

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 18, 2025

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**



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]

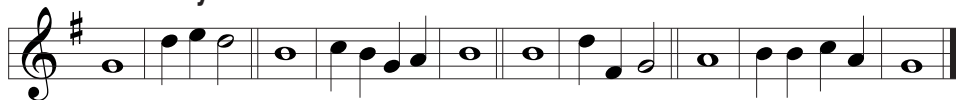
Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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] *Oh sing to the Lord a | new__ song, || for he | has done •marvel- ous | things!*
|| His right hand and his | ho- ly arm || have worked sal- | va- tion for__ | him.

Verse 1: **The Lord has made known his sal- | va- tion; || he has revealed his righteousness in the | sight •of the• na__ | tions. || He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Is- ra- el. || All the ends of the earth have seen the sal- | va- tion of our | God.**

Verse 2: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth; || break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the | sound of mel- o- | dy! || With trumpets and the sound | of the horn || make a joyful noise be- | fore the King, the | Lord!*

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!**

[Antiphon] *Oh sing to the Lord a | new__ song, || for he | has done •marvel- ous | things! || His right hand and his | ho- ly arm || have worked sal- | va- tion for__ | him.*

Kyrie



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



Lord__ have mer- cy up - on__ us.

Gloria



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



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri- fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God_ the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



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



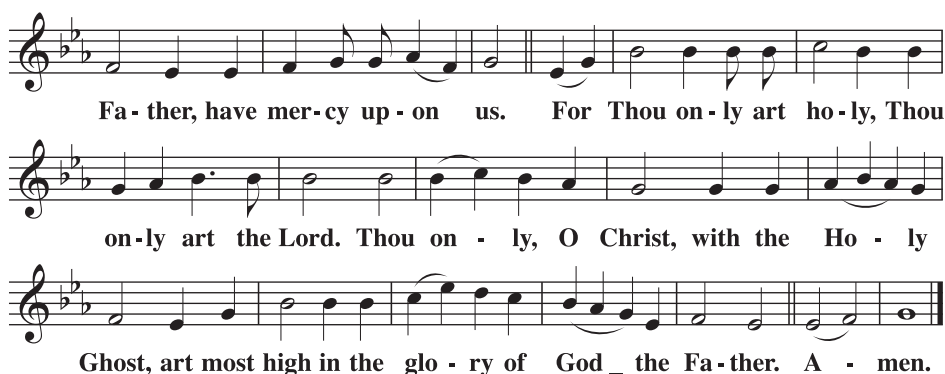
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak- est a-way the sin of the



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

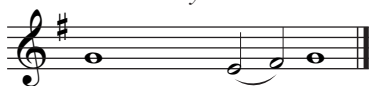


world; re- ceive our prayer Thou that sit- test at the right hand of God the



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir—it.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: *O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A—men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

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

Epistle Revelation 21:1-7

[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. John 16:12-22

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!



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 At the Lamb's High Feast Burgundy Hymn 633

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5;

Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8.]

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

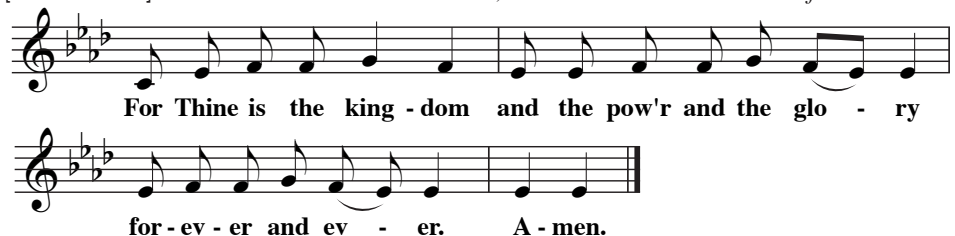
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

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



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

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

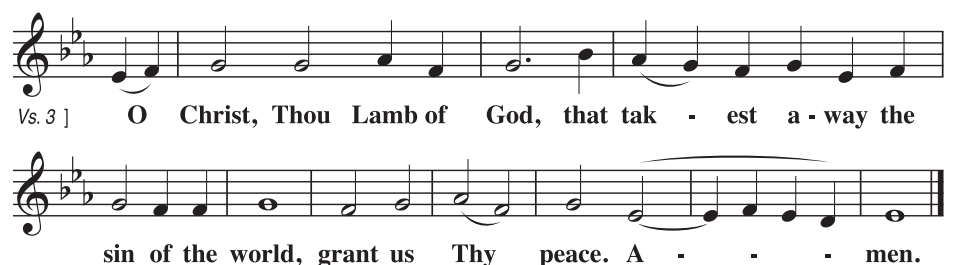
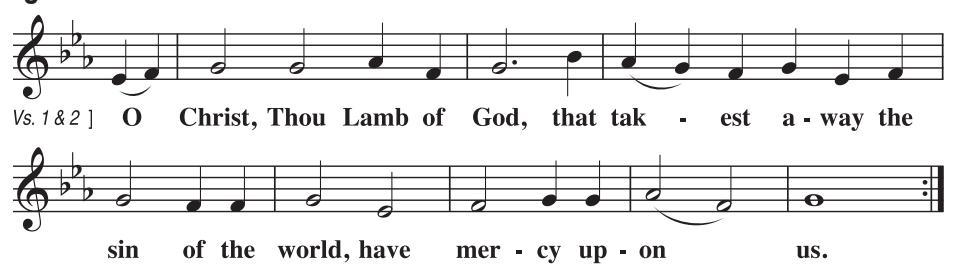


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Wide Open Stand the Gates ... Burgundy Hymn 639

Oh, What Their Joy Burgundy Hymn 675

[Rise for stanza 4.]

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





3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el.



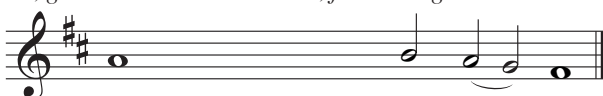
4. Glo—ry___ be to the
Father, and to___ the ___ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



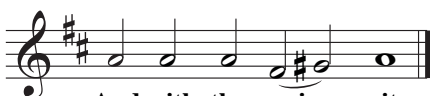
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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.



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia!

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

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn Scatter the Darkness Burgundy Hymn 481

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

The Epistle is Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear

from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

The Gospel is John 16:12-22

[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

Hymns for the Fifth 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!

LSB633 At the Lamb's High Feast

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- M 3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- W 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- M 5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- W 6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

- △ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

LSB639 Wide Open Stand the Gates

J. K. Wilhelm Loehe

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1. Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,
While round God's golden throne
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,
And joyous praise the Son!
They watch Him now descending To visit waiting earth.
The Lord of Life unending Brings dying hope new birth!
2. He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:
"This is My flesh and blood!"
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness
This gift of holy food.
All human thought must falter—Our God stoops low to heal,
Now present on the altar, For us both host and meal!
3. The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,
While saints in wonder kneel,
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright
No earthly masks conceal.
This sacrament God gives us Binds us in unity,
Joins earth with heav'n beyond us, Time with eternity!

LSB675 Oh, What Their Joy

Peter Abelard

1. Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.
2. In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.
3. We, where no troubles distraction can bring,
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;
While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.

- △ 4. Now let us worship our Lord and our King,
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One.

LSB481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

Stephen P. Starke

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1. Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb
Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows,
Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!
2. Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die;
He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again—our foes defeated!
Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
3. Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world!
Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing!
Let there begin the jubilee—Christ has gained the victory!

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),

Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), Abbey Kohler (4th),

Tiffany Scheurich (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Rachel Wiegman (K-A),

Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),

Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Lee Buxton (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 teachers nearing the end of another academic year, our fieldworkers Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall
- + 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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Richard Lammert, Journee Harrison, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Debra Busche, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & 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 one, especially Alesa Rogers and the family of Marq Rogers
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Marq Rogers and William Wallschlaeger
- + 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 remembrance of William Wallschlaeger's birthday by his wife Carolyn Wallschlaeger and family. 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 18 2025 thru May 24, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teenager Bible Study	Conference Room
	1:00 PM	LSUS 8 th Grade Graduation	Church
	3:00 PM	Old Crown Brass and Steuben Festival Choir	Church
MON.		LSUS Field Day	LSUS
	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.			
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.		Kindergarten Celebration	LSUS
FRI.		LSUS last day of school	
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

May 25, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz continues in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Our alternate adult/teenage class is considering our Lutheran Identity, in the Conference Room. We are using Dr. Gene Veith's new book *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity*. You have two opportunities for growth in God's word.

REMINDER: we are using email to notify you of important events (i.e, funerals, closings etc). Please make sure that Melvia has a current email address for you. Thanks.

BRAND SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: You know about the Erwin Brand Scholarship and perhaps read Kevin's article about it in the *Fort Wayne Lutheran*. If you know of someone with children who may be interested in joining us at Zion and availing him/herself of this scholarship, please have him/her contact the office. Schools, including LSUS and CLHS, are enrolling now.

GRADUATIONS: This is the time of the year for end of school activities, including graduations. LSUS's 8th grade graduation will be held at Zion this afternoon at 1 PM, with a reception following in Bauer Hall. Congratulations to our graduates. They are in our prayers.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Colossians 3:2—"Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Last week's verse was John 16:22.

CLHS is looking for teachers — math, science, technology, visual art, JROTC, and study center assistant. To apply for an open position, please send your resume and cover letter to Concordia High School, 1601 St. Joe River Dr., Fort Wayne, 46805 or go to www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Most consider family inheritance as something that happens at the end of life. Yet in current circumstances, family needs might make sense for creating a current distribution to family. How much can you give family today? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in understanding. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnfd.org.

THE LCMS FOUNDATION has the following opportunities available for employment: Vice President for Investment Services, Gift Processing Support Specialist, Gift Processing Specialist, and a Gift Planning Counselor for the Upper Midwest. Please visit www.lcmsfoundation.org/careers for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE: Saint Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Rummage Sale in the school's gymnasium – 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733 – on Friday June 6th from 8:00 am-4:00 pm and Saturday June 7th from 8:00 am-NOON. Saturday will be the bag sale day; \$2.00 each paper grocery bag or \$5.00 per 13-gallon garbage bag (bags are provided).

RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA has a lot of upcoming activities ... Father's Day Night at the TinCaps on June 10th! Visit ichooselife.org/tincaps for info and tickets; a 3-day Pro-Life Summer Camp for high school and college-aged students Thursday, June 12th-Saturday, June 14th on the University of St. Francis campus. Visit ichooselife.org/camp for info and registration; and Day of Dobbs Celebration, an open house and cookout on June 21st from 11am-3pm at 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, to commemorate the *Dobbs* Supreme Court decision anniversary! Visit ichooselife.org/dobbs for info.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

John 16:12-22

Luke 12:1-12

Luke 12:13-34

Luke 12:35-53

Luke 12:54-13:17

Luke 13:18-35

Luke 14:1-24

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 11:1-18

Leviticus 21:1-34

Leviticus 23:1-22

Leviticus 23:23-44

Leviticus 24:1-23

Leviticus 26:1-20

Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21: 9-14, 21-27

John 16:23-33



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Salvation to Jew and Gentile through Faith

[I]n the entire Book of Acts, taken as a whole, nothing is discussed except that Jews as well as Gentiles, righteous men as well as sinners, are to be justified solely by faith in Christ Jesus, without Law or works. ... Therefore for the Gentiles to be justified by faith is nothing else than that men who do not perform the Law and its works, who are not circumcised and who do not perform sacrifices, are justified and receive the Holy Spirit. How? Not through the Law and its works — for they do not have the Law — but gratis and without the intervention of anything else except the hearing of the Gospel.

Thus Cornelius and his friends whom he had called to his house do not do anything, nor do they look at any preceding works; and yet as many as are present receive the Holy Spirit. ... They are paying attention only to the words of Peter. By his proclamation he brought the Holy Spirit into their hearts, and visibly at that; for they spoke with tongues and praised God. ...

It is also evident in Acts how much the Jews were amazed at this unheard-of thing. “For the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter to Caesarea were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius” (Acts 10:45). Also those who were in Jerusalem criticized Peter for going to uncircumcised men and eating with them (Acts 11:3). But when they had heard the story told by Peter in the sequence in which it had happened with Cornelius, they were amazed, glorified God, and said: “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted salvation” (Acts 11:18)....

Thus in Acts you will find the comments, the experiences, and the sermons of the apostles, as well as examples in support of this argument [the righteousness of faith] against the stubborn notion of the righteousness of the Law.
Luther's Works, 26:205-207.

Soli Deo Gloria



**The Old Crown Brass Band
&
The Steuben County Festival Choir**

present

**A Celebration of Sacred Music for Brass and Choir
Sunday, May 18 at 3pm**

Free Admission

**Zion Ev. Lutheran Church
2313 S. Hanna Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana**





As they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1:9

The Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 29th, 7:00 p.m.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR COWBOY COOKOUT

June 14, 2025 here
at Zion Lutheran
Church inside of
Bauer Hall 2313 S.
Hanna St., Doors
open at 5:00

Cocktails at 5:30 PM
Dinner is at 6:00 PM
Featuring :mini silent
auction, raffle, Bbq
buffet, live music,
dancing and spirits.
This event is to support
Lutheran South Unity
School. Tickets are \$50
per person make checks
payable to Zion.

Throw on some Jeans & Cowboy boots
and join in on the fun



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Mary	August
Noel	Javier
Eliza	Michael S.
Joy	Khloe
Tra'von	Damari
Kiarah	Jayden
Mr. Mertz	LSUS: Last week of school!



Celebration of the Arts

On May 2, 2025, LSUS hosted its annual Celebration of the Arts at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This event showcased the creative talents of students across all grade levels, featuring a variety of musical performances (including singing, dance, and musical instruments) and art. The celebration highlighted LSUS's commitment to fostering artistic expression and providing students with opportunities to share their creativity with the community. Through this event, LSUS continues to emphasize the importance of the arts in education and its role in nurturing well-rounded individuals.



PHOENIX SPORTS

Cheer on our Phoenix Track Team at our meets:

LSAA City Track meet (field events and trials):

Tuesday, May 20th at Zollner Stadium: Start time 4pm

LSAA City Track meet (finals and relays):

Thursday, May 22th at Zollner Stadium: Start time 4pm



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2025- 2026

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RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT LSUS
FAMILIES IS ON FAST DIRECT NOW.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

-Proverbs 3: 5-6