

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

9:00 am ..... Sunday, August 24, 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 of the Day



[Antiphon] *I will speak of your testimonies before | kings, [O Lord] || and shall | not be put to | shame\_\_\_. || I will sing of the steadfast love of the | LORD for- •ever•; || with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness | to all gen- er- | •ations•.*

Verse 1: **For I said, “Steadfast love will be built | up for- •ever•; || in the heavens you will es- | •tablish• your faith- ful- | ness\_\_\_\_\_.” || Let the heavens praise your | •wonders•, O LORD, || your faithfulness in the assembly | of the ho- ly | ones!**

Verse 2: *Blessed are the people who know the | fes- tal shout, || who walk, O LORD, in the | light\_\_ of your | face\_\_, || who exult in your name | all the day || and in your righteous- | ness\_\_ are ex- | •alted•.*

Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | Spir- it; || 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 - mighty.



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 Commemoration of St. Bartholomew, Apostle:** *Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

**Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:** *O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door: Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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** +

**Old Testament Reading..... Proverbs 3:1–8**

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

**Epistle of the Day ..... 2 Corinthians 4:7–10**

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

[ Rise ]

## Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. But I am among you as the one who serves.” Alleluia!*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 22:24-30**

[ 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!

[ Be Seated ] Hymn of the Day..... God Has Spoken ..... Burgundy Hymn 583

Sermon


Rite of Adult Confirmation

[ 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.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



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. \_

Preface for Apostles and Evangelists, 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  
Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[ Kneel ] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry  
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

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

A - men

**Agnus Dei**

[ Vs. 1 & 2 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[ Vs. 3 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **Your Table I Approach**..... **Burgundy Hymn 628**

**Oh, That the Lord** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 707**

[ Rise ] **Eucharistic Benediction**

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

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



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



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



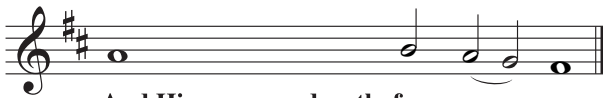
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

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



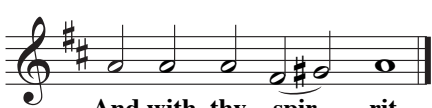
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



A — men, A — men, A — men.

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

Recessional Hymn ..... Spread the Reign ..... Burgundy Hymn 830

Postlude

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# **Readings for the Festival of Saint Bartholomew**

## **The Old Testament Reading is Proverbs 3:1-8**

My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments,  
for length of days and years of life  
and peace they will add to you.  
Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
So you will find favor and good success  
in the sight of God and man.  
  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.

## **The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 4:7-10**

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.

## **The Gospel is Luke 22:24-30**

A dispute also arose among [the disciples], as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And [Jesus] said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

## Hymns for the Festival of Saint Bartholomew

### **LSB583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets**

George W. Briggs

1. God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.
2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.
3. God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

### **LSB628 Your Table I Approach**

Gerhard Volter Molanus

1. Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
2. Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
3. Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
4. Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
5. O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
6. Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

### **LSB707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

Isaac Watts

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in Thy commands—'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

**LSB830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier**

1. Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.
2. Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
3. Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.
4. Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.
5. Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
6. Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

# The Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle



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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 as they 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 or nearing death, especially Chrys Caragounis
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Debra Busche, Frank Jackson, Earl Marcel Sisson, Richard Lammert, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, 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 Pastor & Marge Punke
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially for pregnant mothers, Laikyn Muehl, Courtney Harrison, Jennifer Wessel, and Marie Bahr
- + 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 Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Pastor & Marge Punke (August 23). 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 24, 2025 thru August 30, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service (Adult Confirmation)</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Education Council	Conference Room
	12 NOON	Church Picnic	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
<b>WED.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	5:00 PM	Back to School Night	LSUS
<b>FRI.</b>	5:00 PM	Diaper Packing	Bauer Hall
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confessions	Church

### **August 31, 2025 (Labor Day Weekend)**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 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 on September 7.

**REMINDER:** Today at 12 NOON is the church picnic inside of Bauer Hall. There will be board games, card games, and karaoke singing. Meat and drinks are being provided by the church. Please bring a side dish to share.

**HELP:** TruLaine has scheduled “diaper packing” on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM in Bauer Hall. We need volunteers. If you can help, please contact her at 260-615-1873. By the way, if you still want to donate some diapers, you may until that Friday!

**CALLING ALL** persons who know how to knit, sew, or crochet. For our last community project of the year, the ladies of Zion would love to give wheel chair residents at Lutheran Life Villages (LLV) 36x36 lap blankets. This length assures that it will clear the wheels and not cause a fall. If you would like to help out, please contact Melvia or DaVanna for more information or if you need supplies.

**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:** James 5:16—“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous has great power as it is working” Last week's verse was Mark 12:30-31.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The fall 40 Days campaign begins on September 24, 2025. Pastor Mike Bahr is coordinating our participation. He'll be choosing a date and calling for volunteers to pray for life. I hope you will support this effort. *“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”* (James 5:16).

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about planning our estates. Am I giving things away or am I trying to control how things will be used? It is tempting to try to control the Lord's things, especially for the days after He has called us from this life. With that sense of control, also comes great anxiety. God's gifts are meant to be blessings, not curses. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you rediscover that blessing. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnfd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnfd.org).

**RLNI:** Sidewalk Advocate Training August 26th, 9:00am-12:00pm. Become a Sidewalk Advocate for Life! We'll train you to have compassionate, helpful, winsome interactions with people going into Planned Parenthood. And National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children September 13th, 2:00-3:00pm. Formerly called the Memorial for the Unborn, join us for a memorial to remember the babies from Northeast Indiana who lost their lives to abortion. Held at the Catholic Cemetery on 3500 Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne. 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. **I expect Zion will be getting a table for this event. Look for future announcements.**

**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](https://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

Luke 22:24-30

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

2 Corinthians 6:1-18

2 Corinthians 7:1-16

2 Corinthians 8:1-24

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Proverbs 3:1-8

1 Kings 7:51-8:21

1 Kings 8:22-30; 46-63

1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13

1 Kings 11:1-26

1 Kings 11:42-12:19

1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33-34

### 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:1-8

Hebrews 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14



# What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Wisdom of Heeding God's Word Not Our Folly

[Isaiah writes (Isa. 5)] ...

18. *Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood.* This is the third kind of wild grapes. Not only are you smug in luxury and abandon the Word of God, but you also blaspheme openly, you scoff at both promises and threats, you stubbornly persist in sinning, you are arrogant in the righteousness of the flesh. ...

The work and purpose of the Lord is His Word. The blasphemy against Christ is immediately followed by a counterfeit of reality. Solomon says in Prov. 18:3: When the sinner gets into deep water, he becomes defiant, thereupon he blasphemes, and then his destruction is not far off. ...

21. *Woe to those who are wise!* Solomon says (Prov. 3:5, 7): "Do not rely on your own insight. ... Be not wise in your own eyes." This, too, refers to blasphemers, and we include both teachers and disciples. Their excessive wisdom makes them oppose the Word of God. Christ performed many miracles, but He never made folly look like wisdom. This unquestionably most difficult work and burdensome task He has left for us to carry out together with those who love themselves, so that they might become wise. Whatever is said to them, this they fight against and disparage. One must certainly walk in fear and humility, and we must first give up our own ideas. Then let us see whether what we have heard conforms to the faith. Let our wisdom be brought low and let us walk in fear.

*Luther's Works*, 26:309-10.

# St. Bartholomew, Apostle

## Symbol of SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Saint Bartholomew died by being skinned alive.

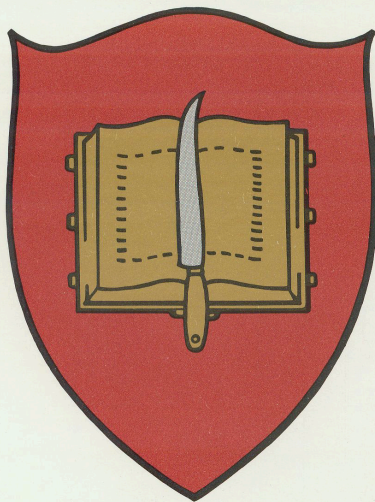
He was tortured to death for the Gospel.

His symbol shows his faithfulness to the word of God, even while the knife reminds us of his terrible tortures.

Other emblems for Saint Bartholomew are three knives; or the branch of a fig tree.

The colors assigned to this emblem are a red shield; a silver knife with a gold handle and a golden book.

Saint Bartholomew's day is August 24 which is always remembered as the day of the terrible slaughter of the Huguenots in France.



This shield (on the lower level of Wyneken Hall at Concordia Theological Seminary) with three flaying knives is another version of the apostolic shield of St. Bartholomew.

This detail from Michelangelo's *The Last Judgement* depicts St. Bartholomew holding a flaying knife in his right hand and his skin in his left hand.





# 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**

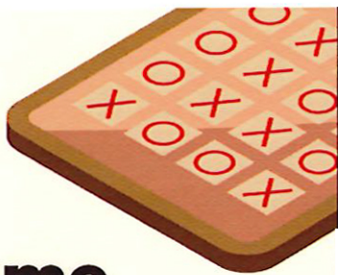
**Bring a board game, cards  
or be ready to sing karaoke**



**Zion Lutheran Church**

# **Invite you to our... family game night!**

**Fun • Laughter • Teamwork**



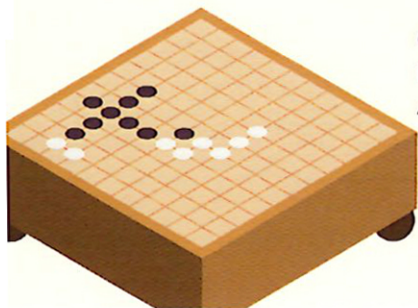
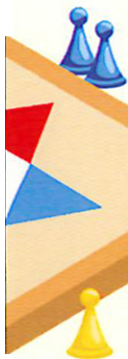
**12 September, 2025  
AT 05:30 pm**

## **What's This All About?**

- Trivia & Puzzles
- Classic Board Games
- Friendly Competitions
- Food for Everyone!

**Great for kids, teens,  
parents & grandparents!**

**Admission: FREE!**





# AUGUST EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

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AUG 2025

## BRIDGE BUNCO BASH

AN EASY DICE GAME THAT'S ALL ABOUT ROLLING, CHATTING, AND HAVING FUN!

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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AUG 2025

## PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

GRAB YOUR PADDLES AND JOIN US FOR A FUN, FREE NIGHT OF PICKLEBALL!

7-9 PM ZOLLNER STADIUM TENNIS  
COURTS 3500 N. ANTHONY

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AUG 2025

## DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "GUARDING YOUR HEART" WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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AUG 2025

## MEETUP - COUNTRY HERITAGE SINGO SOCIAL

SINGO IS LIKE BINGO — BUT WITH SONGS! LISTEN, MATCH THE TUNES TO YOUR CARD, AND WIN FUN PRIZES.

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**Join us for a Men's Retreat!**

**September 26-28, 2025**

Join us for Lutherhaven's Men's Retreat where faith, fellowship and friendly competition meet under the theme of Iron Sharpens Iron.

## **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.

**Come for the food, fellowship, fun and faith that we share** as we dive into a great Topic, Games for guys, engaging Sectionals, Free-time, a Cook Out, and time spent in God's Creation! **Other activities include:** Disc Golf, Basketball, Pickleball, Beach Volleyball, Boating, Self-Guided Hikes, A Game Room, and more.

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