

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ..... Sunday, May 25, 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.

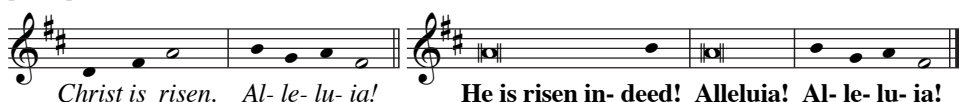
✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*  
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is *appropriate to sit if needed*

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

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### [ 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] *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain\_\_ you; || he will never permit the | right- eous to be | moved.*

Verse 1: **My heart is in anguish with- | in\_\_ me; || the terrors of death have | fall- en up- on | me.**

Verse 2: *But I | call to God, || and the | Lord will save\_\_ | me,*

Verse 3: **Evening and morning | and at noon || I utter my complaint and moan, | and he hears my | voice.**

Verse 4: *He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage, || for many are ar- | rayed a- gainst\_\_ | me.*

Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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## Kyrie



Lord, have mer- cy up - on\_\_ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord\_\_ have mer - cy up - on\_\_ us.

## Gloria



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



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



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



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



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



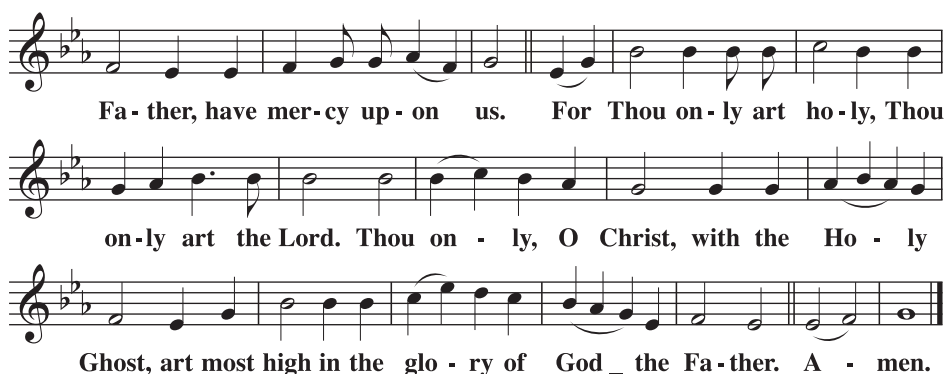
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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



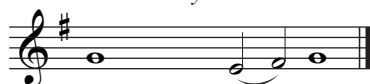
world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit- test at the right hand of God the



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 Sixth Sunday of Easter:** *O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 16:9-15

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

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

[ Rise ] **Sequence Hymn** ..... Christ is Arisen ..... Burgundy Hymn 459

**Holy Gospel** ..... St. John 16:23-33

[ 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 ..... Dear Christians ..... Burgundy Hymn 556: 1 - 8**

[ Sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6;  
All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Sing stanzas 9 & 10 after the Sermon. ]

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ..... Dear Christians ..... Burgundy Hymn 556: 9 & 10**

[ All sing stanzas 9 & 10. ]

[ 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:

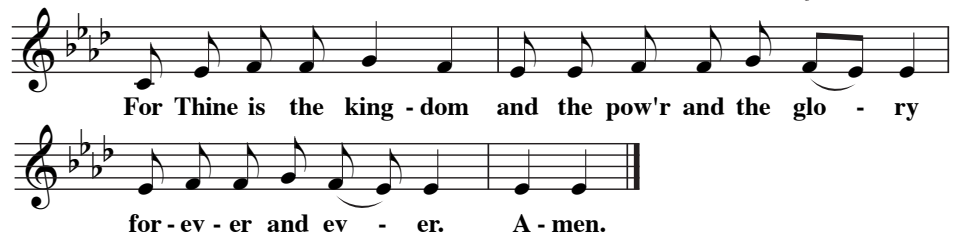
Ho - ly, \_ ho - ly, \_ ho - ly, \_  
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and \_ earth are  
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless-ed is \_ He that com - eth in the name \_ of the





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

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

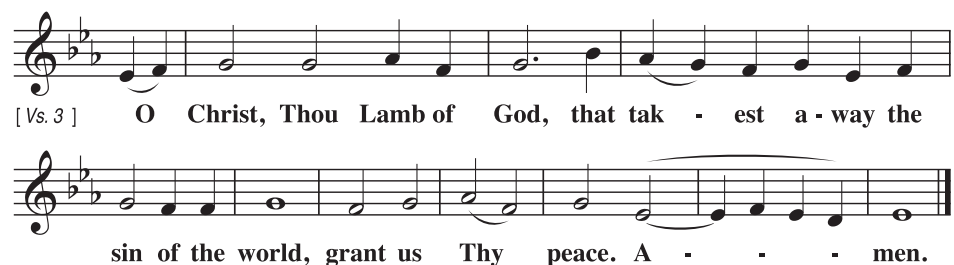
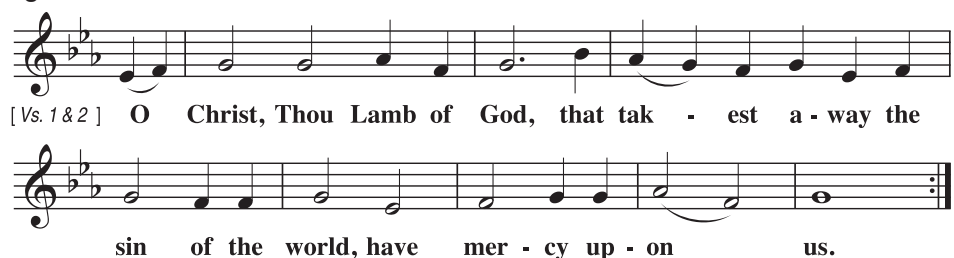


**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

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



**Agnus Dei**



[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **Hear Us Father** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 773**  
**Jerusalem the Golden** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 672**  
[ 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**



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



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



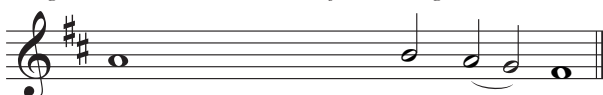
4. Glo- ry be to the  
Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it was in the  
beginning, is  
now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Post Communion Rite

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A - men.

*The Lord be with you.*

*Bless we the Lord.*



And with thy spir - rit.



Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A - men, A - men, A - men.



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

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

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

## Recessional Hymn .. Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won ... Burgundy Hymn 490

## Postlude

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## **Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **The First Reading is Acts 16:9-15**

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

### **The Epistle is Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ...

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### **The Gospel is John 16:23-33**

[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

## Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

### LSB459 Christ Is Arisen

German 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> cent.

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1. Christ is arisen From the grave's dark prison.  
So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!
2. Were Christ not arisen, Then death were still our prison.  
Now with Him to life restored,  
We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!
3. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Now let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

### LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All

Martin Luther

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won,  
What price our ransom cost Him!
2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- M 3. My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- W 4. But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.
- M 5. God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."

- W 6. The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.
7. To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.
8. "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

### **LSB556 Dear Christians, One and All**

**Martin Luther**

9. "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.
10. "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."

### **LSB773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray**

**Chad L. Bird**

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1. Hear us, Father, when we pray, Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.  
By Your Spirit's Word convey All that we through Christ inherit,  
That as baptized heirs we may Truly pray.
2. When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading,  
May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding;  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
3. Jesus, advocate on high, Sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,  
Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may falter;  
Place them on Your Father's throne As your own.
4. By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications,  
As like incense they ascend To Your heav'nly habitations.  
May their fragrance waft above, God of love.

## LSB672 Jerusalem the Golden

Bernard of Cluny, 12<sup>th</sup> cent.

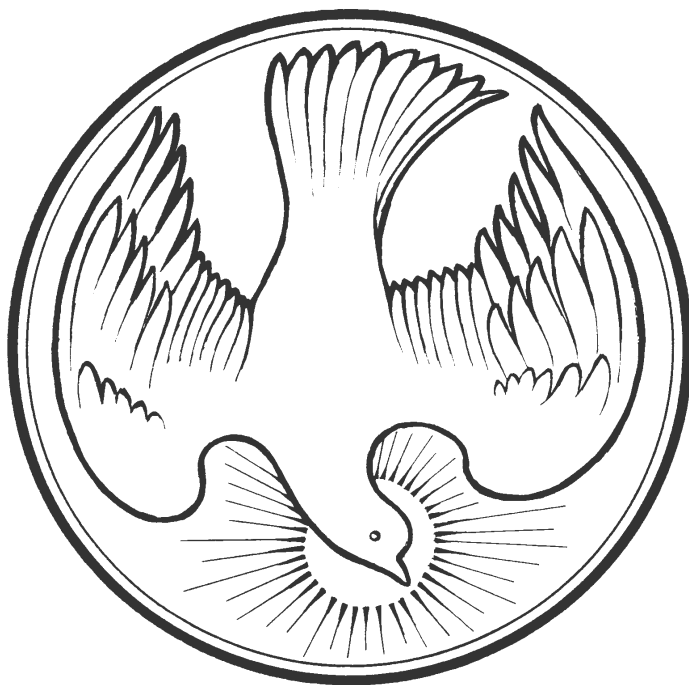
1. Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest —  
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest —  
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there;  
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!
2. Within those halls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels and all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;  
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.
3. Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,  
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.
- △ 4. O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

## LSB490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Christian Fürchtegott Gellert

1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
3. Jesus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever,  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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

Field Workers:

Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

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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 fieldworker Nate Demlow, vicar-elect Matthew Harrison, 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 Frank Jackson, Earl Marcel Sisson, Richard Lammert, 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, especially Michael & Sarah Hollman
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, including André Woodard
- + For those who mourn the death of loved one, especially Alesa Rogers and family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Marq Rogers
- + 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Michael & Sarah Hollman, given with love by Sarah's mother Ardis Behrendt. Thanks be to God for bestowing His love on the couple through the years. The Altar Vases are given by Pastor & Marge Punke in celebration of André Woodard's baptism. 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 25 2025 thru May 31, 2025**

|               |                |  |                        |
|---------------|----------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>SUN.</b>   | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>Divine Service</b>                    | <b>Church</b>          |
|               | 10:45 AM       | Adult Bible Study                        | Bauer Hall             |
|               | 10:45 AM       | Alternate Adult/Teenager Bible Study     | Conference Room        |
| <b>MON.</b>   |                | <b>Office Closed — Memorial Day</b>      |                        |
| <b>TUES.</b>  | 10:00 AM       | Marq Rogers-Neal Visitation              | Narthex                |
|               | 11:00 AM       | Marq Rogers-Neal Funeral                 | Church                 |
| <b>WED.</b>   | 12 NOON        | <i>Administrative Council Meeting</i>    | <i>Conference Room</i> |
|               | <b>5:30 PM</b> | <b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>          | <b>Church</b>          |
| <b>THURS.</b> | <b>7:00 PM</b> | <b>Ascension Festival Divine Service</b> | <b>Church</b>          |
| <b>SAT.</b>   | 11:00 AM       | Private confession                       | Church                 |
|               | 1:00 PM        | Adult Catechesis                         | Conference Room        |

### **June 1, 2025**

|             |                |                       |                 |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>SUN.</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>Divine Service</b> | <b>Church</b>   |
|             | 10:45 AM       | Education Hour        | Various         |
|             | 1:00 PM        | CLHS Graduation       | Embassy Theatre |

## **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.

**REMEMBER,** Monday is Memorial Day. The office will be closed.

**FUNDRAISER:** we are in need of \$10 gift cards donations for the Cowboy Cookout. If you are willing to help with this, please stop by Julie's Scrip table and purchase one from the array of cards available. They'll be put into gift bags and raffled off for a chance to win a \$50 card.

**LWML LADIES,** we will be delivering the socks on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Nicole will take a picture with us and will give us a tour of the Rescue Mission along with explaining about volunteering and operational things. If you are interested, meet us here at Zion at 10:30 AM.

**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:** If you know of someone with children who may be interested in joining us at Zion and availing him/herself of the Erwin Brand scholarship, please have him/her contact the office. Schools, including LSUS and CLHS, are enrolling now.

**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 — English, science, theology, visual art, substitute 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](http://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. Creating a future gift in your estate plan to family or ministry might seem frustrating, as you won't get to see the impact it makes. To soften this concern, you can prepare a statement to deliver to family or ministry, expressing your intent for the gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin thinking about what you would share. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://ichooselife.org/dobbs) for info.

**ST. PETER'S** cordially invites our neighbors at Zion to this year's Germanfest lunch on Sunday, June 1. Lunch will be in the pavilion at the intersection of Warsaw and Dewald Streets beginning at 11:30 (beer is not available until noon ... thank you State of Indiana). The menu includes brats, kraut, red cabbage, cake, and beverages. Hot dogs, applesauce, and chips are available for children. Adults: \$12, 6-12: \$6, 5 and under: free. Family maximum: \$50. Maribeth Leininger says, "Please let me know if you have any questions — 260-615-9895.

## 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 16:23-33

Luke 15:11-32

Luke 16:1-18

Luke 16:19-31

Luke 17:1-19

Luke 17:20-37

Luke 18:1-17

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Acts 16:9-15

Numbers 8:5-26

Numbers 9:1-23

Numbers 10:11-36

Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35

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

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

## THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily] **The Our Father**

## TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26

Revelation 22:1-20

John 17:20-26



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Baptizing Children (Even Entire Households)*

[On the quarrelsome, obstinate rebellious spirits'] side they can produce no statement which says, "You are to baptize adults but no children." We are however persuaded by many good reasons to hold that child baptism is right and that children do believe.

First, because child baptism derives from the apostles and has been practiced since the days of the apostles. We cannot oppose it, but must let it continue, since no one has yet been able to prove that in baptism children do not believe or that such baptism is wrong. ...

In the fifth place, ... [if the church] is the temple of God it is not a haunt of heretics, but true Christendom, which must truly have a baptism which is right beyond any doubt. We see and hear of no other than child baptism, whether under the pope, among the Turks, or in all the world. Christ commands the children to come and to be brought to him, and, in Matt. 19 (:14) says that theirs is the kingdom of God. The apostles baptized entire households [Acts 16:15]. ...

In the sixth place, since God has made a covenant with all heathen through the gospel and ordained baptism as a sign thereof, who can exclude the children? ... [H]e commands that all the world shall receive it. On the strength of that command (since none is excluded) we confidently and freely baptize everyone, excluding no one except those who oppose it and refuse to receive this covenant. If we follow his command and baptize everyone, we leave it to him to be concerned about the faith of those baptized.

*Luther's Works*, 40:254, 257-58.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, May 1, 2025  
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary),  
F. Jackson, J. Teasdale, K. Vlot.

Elders absent: W. Krause, T. Muehl.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by continuing the reading of Article V of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on recent deaths and upcoming funerals among members, former members, and friends of Zion, on health and other pastoral care matters, and on adult catechesis. Pastor Punke updated the elders on calls he has made to inactive members, on plans for time away this summer, on the worship returning to the sanctuary, on issues related to the April 9 lightning strike, on the CADDs survey, on LSUS, and on CLHS.

The elders reviewed Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting April 1, 2025, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by June 30, 2025." Pastor Punke included information on calls he had made on inactive members in his pastor's report. Pastor Punke and Melvia will work on developing a list of the longer-term inactive members (those with an absence longer than four Sundays). The elders will review the list with Pastor Punke at the June meeting, and begin determining the best way of contacting these members with the goal of involving them again in the Word and Sacrament ministry of the congregation.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2025, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." This goal is currently on hold; the elders will schedule another *Every One His Witness* workshop for the fall.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: "The Council of Elders will conduct the CADDs survey before Easter 2025." The survey will close on May 4. About two weeks after this date, the synod will send a summary of the results to Zion. The elders approved the establishment of an ad hoc committee to review the survey

results and begin to make recommendations based on them, with the committee consisting of two elders, two members of the Administrative Council, and one member of the Education Council. Frank Jackson and Kurt Vlot are the elders appointed to the committee.

Art Litke, chairman of the Pastoral Support and Assistance Committee, reported that the committee had met on April 24 to make recommendations to the Administrative Council for the salaries for the pastor, the director of music, and the office manager.

The elders completed the review of the Council of Elders' document on Communion Procedure. The document was approved by the council. The document will now be available from the secretary of the congregational assembly (David Laisure) to any member of the congregation, as per Zion By-law XIV.C.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Lammert, Chairman



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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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!

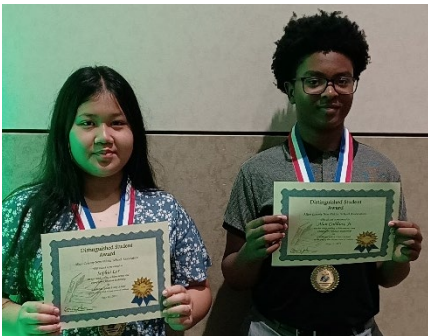
**Please pray for these students/staff:**

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Brayden   | Wayde      |
| Gabby     | Brandon    |
| 1st Grade | Jaylen     |
| Corlesyia | Mr. Cullen |
| Layla     | Camren     |
| Paisley   | Teachers   |
| Samuel    | Workers    |
| Max       |            |



## LSUS Students Recognized at Two Honors Breakfasts

Lutheran South Unity School is proud to celebrate several 8th grade students who were honored at two special events recognizing excellence in academics, leadership, and service.



AJ and Sophia were selected to attend the Allen County Non-Public School Association Honors Breakfast, where top students from area private schools were recognized for their academic achievements and strong character. Representing LSUS with pride, they were acknowledged among the county's best and brightest.

In addition, AJ, Sophia, Gay Doh, and Keh Ter Re were honored with the Lutheran Schools Partnership Honors Award, celebrated at Concordia Lutheran High School. This award recognizes students who exemplify the core values of Lutheran education: academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to others.



These recognitions reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, and LSUS is proud to see them honored in such meaningful ways. Congratulations to all four honorees!

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# OPEN ENROLLMENT

## 2025- 2026

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING  
FOR A GREAT SCHOOL?

LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL WOULD  
LOVE TO SHARE OUR CHRIST-CENTERED  
SCHOOL WITH YOU.

TOURS ARE AVAILABLE SO WE CAN SHARE  
HOW OUR SCHOOL CAN BENEFIT YOUR CHILD.

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



### **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell  
secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall  
be their peace. - Micah 5:5

2025 Summer Outing:

# **Bike the Maumee & Picnic**

**Join your area LCMS brothers and sisters on a bike ride down the Maumee Pathway portion of the Rivergreenway. Bring a lunch for a picnic along the way! The trail is 8 miles out to New Haven, flat and paved, good for any type of bike.**

**When: Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:15am**

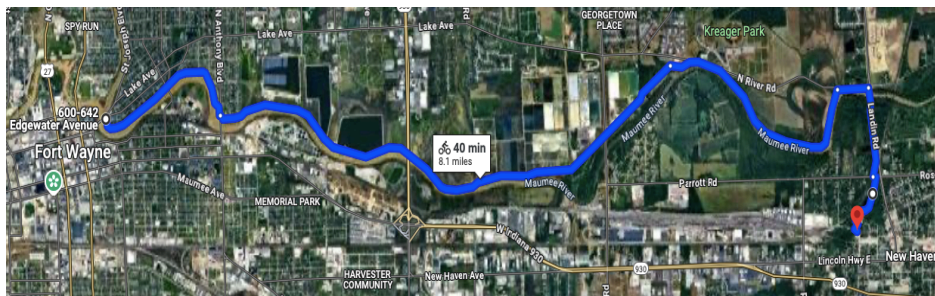
**Where: Downtown Fort Wayne, park along Edgewater Ave, toward the Columbia St Bridge (just mind the No Parking signs at the end)**

**Who: Local LCMS young adults**

**Why: Do something outdoors, active, and fun on one of our three rivers, and meet new people!**

**If there is rain, we will try the Maumee Pathway another day. We will also plan to ride the St. Joe and St. Marys Pathways in the future.**

**For information, more details about this outing (request or offer a bike or bike transportation), or questions, email [jonathan.hynes@icloud.com](mailto:jonathan.hynes@icloud.com) (member Redeemer Fort Wayne). Also get added to the mailing list for future events throughout the summer!**



**Stay tuned for further information about a Hoagland Days outing, June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.**



RIGHT TO LIFE  
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

# DAY OF DOBBS

JUNE 21, 2025

11AM - 3PM

CELEBRATION

PONY RIDES, BALLOON ART,  
COOKOUT FOOD & ICE CREAM TRUCK,  
PRO-LIFE CHALK ART CONTEST,  
TRIVIA & YARD GAMES



3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne IN 46805

**\*Bring a donation for local Pregnancy Resource Centers**

**\*Parking available at Divine Mercy Funeral Home  
(3500 Lake Ave)**

[ichooselife.org/dobbs](https://ichooselife.org/dobbs)

