

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, June 1, 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 Dav



[Antiphon] *Hear my | cry, O God, || listen | to__ my__ | •prayer•; || for you have | been my •refuge•, || a strong tower a- | gainst the en- e- | my.*

Verse 1: **For you, O God, have I heard my vows; || you have given me the heritage of | those who fear your | name. || Prolong the life | of the king; || may his years endure | to all gen- er- | •ations•!**

Verse 2: *May he be enthroned forever be- | fore__ God; || appoint steadfast love and faithfulness | to watch o- ver | him! || So will I ever sing praises | to your name, || as I perform my vows | day__ af- ter | day.*

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] *Hear my | cry, O God, || listen | to__ my__ | •prayer•; || for you have | been my •refuge•, || a strong tower a- | gainst the en- e- | my.*

Kyrie



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



Lord__ have mer - cy up - on__ us.

Gloria



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



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



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



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



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



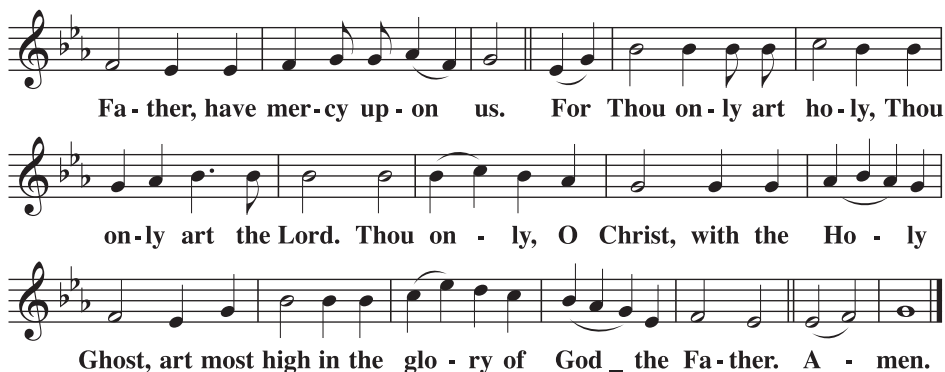
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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



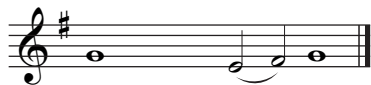
world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the



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 Seventh Sunday of Easter: *O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A—men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

First Reading..... Acts 1:12-26

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

Epistle of the Day Revelation 22:1-20

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

[Rise]

Sequence Hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Burgundy Hymn 821

Holy Gospel St. John 17:20-26

[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 DayChrist Is the World's BURGUNDY Hymn 539

[Rise for stanza 4.]

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] OffertoryCreate 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

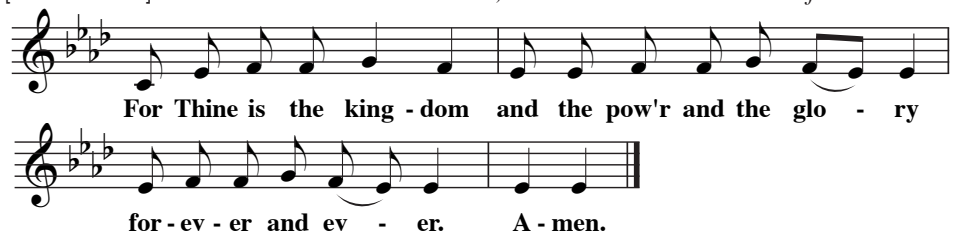
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

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



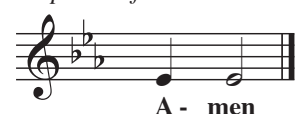
[Remain Standing] **Lord's Prayer**

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

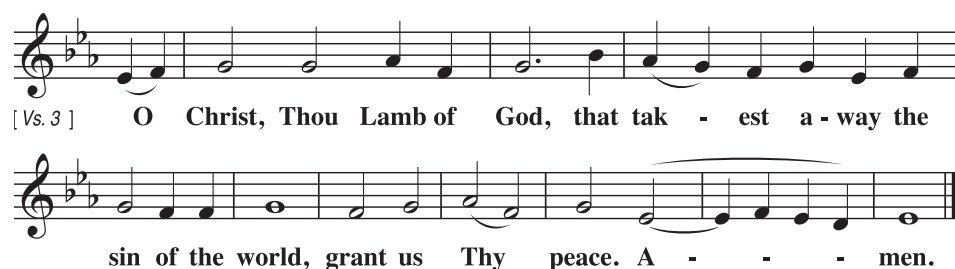
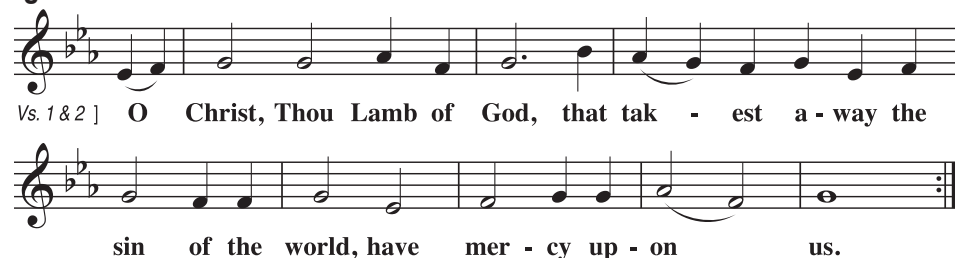


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Christ High-Ascended Burgundy Hymn 840

See, the Conqueror RED Hymn 218

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

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



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.



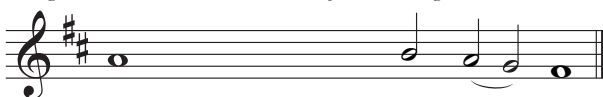
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



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 The Head That Once Burgundy Hymn 532

Postlude

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Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it';
and

'Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Epistle is Revelation 22:1-20

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants

what must soon take place.” “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

The Gospel is John 17:20-26

[Jesus said,] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Hymns for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

LSB821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

William Dix

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

LSB539 Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

attr. Columba

1. Christ is the world’s Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav’nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.
2. Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
This Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff’ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
3. Down in the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav’n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne’er departed, His Father’s and His own.

- △ 4. Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

LSB840 Christ High-Ascended

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
Throned and exalted, victory completed,
Death's dread dominion finally defeated,
We are His witnesses.
2. Christ from the Father ev'ry power possessing,
Who on His chosen lifted hands in blessing,
Sends forth His servants, still in faith confessing,
We are His witnesses.
3. Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
We are His witnesses.
4. Christ in His splendor, all dominion gaining,
Christ with His people evermore remaining,
Christ to all ages gloriously reigning,
We are His witnesses.
5. As at His parting, joy shall banish grieving,
Faith in His presence strengthen our believing;
Filled with His Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
We are His witnesses.

TLH218 See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph Christopher Wordsworth

1. See, the Conqu'ror mounts in triumph; See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot, To His heav'nly palace gate!
Hark, the choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heav'nly King.
2. Who is this that comes in glory With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,—He hath gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose,
He hath vanquished sin and Satan; He by death hath spoiled His foes.

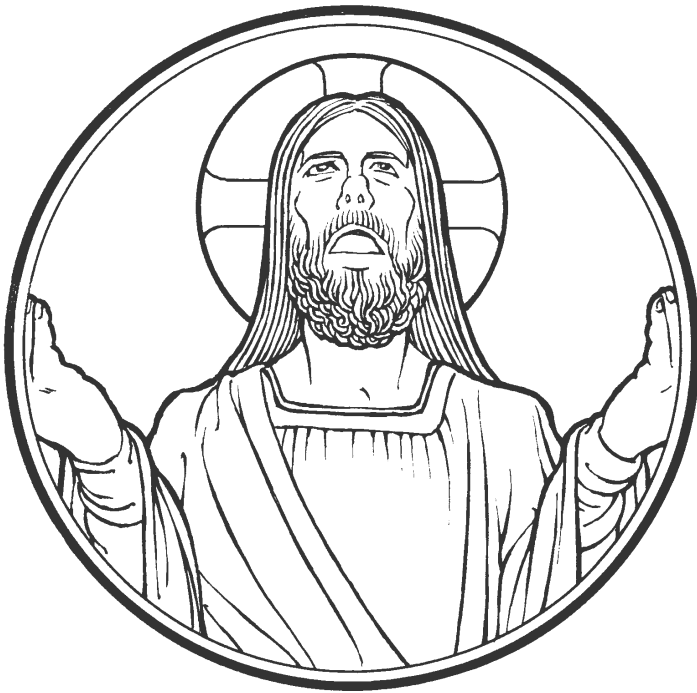
- W 3. While He lifts His hands in blessing He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him, He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated To His everlasting home.
- M 4. Now our heav'nly Aaron enters With His blood within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan, and the kings before Him quail.
Now He plants the tribes of Israel In their promised resting-place,
Now our great Elijah offers Double portion of His grace.
5. Thou hast raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places, There with Thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne.
Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension We by faith behold our own.
- Δ 6. Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm hath won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit! To One God in Persons Three
Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.

LSB532 The Head that Once Was Crowned

Thomas Kelly

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heav'n affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's eternal Light;
3. The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
5. They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
6. The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

The Seventh 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

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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 Mroczewski 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 Lois & George Lange
- + 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, including Donald Bieberich and family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Mary Beth Bieberich
- + 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in honor of Lois & George Lange' anniversary — 65 years of blessings. 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 1, 2025 thru June 7, 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
MON.	1:00 PM	CLHS Graduation	Embassy Theatre
	2-4 PM	Mary Beth Bieberich Visitation	D. O. McCombs on
	6-8 PM		Covington Rd
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mary Beth Bieberich Visitation	Narthex
	11:00 AM	Mary Beth Bieberich Funeral	Church
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	7:00 PM	Council of Elders Meeting	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

June 1, 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.

DISTRICT CONVENTION is fast approaching ... June 19-20 at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. Zach Muehl, your lay delegate, and I, your pastoral delegate, have registered for it. The Convention Workbook is available on the District website for interested members. Visit in.lcms.org/2025-indiana-district-convention and click on the Workbook link.

HELP: The trustees are looking for people who would like to keep Zion beautiful by maintaining the bushes and shrubs around the church and parking lot. If you have a trimmer and can help, contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

LWML LADIES, we will be delivering the socks on June 6th 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: Psalm 56:3—"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Last week's verse was Colossians 3:2.

HEADS UP YOUNG ADULTS (20- and 30-somethings, single, married, new in town, or just looking to connect with other Christ-centered young adults) — this is for YOU! The Bridge – 20/30 Group Launch Night! *Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 PM at The Garden – 3308 N Anthony Blvd* (just down from Holy Cross!). Come, hang out for a chill night with free pizza & drinks, SpeedMeet (like speed dating ... but for making awesome new friends!), low-key yard games, music, laughter, and zero pressure. Let's build a bridge to something better — real (not virtual) friendships, authentic faith, and some seriously good times. For more info contact dschuller@clhscadets.com or rosemarytrent@outlook.com.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates someday. Will my plans preserve what I have gathered or give it away? Most money professionals will speak with you about wealth creation or wealth preservation. The real joy of God's gifts is found in their use, not their hoarding. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin thinking about following Godly desires to distribute gifts through your estate. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfind.org.

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).

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.

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 17:20-26

Luke 18:35–19:10

Luke 19:11-28

Luke 19:29-48

Luke 20:1-18

Luke 20:19-44

Luke 20:45–21:19

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 1:12-26

Numbers 14:26-45

Numbers 16:1-22

Numbers 16:23-40

Numbers 16:41–17:13

Numbers 20:1-21

Numbers 20:22–21:9

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 Feast of Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:23-31



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Call of Paul, Matthias, and Pastors

Now this doctrine of the certainty of the call is extremely necessary on account of the pernicious and demonic spirits. Every minister of the Word may boast with John the Baptist (Luke 3:2): “The Word of the Lord has come upon me.” Therefore when I preach, baptize, or administer the sacraments, I do so as one who has a command and a call. For the voice of the Lord has come to me, not in some corner, as the sectarians boast, but through the mouth of a man who is carrying out his lawful right [in Germany then, it was through the prince]. ...

Therefore when Paul says “not from men nor through man,” he is knocking down the false apostles. ... Therefore Paul deals thoroughly with this doctrine of the call of the apostles. Elsewhere he distinguishes between apostle-ship and other ministries, as in 1 Cor. 12:28 ff. and in Eph. 4:11, where he says: “And God has ordained some in the church as apostles, prophets, etc.” He puts apostles into first place, so that those may properly be called apostles who have been sent immediately by God Himself without any other person as the means. Thus Matthias was called by God alone; for when the other apostles had chosen two men, they did not dare decide between them but cast lots and prayed God to indicate whom He preferred (Acts 1:23-26). Since he was to be an apostle, it was necessary that he be called by God. Thus Paul was called to be the apostle to the Gentiles (Rom. 11:13). This is why the apostles are called saints; for they are sure of their calling and doctrine and have remained faithful in their ministry, and no one of them has become an apostate except Judas, because their call is a holy one.

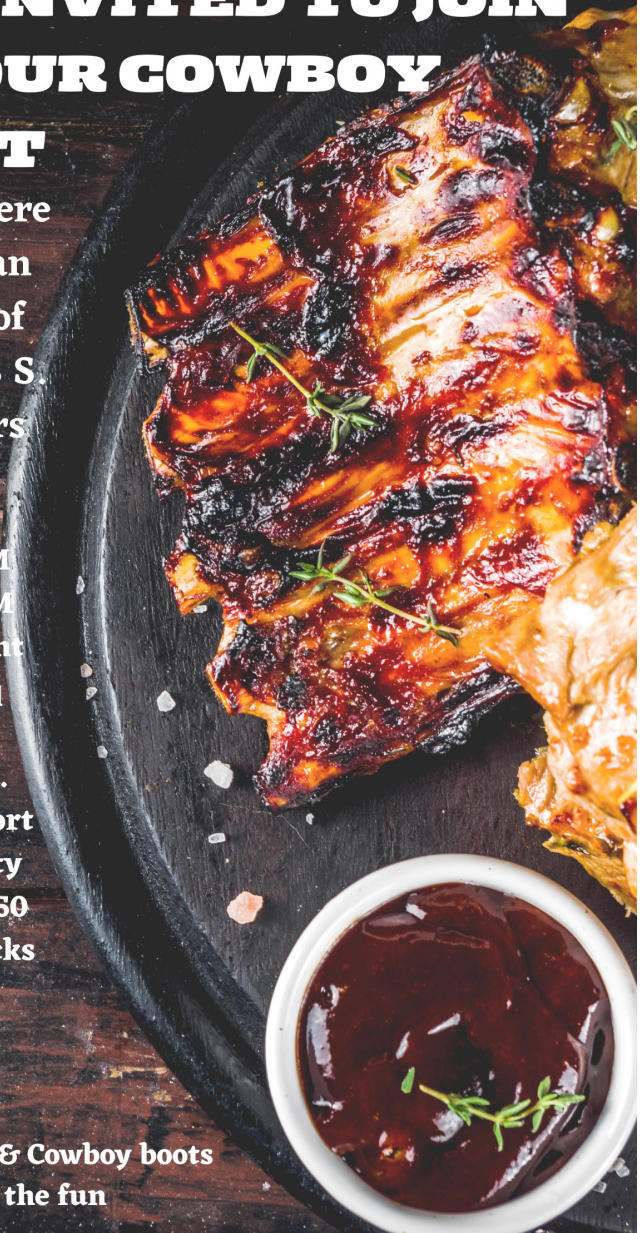
Luther's Works, 26:18-19.

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:

Kindergarten	6 th Grade
1 st Grade	7 th Grade
2 nd Grade	8 th Grade
3 rd Grade	Teachers
4 th Grade	Staff
5 th Grade	



Celebrating the Final Week

This final week of school at LSUS was one to remember, packed with excitement, laughter, and meaningful moments. As the 2024–2025 school year came to a close, students, staff, and families came together to celebrate the end of a challenging year and to look forward with hope and pride.

Graduation Celebration:

Sunday (May 18) afternoon we held the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. Family, friends, and staff gathered to honor our graduates as they prepared to move on to high school. The ceremony featured heartfelt speeches from Lafayette Jordan, Valedictorian, Sophia, and Salutatorian, AJ. We wish our graduates the best as they take their next steps away from LSUS.



Field Day Fun:



The week kicked off with our annual Field Day, a student favorite that brought out everyone's school spirit and energy. From classic relay races and tug-of-war to sack races and water balloon tosses, students of all ages had a blast competing and cheering each other on.



Staff Inflatable Costume Race:

The staff surprised students with a hilarious inflatable costume race! Dressed in oversized inflatable costumes, teachers and staff members raced across the field to the cheers and laughter of students. The playful competition brought the entire school community together in a joyful celebration. Congrats to Pastor Ben on his victory!





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.

CONTACT BARB JOHNSON -- ADMISSIONS
BJOHNSON@LSUSFW.ORG
260-744-0459

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



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:13



RIGHT TO LIFE
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

DAY OF DOBBS

JUNE 21, 2025

11AM - 3PM

C E L E B R A T I O N

**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)**

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