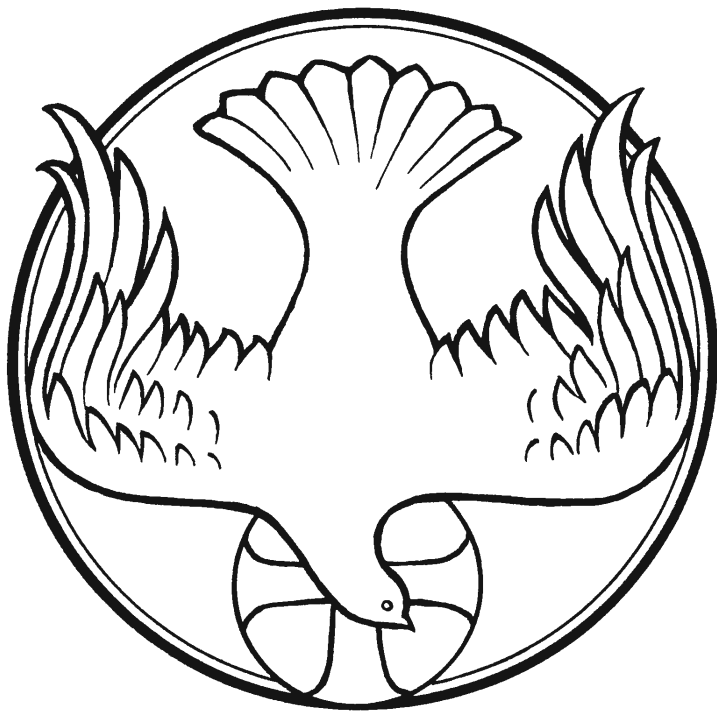
LSB792 New Songs of Celebration Render

Erik Routley

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1. New songs of celebration render
To Him who has great wonders done;
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendor;
Come and adore the mighty One.
He has made known His great salvation
Which all His friends with joy confess.
He has revealed to ev'ry nation
His everlasting righteousness.
2. Joyfully, heartily resounding,
Let ev'ry instrument and voice
Peal out the praise of grace abounding,
Calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
Such sounds as make the heavens ring;
All things that live in earth and ocean,
Make music for your mighty King.
3. Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
Mountains and stones, look up adoring,
And find a voice to praise His name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
Praises be His that never cease:
Just is our God, whose truth victorious
Establishes the world in peace.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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 for our new teachers for next year
- + 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, Louise Petrillo, 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 William Wallschlaeger
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, including Abel John Jackson
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Fredericke Hermina *née* Vollrath Zinter
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for The Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of William Wallschlaeger birthday by his family. The Altar Vases are given by James Crouse in memory of his maternal grandmother, Fredericke Hermina *née* Vollrath Zinter, who was born 142 years ago, on 14 May 1881, near Saint Bonifacius, Minnesota. 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 14, 2023 thru May 20, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
MON.	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.	6:00 PM	LSUS 8 th Grade Banquet	Peace Lutheran Church
WED.		Pastor out of Town	
		NO Men of Zion	
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord study	Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Ascension Divine Service	Church
FRI.			
SAT.		NO Private Confession	Church

May 21, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	2:00 PM	LSUS 8 th Grade Graduation	Peace Lutheran

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR Dr. Voelz continues teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark in Bauer Hall. Sunday School continues in the Assoc. Pastor office.

THANKS to all who attended the Masquerade in Olde Vienna Gala yesterday. This event is in support of our schools.

PASTOR AWAY: Marge, Keiko, and Pastor will be out of town Thursday, May 17 (leaving Wednesday afternoon) through Sunday, May 21. If you need anything, please call the office and let Melvia know, so that she can get an Elder to help you.

THANK YOU to Pastor Litke for serving you on Ascension, this Thursday, May 18 (an underappreciated festival of the church) and to Pastor Bahr for serving you next Sunday, May 21, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

LSUS 8TH GRADE GRADUATION is next 2 PM, next Sunday, May 21, at Peace Lutheran. You are invited. Kata Bahr is the valedictorian of the class. Congratulations, Kata.

THE BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY will happen this Thursday at 10:30 AM. Pastor Olsen has agreed to lead the study.

HELP NEEDED: if you are not part of the All Class Reunion and have some free time during June 9th-11th, please call Melvia at the church office

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: Roman 12:12— “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Last week’s verse was John 17:17.

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne, on Friday, May 19, from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. The bag sale will be Saturday, May 20, from 8:00 am -12 Noon.

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!

EMMAUS LUTHERAN is seeking candidates for Business Manager. This role will assist the Treasurer, Finance Board, and the congregation with maintaining an orderly financial function to administer the church, school and preschool. They will assist the Pastor, Principal, and Preschool Director with expense control during the fiscal year. Ideal candidates will be proficient in QuickBooks or other accounting software, Excel, and student information systems like FACTS and Renweb. HR experience preferred for maintaining employee files and benefits. Subject to background and reference check. Position will be performed at 8626 Covington Road for 20 hours per week carried out Monday-Friday between 8:00am – 4:15pm. Compensation based on experience. Please send resumes to office@emmauslutheranfw.org.

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!!

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 LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

John 14:15-21

The Fifth of Easter

Acts 17:16-31

Luke 15:11-32

Monday

Numbers 8:5-26

Luke 16:1-18

Tuesday

Numbers 9:1-23

Luke 16:19-31

Wednesday

Numbers 10:11-36

Luke 17:1-19

Thursday

Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35

Luke 17:20-37

Friday

Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16

Luke 18:1-17

Saturday

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

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 of Easter

Acts 1:12-26

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:5-11

John 17:1-11



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Promise of Christ's Abiding Presence

18. *I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.*

In the estimation of the world and according to our own feelings, this small group of Christians appears to be poor orphans forsaken and forgotten both by God and by Christ, since He permits them to be reviled and mocked, condemned, persecuted, and murdered, and to be everybody's door mat. Furthermore, their hearts are constantly frightened, saddened, and tormented by the devil. Hence they might well be accounted orphans, more so than all other orphans and forsaken people on earth, of whom Scripture says that God Himself, who calls Himself the Father of the fatherless (Ps. 68:5), must look after them, since they are forsaken by everybody. "But," says Christ, "I will not forsake you, as it seems and feels. I will give you the Comforter, who will instill in you the courage to be certain that you are My true Christians and the true church. Moreover, I Myself will surely be and remain among you with My protection and My sovereign power, even though I now depart from you physically and visibly, and even though you will be alone, exposed to the wickedness and might of the devil and the world. But the world will not be so powerful, the devil will not work such havoc, and all the sages and scholars will not be so wise that My Baptism and the proclamation about Me will not remain and be practiced, and that My Holy Spirit will not reign and work in you, even though this is always assailed and seems imperfect among you yourselves." ...

Thus all Christendom has this comforting promise that it will not be forsaken or left without aid and help. Even if it is bereft of all human consolation, help, and assistance, still Christ will not leave it desolate and unprotected.

Luther's Works, 24:130-32.

We invite our fellow saints
in the Churches of the Lutheran South Association
and the families of LSUS,

to attend the

Divine Service

at Zion
Evangelical
Lutheran Church

at Hanna and
Creighton

Celebrating
the

Ascension of Our Lord

7:00 p.m.
Thursday,
May 18th



Rev. Art Litke preaching

Zion Lutheran School/Academy ALL CLASS REUNION

June 9th- Meet & Greet 6PM

June 10th- School tour, Photos & BBQ Dinner 4PM

**June 11th- Sunday Service 9AM with Brunch to
follow**

Go to www.eventbrite enter Zion Lutheran All Class
Reunion to save your spot or call Melvia at the church
office 260-744-1389

*We have Zion
Lutheran Lions t-shirts
for sale



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

KDG: Henry

6th: Josh

1st: I'Mani

7th: Angelina

2nd: Charli

8th: Ja'Mear

3rd: Javier

Nurse Jordan's Little brother: Bobby

4th: Jordyn

Ms. Nehls & Family as her father passed

5th: Pyae

away



We Love Our Teachers!

Our teachers are amazing! Every year comes with it's challenges and this year was no different as we welcomed several new teachers into the LSUS family. They have all been a blessing to our students!

We are now in the final stretch of the school year and all our teachers deserve our praise and recognition! Remember to tell your teachers how much you appreciate them next week!

Strings Concert

This past Wednesday night Kata and Emeraude performed at the Lutheran Elementary Strings concert at Concordia Lutheran High School. You will see them and our other string players perform tonight at the End of Year Music Showcase!



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

SAVE-THE-DATES



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

When: Tuesday, May 16th @ 8:30am
Where: LSUS Gymnasium



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. —Psalm 121:1-2



Summer Camps

At Concordia Lutheran High School

Register online at www.clhscadets.com/summer



Art Camp - June 26-30 (Grades 6-8)

Junior Cadets Band Camp - June 26-30 & July 3, 5-7 (Grades 5-9)

Cadet Baseball Camp - June 12-16 (Boys, Grades 2-8)

Boys Basketball Camp - June 19-23 (Grades 3-8)

Lady Cadets Basketball Camp - June 5-8 (Grades 4-9)

Cheer Camp - July 17-19 (Girls, Grades K-8)

Junior Cadets Color Guard Camp - June 26-30 & July 3, 5-7 (Grades 6-9)

Computer Camp--Summer of Code with Disney & Robots - June 12-15 (Grades 5-12)

Computer Camp--Raspberry Jam: Video Game System - June 5-8 (Grades 5-12)

Drama Camp - July 3-7 (Camp will meet on July 4) (Grades 4-9)

Fundamentals Football Camp - June 26-29 (Boys, Grades 4-8)

Golf Camp - June 26-30 (Grades 3-8)

Rocket Science Camp - June 13-16 (Grades 6-8)

Rowing (Crew) Camp - June 19-23 (Grades 7-9)

Soccer Camps - July 10-14 (Co-ed, Grades K-4); June 12-16 (Girls, Grades 4-8); and July 17-21 (Boys, Grades 3-8)

Softball Camp - July 26 (Girls, Grades 1-8)

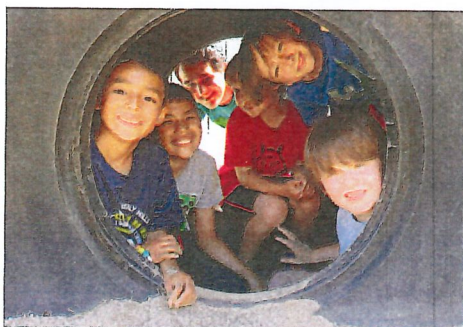
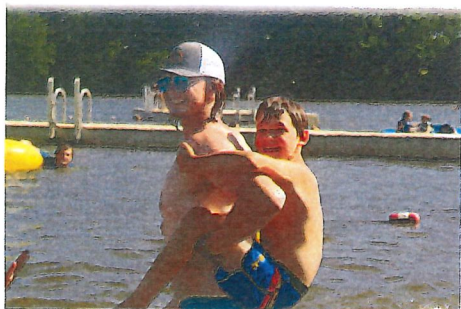
Tech Theater Camp - July 3, 5, 7 (Grades 7-9)

Tennis Camps - June 5-8 (rainout date is June 9) (Grades 1-12)

Volleyball Camps - May 31-June 2 (Girls, Grades K-8)

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