

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, June 16, 2024

### 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*

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

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### Invocation

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ *Kneel* ]

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

*O almighty God, merciful Father; ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.*

## Introit



[Antiphon] *It is good to give thanks | to the Lord, || to sing praises to | your name, O Most | High; || to declare your steadfast love in the | mor\_\_ning, || and your | faith-ful-ness by | night.*

Verse 1: **The righteous flourish like the | palm\_\_ tree || and grow like a | •cedar• in Leb- a- | non. || They are planted in the house | of the Lord; || they flourish in the | courts\_\_ of our | God.**

Verse 2: *They still bear fruit | in old age; || they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the | Lord\_\_ is up- | right; || he | is my rock, || and there is no un- | right-eous-ness in | him.*

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



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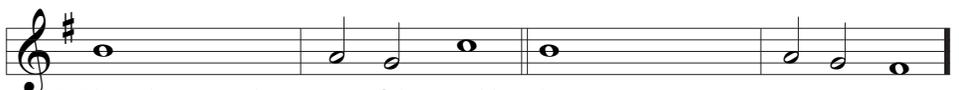
## Gloria



1. *Glory be to . . . . . God on high:* **And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men**
2. **We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,**  
**bless Thee, we . . . . . worship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•.**



3. **O Lord God, . . . . . heav'n-ly King, God, the . . . . . Fa-ther Al-\_\_ •mighty•.**
4. **O Lord, the only- O Lord God,**  
**begotten Son, . . . . . Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son\_\_ of the •Father•.**



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



8. **For Thou . . . . . •only• art •holy• Thou . . . . . on - - - ly art the Lord.**
9. **Thou, only, O art most**  
**Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father•. A-men.**



# 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.

### Common Preface, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that  
com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the highest.

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -

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

**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,

Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3

have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **Almighty God, Your Word** .... **Burgundy Hymn 577**

**Father, We Thank Thee** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 652**

[ 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 .... On What Has Now Been Sown ... Burgundy Hymn 921

### Postlude

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## **Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

### **The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 5:1-17**

We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

### **The Gospel is Mark 4:26-34**

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

# Hymns for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## LSB834 O God, O Lord of Heav'n and Earth

Martin Franzmann

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1. O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth,  
Thy living finger never wrote  
That life should be an aimless mote,  
A deathward drift from futile birth.  
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled  
In splendor through Thy broken world.  
Since light awoke and life began,  
Thou hast desired Thy life for man.
2. Our fatal will to equal Thee,  
Our rebel will wrought death and night.  
We seized and used in prideful spite  
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.  
We housed us in this house of doom,  
Where death had royal scope and room,  
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace,  
Breached all its walls for our release.
3. Thou camest to our hall of death,  
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,  
To drink for us the dark despair  
That strangled our reluctant breath.  
How beautiful the feet that trod  
The road that leads us back to God!  
How beautiful the feet than ran  
To bring the great good news to man!
- △ 4. O Spirit, who didst once restore  
Thy Church that it might be again  
The bringer of good news to men,  
Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,  
That in these gray and latter days  
There may be those whose life is praise,  
Each life a high doxology  
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

**LSB577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast****John Cawood**

1. Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
3. Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.
4. So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

**LSB652 Father, We Thank Thee***Didache, 2<sup>nd</sup> century*

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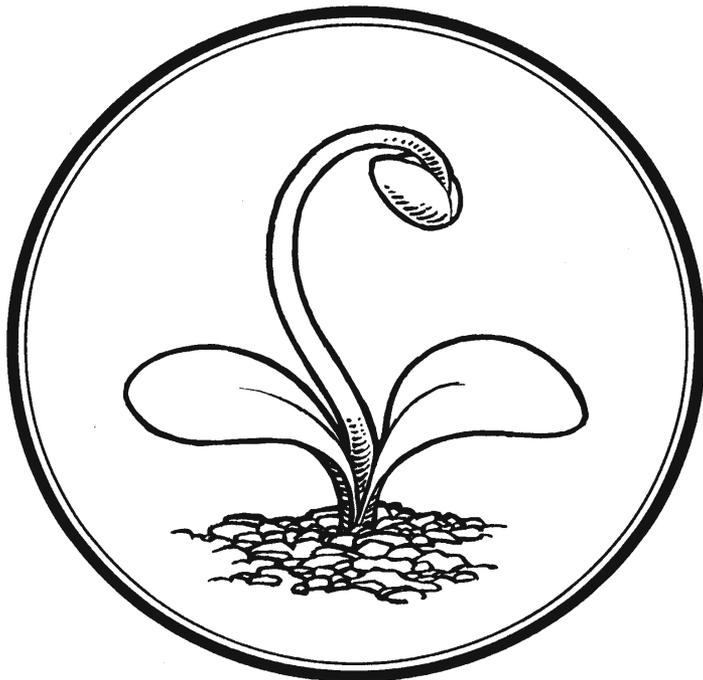
1. Father, we thank Thee who hast planted  
Thy holy name within our hearts  
Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
Jesus, Thy Son, to us imparts.  
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,  
Didst give us food for all our days,  
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;  
Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
2. Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,  
Save it from evil, guard it still,  
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it,  
Cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.  
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,  
Was in this broken bread made one,  
So from all lands Thy Church be gathered  
Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

**LSB921 On What Has Now Been Sown****John Newton**

1. On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2. To Thee our wants are known,  
From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.
3. O grant that each of us,  
Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

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

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))  
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),  
Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), John Kuker (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>),  
Cathie Wakeland (K-A), Rachel Wiegman (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music),  
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

### The Support Staff

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

## PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Paul Mroczenski and Matthew Harrison; Godspeed to Pastor-elect Joseph Greenmyer, Faith, and family moving to South Dakota.
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for 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; and for our graduates
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care, including Arlene Punke
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Marcia Hines, Connie Houser, Tracy Houser, Kevin Leininger, Amber Bahr, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jerry Seifert, Josephine Brennan, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Jim Voelz
- + 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 Georgie & Walt Ostermeyer
- + 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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of Jim Voelz birthday by his wife Judy Voelz and family. The Altar Vases are given by the children of Georgie and Walt Ostermeyer in remembrance of their wedding anniversary. 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

### **June 16, 2024 thru June 22, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service — Happy Father's Day</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	3:30 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>TUES.</b>	7:05 PM	Lutheran Night at the TinCaps	Parkview Field
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Bauer Hall
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	10:00 AM	RLNI Rally	Courthouse Lawn
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **June 23, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall for now. We're doing a Lutheran Difference study on Worship. Dr. Voelz is on summer break and will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark in the fall. Sunday School is on summer break.

**FATHER'S DAY:** We want to wish all our father's "Happy Fathers Day."

**TRAINING:** Frank Jackson has a sign up sheet at the usher's corner for CPR & AED training. Please let him know what day works best for you. We would like to have the training done by July so that we can place the AED units inside of the cabinets.

**VANCO:** Have you tried it yet? You can now give with your computer or phone anytime and anywhere. We have rolled out this new e-giving method with Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give by going to [zionfw.org](http://zionfw.org), click on the GIVE button. You can give as much as you want and as many times as you want.

**AT THE TINCAPS: Lutheran Night 2024** at the TinCaps is Tuesday, June 18 (game time: 7:05 PM). Every \$1 from each ticket will be shared with the Care Package Program of Worship Anew. The Care Package Program provides support to elderly adults who are going through a difficult time, as well as their caregivers. There will be post game fireworks. Every Tuesday night, fans can enjoy select concession items for only \$2.00 including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and pizza slices! Concordia High School will be singing the National Anthem! Visit [in.lcms.org/lutheran-night-2024-with-the-fort-wayne-tincaps/](http://in.lcms.org/lutheran-night-2024-with-the-fort-wayne-tincaps/) for a link to tickets. **Right to Life of Northeast Indiana** is also having a TinCaps night on June 25. Same game time; same "Family Feast Night."

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Colossians 3:23-24— "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Last week's verse was Ephesians 5:1-2.

**PLANNING A GIFT FOR MINISTRY** from your estate can generate concern about whether that ministry will be still in existence when the Lord calls you home. Gift planning offers solutions to these concerns. You can create a personal endowment fund that will make an annual gift to your favorite ministry. With the LCMS Foundation, provisions will be included in that endowment, directing the LCMS Foundation to direct ministry gifts to a parallel ministry if your first choice no longer exists. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**RLNI:** Come celebrate the anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade! Take a stand for LIFE in your Indiana county on Saturday, June 22nd from 10a-11a, at Allen County Courthouse, 715 S. Calhoun St. This peaceful gathering shows Northeast Indiana that we are ready to stand beside mothers-in-need, children, families, faith leaders, and our pro-life legislators in a loving and law abiding manner. Bring your family and connect with like-minded friends that share your heart for our most vulnerable citizens.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:** rummage sale SEPTEMBER 26-28th, 2024. Bethlehem/Mt. Calvary/Peace are working together and we invite Zion to participate by bringing donated items for sale to Bethlehem, Monday-Friday from 9am - 3pm. Bring to Door 7 (Parking Lot, door by outside ramp). Ring Buzzer for entrance. Please plan to carry items down to lower level. Volunteers needed for Preparation (Sept. 23rd - 25th) For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bethlehem Church Office (744-3228) or contact Dena Schult at [denaschult@icloud.com](mailto:denaschult@icloud.com). All Proceeds go to LSUS.

**CLHS** has multiple employment opportunities for the upcoming school year. Check them out at [www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment](http://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment).

**WORSHIP ANEW** has an opening for a Ministry Support Specialist to provide administrative assistance to the Executive Director and Team Leaders. This is a part-time, non-exempt position, with an average of 28 hours a week worked. To view the full job description, please visit [worshipanew.org/jobs](http://worshipanew.org/jobs). To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683 or [Jon@worshipanew.org](mailto:Jon@worshipanew.org).

**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**

Mark 4:26-34

**The Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

John 16:17-33

Monday

Proverbs 17:1-28

John 17:1-26

Tuesday

Proverbs 20:5-25

John 18:1-14

Wednesday

Proverbs 22:1-21

John 18:15-40

Thursday

Proverbs 22:22–23:12

John 19:1-22

Friday

Proverbs 24:1-22

John 19:23-42

Saturday

Proverbs 25:1-22

**THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily]

**The Our Father**

**TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-11

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Suffering as God's Loving Care of His Plants

[W]hen the vinedresser applies manure to the stock of the vine; this, too [like the pruning], he does for the benefit of the vine even though the vine might complain again and say: “What, pray, is this for? Is it not enough that you are hacking and cutting me to pieces? Now with this filthy cow manure, which is intolerable in the barn and elsewhere, you are defiling my tender branches, which yield such delicious juice! Must I stand for this too?”

That is how Christ interprets the suffering which He and His Christians are to endure on earth. This is to be a benefaction and a help rather than affliction and harm. Its purpose is to enable them to bear all the better fruit and all the more, in order that we may learn to impress this on ourselves as He impresses it on Himself. As though He were saying: “After all, this is the truth, and I cannot interpret it otherwise. I share the fate of the vine in every respect. The Jews will throw manure at Me and will hack away at Me. They will shamefully revile and blaspheme Me, will torture, scourge, crucify, and kill Me in the most disgraceful manner, so that all the world will suppose that I must finally perish and be destroyed. But the fertilizing and pruning I suffer will yield a richer fruit: that is, through My cross and death I shall come to My glory, begin My reign, and be acknowledged and believed throughout the world. Later on you will have the same experience. You, too, must be fertilized and cultivated in this way. ...”

*Luther's Works*, 24:194-5.



## **It's diaper drive time**

**FACTS: 33% of mothers cut back on basic essentials to afford diapers for their babies**

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on Sept 14th.

NEWBORN to 7 size diapers are needed.

Just bring your diapers to the church and place them into the bassinet.

Last day to bring diapers will be August 18th.

**\*Last year we gave away 10,620 diapers to the community**

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