

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, April 23, 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]

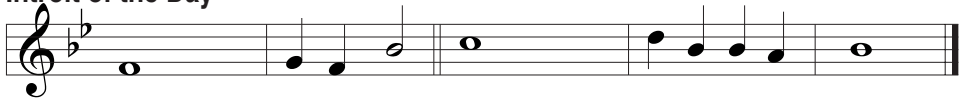
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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] *Behold, how good and how | •pleasant• it is || when brothers | dwell in u-ni-ty!*

Verse 1: **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down | on the beard, || on the beard of Aaron, running down on the | col- lar of his | robes!**

Verse 2: *It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the | •mountains• of •Zion•! || For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, | life for- ev- er- | more.*

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 - mighty.



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.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter: *O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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..... **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**
[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 1:17-25**
[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn** **We Know that Christ** **Burgundy Hymn 603**

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 24:13-35**

[*The Gospel is announced.*]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[*Bow*] **And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen!

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

Hymn of the Day Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Burgundy Hymn 585

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

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] Offertory Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and
 take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
 Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet ___ and right so ___ to do. ___

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 Who Are You Who Walk Burgundy Hymn 476

Here, O My Lord, I see Burgundy Hymn 631

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanza 3; Women alone sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5, 6, & 7.]

[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.



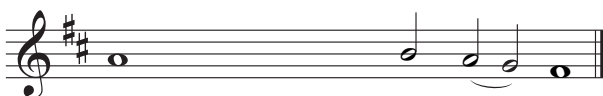
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

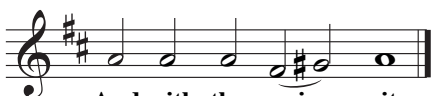
Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A - men.

The Lord be with you.

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.



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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 With High Delight Burgundy Hymn 483

Postlude

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Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ... “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Epistle is 1 Peter 1:17–25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The Gospel is St. Luke 24:13–35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Easter

LSB603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

John B. Geyer

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1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

LSB585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Philip Melancthon

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In those last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- M 3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
- W 4. May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through –
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

LSB476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow **Herman Stuempfle, Jr.**

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1. Who are you who walk in sorrow Down Emmaus' barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated, Bent beneath grief's crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you, We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding, Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
2. Who is this who joins our journey, Walking with us stride by
stride?
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom Depths of grief for one who died?
Then the wonder! When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures Till our hearts within us burned.
3. Who are You? Our hearts are opened In the breaking of the bread—
Christ the victim, now the victor Living, risen from the dead!
Great companion on our journey, Still surprise us with Your grace!
Make each day a new Emmaus; On our hearts Your image trace!
4. Who are we who travel with You On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!
5. "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

LSB631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face **Horatius Bonar**

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;

Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

- M 3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.
- W 4. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
5. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
6. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

LSB483 With High Delight

Georg Vetter

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1. With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
2. True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.
3. Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

The Third 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 fieldworkers Patrick Jackson and Paul Mroczenski; and for those receiving calls and vicarage placements
- + 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 work of our call committees; for Karen Koehlert, considering a call as Kindergarten teacher.
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death, including Warren Messmann
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Hilda Volmerding, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Marilynn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, David Evans, John A. Pless, Bob Ockree, 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
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Vanessa Smith
- + 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 Third Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Vanessa Smith on the occasion of her birthday by Davanna & David Seifert. Zion's congregation gives the Altar Vases with love for the young couples getting ministry calls and vicarage assignments this month. 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

April 23, 2023 thru April 29, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
MON.	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS (Worship Center)
	7:00 PM	CEA Delegate Meeting	CLHS (Fitness Center)
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Divine Service	Church
THURS.	1:00 PM	SPZP Board Meeting	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

April 30, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR Dr. Voelz resumes teaching the Gospel according to St. Mark, and Sunday School continues in the Assoc. Pastor office.

WELCOME to LCMS President (and former pastor of Zion) Matthew Harrison who will preach today and celebrate the Sacrament with us, and to any other Synod dignitaries, who are here for the Council of Presidents meeting in advance of the Vicarage Placement and Call Services on Monday and Tuesday. They'll need to leave promptly after Divine Service.

CTSFW An Easter Hymn Festival is being held today at 4 PM at Kramer Chapel on the Seminary Campus. Tomorrow at 7 PM is the Vicarage Assignment Service, and April 25 at 7 PM is the Candidate Call Service. Both of these services will also be streamed live. Visit www.ctsfw.edu/callday/ to watch either service.

GALA: Zion's "Masquerade in Olde Vienna" is approaching fast and will feature a mouth-watering menu and mini silent auction to benefit Lutheran South Unity School. The event will be May 13 in Bauer Hall, and doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. The cost of \$75 per person includes a dinner of Viennese cucumber salad, Viennese pot roast with vegetables, Viennese goulash (beef in a paprika sauce) with egg noodles, Viennese chicken stew, raspberry and hazelnut crisp dessert, and wine chosen especially for each entrée. Reservations and payment should be sent to Zion's office by May 6, so plan now to attend this evening of fun, fine food, and fellowship! Masks are welcome!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with yesterday's spring clean-up. We did what we could, given the weather.

WEEKLY HELP: Do you have a couple of hours to spare every few weeks to help keep Zion beautiful? If so, the trustees encourage you to join the rotating list of volunteers who clean, dry mop and vacuum our sanctuary and perform other light chores as needed. The work is generally done on Friday or Saturday, but the schedule is flexible. Help is also needed to help maintain the grounds. For more information, call Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Great American Clean Up, May 6, 2023, 9 - 11 am. We'll participate by cleaning up around Zion. Please sign up at Julie's table if you are willing to participate, so that we can order the right number of shirts, gloves, etc.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 2:13-14 — "Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility." Last week's verse was Romans 8:1.

BACH COLLEGIUM'S Final Concert of the 2022–23 Season is today at 4 PM at the Oratory of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Francis University.

CLHS is hiring for a Director of Choirs for the 23-24 school year. We are seeking someone with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Secondary Education or a related field, a Teacher's License in Secondary Music Education, and someone with classroom teaching experience. To learn more about the position and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

THE LUTHERAN BLIND MISSION presents "The Chosen" Season 1, Episodes 1&2(PG) with video description for the blind and visually impaired today at 2 pm at Concordia Lutheran Church 4245 Lake Ave. We are invited to join them. For questions call Clint Stedje, (260)-760-5169.

SPRING THING: Cross Connections Biblical Counseling Ministry's Annual Spring Thing Comedy Event & Fundraiser, with a **BOOTS & BOWTIES** 'dress the theme' comedian Mike Goodwin, is this Tuesday, April 25, at the Parkview Mirro Center. Purchase your seat today for the dinner and entertainment by contacting the office by email at jenrobb@crossconnectionsounseling.com, or by phone at 260-373-0213 ext 10

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

Luke 24:13-35

The Third of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Luke 7:1-17

Monday

Exodus 33:1-23

Luke 7:18-35

Tuesday

Exodus 34:1-28

Luke 7:36-50

Wednesday

Exodus 34:29-35:21

Luke 8:1-21

Thursday

Exodus 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31

Luke 8:22-39

Friday

Exodus 39:32-40+16

Luke 8:40-56

Saturday

Exodus 40:17-38

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



What Doctor Luther Says:

About How Moses Points Us to Christ

In this story [of lifting up the serpent in the wilderness] many were undoubtedly offended because it was all so unpretentious. None but the believers understood Moses' words and recovered through their faith in the Word. But who would have had the boldness to refer this story to Christ? I would never have ventured to interpret this story as Christ Himself did when He plainly related it to Himself, saying: "This is the bronze serpent; I, however, am the Son of man. Those people were asked to look at the serpent physically, but you must look at Me spiritually and in faith. Those people were cured of bodily poisoning; but you, through Me, will be delivered from eternal poison. They recovered from a physical ailment, but I bestow eternal life on those who believe in Me." These are very strange statements and sayings.

In this way the Lord shows us the proper method of interpreting Moses and all the prophets. He teaches us that Moses points and refers to Christ in all his stories and illustrations. His purpose is to show that Christ is the point at the center of a circle, with all eyes inside the circle focused on Him. Whoever turns his eyes on Him finds his proper place in the circle of which Christ is the center. All the stories of Holy Writ, if viewed aright, point to Christ.

During the forty days between Christ's resurrection and His ascension He expounded many similar texts and related many such stories to His disciples in His conversations with them (Luke 24:27). He did the same thing when He appeared on Mt. Tabor with Moses and Elijah (Matt. 17:3). Thus He also relates the figure of the serpent to Himself here. Thereby He opens the treasure chest of Moses and shows them the nugget concealed there. He shows that all the stories and illustrations of Moses point to Christ.

Luther's Works, 22:339-40.

Assisted Listening at Zion

Zion has just had installed an assisted listening system for those who have difficulty hearing the spoken word in church. The system is able to be used with modern hearing aids that interface with your smart phone, or with regular headphones or earbuds that connect to the phone or a tablet.

It works this way: sound from one of our microphones (at the lectern, or pulpit, or lapel mics) gets sent to a special server that can connect up with a phone (or tablet) app through a special wireless router. That sound then can be heard through the earbuds or hearing aids connected to the phone. See graphic to the right.



Getting Started

What You Need

- Smart phone or tablet
- Modern Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids OR
- Bluetooth or wired headphones or earbuds
- Please note: some Bluetooth listening devices may exhibit a delay. Wired devices have none. They may be best.

What to Do (for phone; for tablet should be similar)

- First. On your phone, go to Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store; search for and download the app "Listen Everywhere."
- Second. On your iPhone, go to Settings → Wi-Fi, OR on your Android phone (I checked this on Melvia's phone), go to Settings → Connection → Wi-Fi, and select the "Listen_System" server. Note: this Wi-Fi router does not provide Internet access. It's only for the assisted listening. You may have to verify you want to continue without Internet.
- Third. On your phone, open the "Listen Everywhere" app and press the "Venue Scan" button. It should connect and display an audio channel "Audio RCGD."
- Fourth. On your phone, press this channel (or the play arrow in the midst of that channel), and you should connect to the streaming audio. You're ready to listen. Volume is controlled with your phone.

Please give us feedback on the listening assist. We may need to adjust some settings in the weeks to come to make it most useful to you.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A "MASQUERADE IN OLDE VIENNA"

You are invited to a "Masquerade in Old Vienna" May 13 at Zion Lutheran Church. The event in Zion's Bauer Hall, 2313 S. Hanna St., will feature a mini silent auction, raffle and fine German/Austrian cuisine and is to support quality education at Lutheran South Unity School.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. You will also have an opportunity to contribute to LSUS' important mission while at the event.

Cost is \$75 per person, and reservations should be made by May 6 by sending a check payable to Zion

Please pray for the success of "Masquerade in Old Vienna," and plan to join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!

MASKS ARE WELCOME!

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: Amira

6th: Camarion

1st: La'Bella

7th: Arion

2nd: Sirah

8th: Jy Airris

3rd: Javier

Mrs. Najdeski

4th: Cataleya

Mrs. Nehls

5th: Max

Mrs. Wiegman

IN State Testing iLearn

Students in 3rd grade and up started iLearn testing this week. They will continue to test over the next few weeks. The lower grades will also be taking tests over the next few weeks that assess their progress since the beginning of the year. Please keep our students in your prayers as they take these tests. Pray that they have clear minds, are relaxed, can stay focused, and have the confidence to "Rock the Test."



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 now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year.

Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll!

260-744-0459

“SHINE”
LSUS End of Year Music Showcase

FEATURING LSUS K-8 STUDENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 7:00 PM

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Gym
1819 Reservation Drive

Come and join us!!!

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:



After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said, “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. —John 19:28-30

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.”—Matthew 28:5-6



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)

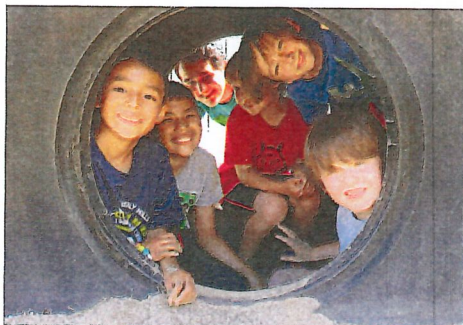
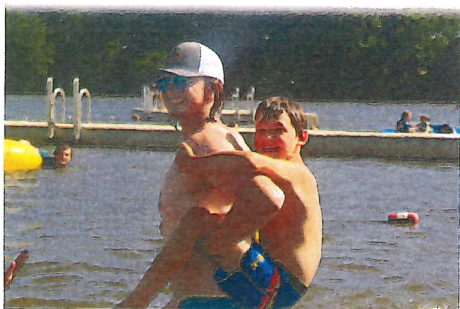
Tech Theater Camp - July 3, 5, 7 (Grades 7-9)

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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