

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, August 3, 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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### Invocation

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[ *Kneel* ]

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

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

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

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

## Introit



[ Antiphon ] *Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world, || both low and high, rich and | poor to- geth-\_\_ | er!*

Verse 1: **Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price | of his life, || for the ransom of their life is costly | and can •never• suf- | fice.**

Verse 2: *This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve | of their boasts. || Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; Death shall | be their shep-\_\_ | herd,*

Verse 3: **But God will ransom my soul from the power | of She- ol, || for he | will re- ceive\_\_ | 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!**

[ Antiphon ] **Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world, || both low and high, rich and | poor to- geth-\_\_ | er!**

## Kyrie



## Gloria



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



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



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



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

*The Lord be with you.*



A—men!

**+ The Office of the Word of God +**

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

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[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. Alleluia!*



[ *The Gospel is proclaimed.* ]



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

**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.**

**Hymn of the Day ..... Gracious God, You Send ..... Burgundy Hymn 782**

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Sermon

[ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... Hear our prayer.  
[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... Amen.

[ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

[ Rise ] Offertory .....Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Common Preface, Sanctus

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

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

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

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

Musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men."

**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

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

Musical notation for the Words of Institution and Pax Domini. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "A - men."

**Agnus Dei**

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!"

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns ..... What Is the World ..... Burgundy Hymn 730**

**All Depends on our Possessing .... Burgundy Hymn 732**

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

[ Rise ] **Eucharistic Benediction**

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

**Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis**

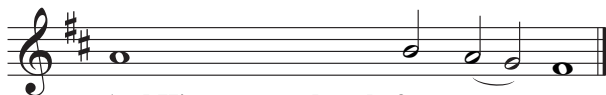
Musical notation for the Post-Communion Canticle. The melody is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word. 2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people. 3. a Light to light— en the Gen— tiles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - - ra— el. 4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost."



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

## Post Communion Rite

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



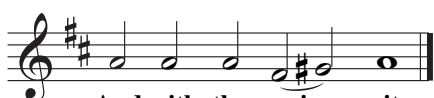
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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



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

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

## Recessional Hymn ..... Who Trusts in God ..... Burgundy Hymn 714

## Postlude

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

### **The Old Testament Reading is Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ...

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ...

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

### **The Epistle is Colossians 3:1-11**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all

away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

### **The Gospel is Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



## Hymns for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### **LSB406 To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord**

**Martin Luther**

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Sts. 5 & 7. See service bulletin or baptismal insert.

### **LSB782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

**Gregory J. Wismar**

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1. Gracious God, You send great blessings New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise.

*Refrain:* Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.

2. By Your Word you formed creation Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless measure May our care encircle all. *Refrain*
3. In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

- △ 4. Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace,  
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

### **LSB730 What Is the World to Me**

**Georg Michael Pfefferkorn**

1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my Treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shalt be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
2. The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!
3. The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!

4. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

### **LSB732 All Depends on Our Possessing**

*Andächtige Haus-Kirche*

1. All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart.
2. He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me  
Will remain my help divine.
- W 3. Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
- M 4. When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender Soul and body I surrender,  
For on God alone I build.
5. Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.
6. If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

### **LSB714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode**

**Joachim Magdeburg**

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses.  
In You alone, dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,  
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.

2. Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,  
While You are near, We shall not fear; Your strength shall never fail us.  
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps for ever;  
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our lives from You will sever.
3. In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet shall stand securely;  
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely.  
O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit  
Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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

Field Workers:

Nathaniel Demlow

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),

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

Tiffany Scheurich (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), Rachel Wiegman (K-1),

Michelle Madden (K-2), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Elisa Sawall (Music), Lee Buxton (PE),

Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Arianna Case (LSEM), Melissa White & Sarah Wheaton (Title I Tutors)

### 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 preparing for the start of another academic year, our fieldworker Nate Demlow, and vicars Matthew Harrison and Paul Mroczenski (Paul 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.
- + 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, including Alyssa Seifert
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 24<sup>th</sup> birthday of Alyssa Seifert by her parents David & DaVanna Seifert. 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**

### **August 3, 2025 thru August 9, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confessions	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

### **August 10, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz continues in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Our alternate adult/teenage class will begin again after school starts back up (exact date tbd).

**FYI:** Today after church service at 10:30 AM Congregational Assembly will take place. This meeting includes election of officers and board members, approval of the 25/26 budget and various reports. Also LWML ladies will hold a meeting August 17<sup>th</sup> right after church service to set the agenda for the rest of the year.

**REMEMBER** there is a weekday Bible class, in our Bauer Hall every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Pastor Jim Teasdale is teaching the class. Lutheran adults—both men and women—from any congregation are most welcome; we have recently had regular attendees from five area congregations.

**MITE BOXES** are used to collect money for missions. Please pick up one from the table and return it back once it's full. All donations are turned in to the LWML society to further God's kingdom through the 31 mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions. There are bookmarks on the round table that shows where the money is going.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Colossians 1:5—"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Last week's verse was Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

**LSUS:** It's back-to-school time! There are lots of deals on school supplies now. With school starting on August 20, please consider helping LSUS Art Classes by donating some items. See the display board in the Great Hall for items needed such as Crayola markers, crayons, Elmer's glue sticks, sharpies, pencils, erasers, and scissors. Take a stick and return the item to the designated box by August 17! Thank you for your partnership with LSUS.

**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? Estate planning can be a bit unsettling as it punctuates the finite number of days here in this life. Yet our life in Jesus is eternal, without end. How will decisions in your estate plan keep the focus on things that matter eternally? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you find that eternal focus. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**RLNI:** join in for their pro-life seminar discussing Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) on **July 28th, from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the RLNI Training Center (3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46835). MAiD refers to the practice of a healthcare professional providing a terminally ill patient with the means to end their life. Come learn how to address this end-of-life issue, as a Christian who professes that God alone is the Author of Life. RSVP at [ichooselife.org/seminar](http://ichooselife.org/seminar) or email [abigail@ichooselife.org](mailto:abigail@ichooselife.org). Light refreshments will be served. Also, You're invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for the Fall Banquet with **keynote speaker Kirk Cameron!** Come celebrate our 51st year, as an organization. Tickets are available for purchase. This event is expected to be a record-breaking size.

**WYNEKEN MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is seeking a school teacher (4th grade and/or 5th grade) for the 2025-2026 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. In addition, Wyneken has an opening for a part-time teacher's aide. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org).

**CTSFW** invites applications for an Admission Coordinator to assist the Assistant Vice President (AVP) of Admission. This position manages all Admission data in Salesforce (CRM) and provides administrative, organizational, and project management support to the AVP and Admission Counselors. The role also includes coordination of office operations, supervision of student workers, and scheduling of campus visits for prospective students and applicants. For a full position description and to apply, visit [ctsfw.edu/employment](http://ctsfw.edu/employment).

## For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

### Morning Prayer

### DAILY LECTIONARY

### Evening Prayer

Luke 12:13-21

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Acts 27:27-44

Monday

1 Samuel 18:10-30

Acts 28:1-15

Tuesday

1 Samuel 19:1-24

Acts 28:16-31

Wednesday

1 Samuel 20:1-23

1 Corinthians 1:1-25

Thursday

1 Samuel 20:24-42

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16

Friday

1 Samuel 24:1-22

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Saturday

1 Samuel 25:1-22

### THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily] **The Our Father**

### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-16

Luke 12:22-40



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Power of Baptism Received by Faith*

The children of Israel, whenever they turned to repentance, remembered above all their exodus from Egypt, and remembering turned back to God who had brought them out. Moses impressed this memory and this protection upon them many times, and David afterwards did the same. How much more ought we to remember our exodus from Egypt, and by this remembrance turn back to him who led us through the washing of regeneration [Titus 3:5], remembrance of which is commended to us for this very reason! This can be done most fittingly in the sacrament of bread and wine. Indeed, in former times these three sacraments—penance, baptism, and the bread—were all celebrated at the same service, and each one supplemented the other. We also read of a certain holy virgin who in every time of temptation made baptism her sole defense, saying simply, “I am a Christian”; and immediately the enemy recognized the power of baptism and of her faith, which clung to the truth of a promising God, and fled from her.

Thus you see how rich a Christian is, that is, one who has been baptized! Even if he would, he could not lose his salvation, however much he sinned, unless he refused to believe. For no sin can condemn him save unbelief alone. All other sins, so long as the faith in God’s promise made in baptism returns or remains, are immediately blotted out through that same faith, or rather through the truth of God, because he cannot deny himself if you confess him and faithfully cling to him in his promise. But as for contrition, confession of sins, and satisfaction [these are the three parts of the Roman Catholic sacrament of penance.], along with all those carefully devised exercises of men: if you rely on them and neglect this truth of God, they will suddenly fail you and leave you more wretched than before. For whatever is done without faith in God’s truth is vanity of vanities and vexation of spirit [Eccles. 1:2, 14].

*Luther’s Works*, 36:60-1.





# **Zion Church Picnic**

**AUGUST 24, 2025  
AT 12 NOON**

**BRATS, BURGERS, HOT DOGS AND  
DRINKS ARE PROVIDED**

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR  
DESSERT TO SHARE**

**Bring a board game, cards  
or be ready to sing karaoke**





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

**FACTS: Lack of diapers can prevent parents from sending children to childcare, impacting both parents' work and their children's early education opportunities**

Zion is collecting diapers for the community diaper give-a-way event on Sept 6th.

ALL size diapers are needed.

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

Last day to bring diapers will be August 24th.

**\*Last year we gave away 6500 diapers to the community, that's 205 families that got diapers from us.**

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## **Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose**

**Dr. Jeffrey Leininger**

*"...brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1 (ESV)*

What is God calling me to do? What is the one thing I was placed on this planet for? How can I discover it? What if I miss it? These questions plague us all, whether we're young and ambitious or retired and asking, "what's next." The truth is, however, there is not one thing that you're meant to do. We have multiple callings, and they are unfolding right now. Pastor Leininger will walk us through the theological teaching on vocation, and apply it to the issues affecting Christian men in an increasingly unchristian world.

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