

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

9:00 am ..... Sunday, June 29, 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 ] *I will also speak of your testimonies before | kings, [O Lord] || and shall | not be put to | shame, || for I find | my de- light || in your com- | mand- ments, which I | love.*

Verse 1: **I will sing of the steadfast love of the | Lord, for- •ever•; || with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness | to all ge- ner- | •ations•. || Let the heavens praise your | •wonders•, O Lord, || your faithfulness in the assembly | of the ho- ly | ones!**

Verse 2: *Blessèd 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 | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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## Kyrie



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



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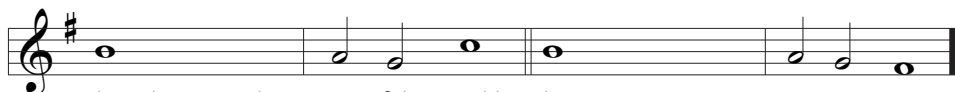
## Gloria



1. *Glory be to . . . . . God on high: And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men*
2. We praise Thee, we  
bless Thee, we . . . . . wor-ship Thee, we glorify 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-  
begotten Son, . . . . . Je- sus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, . . . Son\_\_\_\_ of the •Father, •



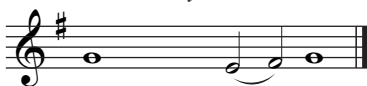
5. That takest away the . . sin •of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on\_\_\_\_ us.
6. Thou that takest  
away the . . . . . sin •of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer •
7. Thou that sittest at  
the right hand of . . . . . God the •Father, • have mercy up - - - - - on\_\_\_\_ us.



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

## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

A ————— men!

A ————— men!

**First Reading** ..... Acts 15:1-21

[ *Rise* ]

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**Hymn of the Day .... Lord Jesus Christ, The Church's .... Burgundy Hymn 647**

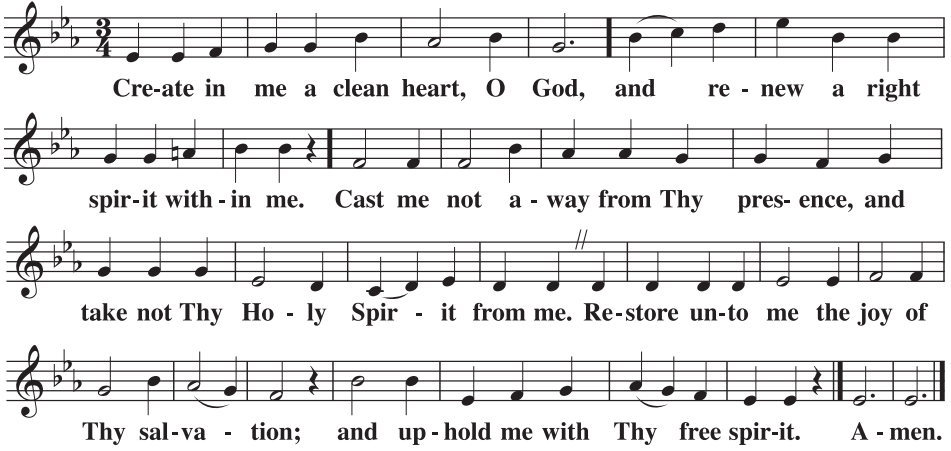
Sermon

[ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church 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

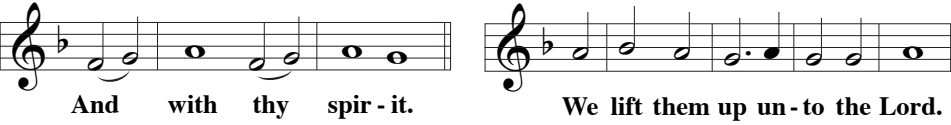


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of  
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

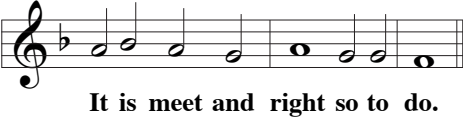
Preface

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.



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

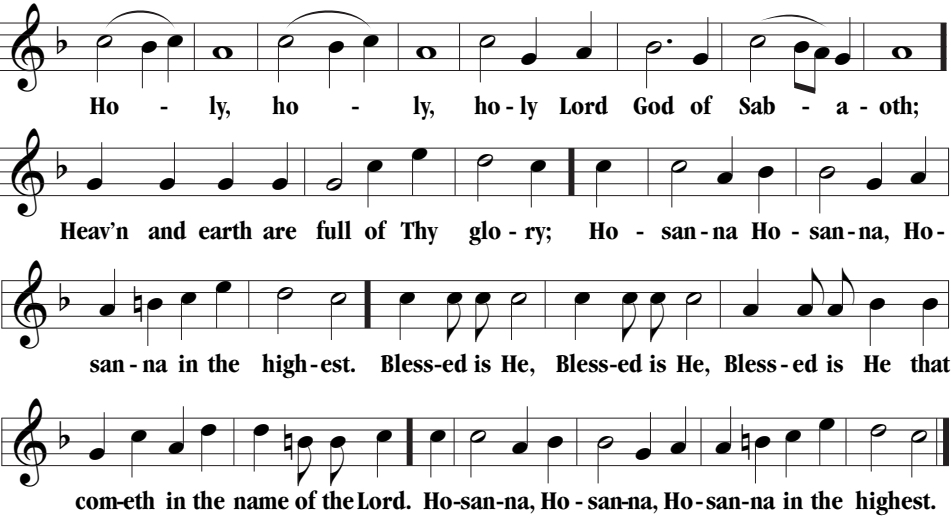
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

Preface for Apostles and Evangelists, Sanctus

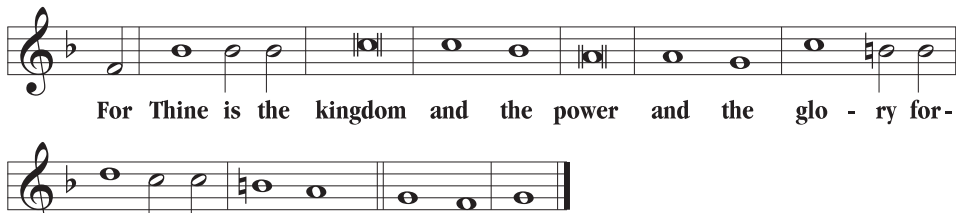
It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
Heav'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.*



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!*



A - men.

**Agnus Dei**



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
*Stanzas 1 and 2* *Stanza 3*  
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!


[ Be Seated ]


**Distribution Hymn ..... Jesus Christ, Our Blessed ..... Burgundy Hymn 627**


[ 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.  


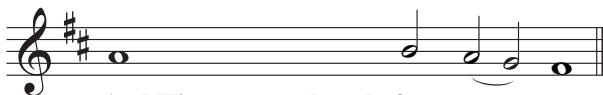
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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 ..... Built on the Rock ..... Burgundy Hymn 645

## Postlude

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# **Readings for the Festival of Saints Peter and Paul**

## **The First Reading is Acts 15:1-12**

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

## **The Epistle is Galatians 2:1-10**

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they

might bring us into slavery—to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

### **The Gospel is Matthew 16:13-19**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”



# Hymns for the Festival of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

## **LSB647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head**

**Johann Mentzer**

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation;  
In You she trusts, before You bows, And waits for Your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.  
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!
2. O Lord, let this Your little flock, Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in Your loving care, True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord, And Your saving Word  
To us, Lord, pure retain. Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.
3. Help us to serve You evermore With hearts both pure and lowly;  
And may Your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow;  
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.  
O make us faithful Christians.
4. And for Your Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross, To find in You all pleasure.  
O grant us steadfastness In joy and distress,  
Lest we, Lord, You forsake. Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and gladness.

## **LSB627 Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior**

**John Hus; German version, Martin Luther**

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1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from evil foe.
2. As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.
3. Jesus here Himself is sharing; Heed then how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe, His judgment then you shall receive.
4. Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.
5. Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.

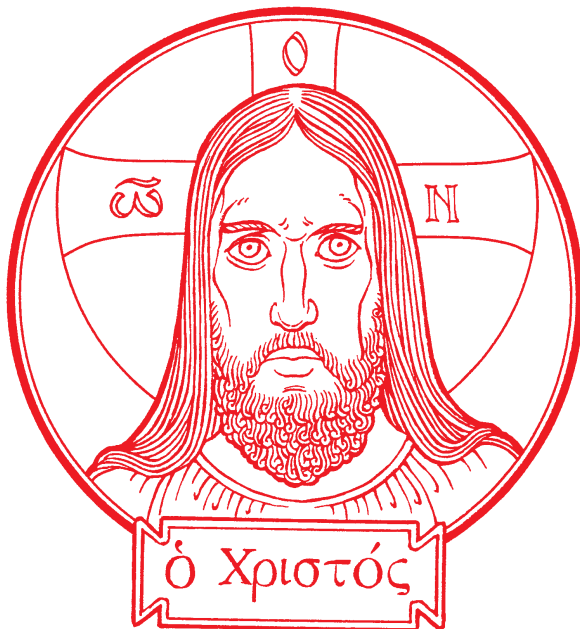
6. Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.
7. Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
8. "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
9. If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
10. Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

### **LSB645 Built on the Rock**

**Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtwig**

1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
2. Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.
3. We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.
4. Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.  
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.
5. Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

# The Festival of Saint Peter & Saint Paul, Apostles



## 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-A),

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

Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Lee Buxton (PE)

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

## PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our teachers nearing the end of another academic year, our 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Ned Hollman
- + 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, including Eva Widener
- + 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 Sts. Peter & Paul. The Cross Bowl, in honor of Eva Widener whose birthday is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, is given by her daughter Joyce Gottschalk. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in honor of the 29<sup>th</sup> baptism and birthday of Ned Hollman by his grandmother Ardis Behrendt. "Thanks be to God for planting the seed of the Gospel in Ned's heart many moons ago. 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 29, 2025 thru July 5, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Education Council meeting	Conference Room
<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>		Independence Day — 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	
<b>SAT.</b>		Private Confession	Church
		NO Adult Catechesis this week	

### **July 6, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz continues in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Because Pastor Punke is going to be gone all of July, our alternate adult/teenage class is being suspended until after school starts back up (exact date tbd).

**FYI:** Marge, Keiko & I will be gone for the whole month of July. If you need anything please call the office, and Melvia will have one of the elders get back to you.

**THANKS TO THESE SERVANTS** who have already stepped in or will step in to lead the Divine Service in Pastor's absence (Rev. Richard Lammert – June 22, Rev. Michael Bahr – July 6, Rev. Dr. Jim Voelz – July 13, Rev. Michael Bahr – July 20, Rev. Dr. Roland Ziegler – July 27); and to Benjamin Wessel who is stepping in to teach Adult Catechesis July 12 & 19.

**SOMETHING NEW** A decades-long weekday Bible class, originally sponsored by St. Paul's, has moved several times and had several dedicated teachers over the years. Started Tuesday, June 17, it will meet in Bauer Hall each Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Pastor Jim Teasdale has kindly offered to teach the class, following a decade of service by Pastor Geoff Robinson from the Indiana District office. Lutheran adults—both men and women—from any congregation are most welcome; we have recently had regular attendees from five area congregations.

**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. Also, Giving statements will be ready on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ZION GALA PARKING SPACE:** Jim Voelz was the big “winner” of a year's worth of prime parking (marked by the sign). Please do not park in his space. Thank you.

**BRAND SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:** The Education Council will meet today after Divine Service to consider the Brand Scholarship applications and make its recommendations to the Admin Council. Any additional applications need to be turned in by the end of July.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Proverbs 3:5-6—“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.” Last week's verse was Hebrews 13:15.

**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).

**EMMAUS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** is looking for two caring and dependable Preschool Aides to support our 3–5-year-old students in a loving, Christ-centered environment. One position is for the morning shift from 8:15 AM to 1:30 PM, and the other is for the afternoon shift from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Pay is \$12 per hour. Applicants must have a high school diploma and a genuine love for working with young children. All students are potty trained. Our Lutheran preschool is dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus every day. If you're ready to make a meaningful impact in the lives of little ones, contact Joann Olsen at [jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org](mailto:jolsen@emmauslutheranfw.org).

**CROSS CONNECTIONS** is holding an Art & Music Therapy Camp on July 21-24, “Tending to the Garden of Our Soul” for ages 13-16 year olds, 9am-12pm. For more information, contact Cross Connections by July 14, to register (cost is \$30) — 260-373-0213 or [officemanager@crossconnectionsounseling.com](mailto:officemanager@crossconnectionsounseling.com).

**OUR LITTLE PRAISERS** are looking for a Director. We're seeking the right person to step into this meaningful role, someone gifted in leadership, passionate about early childhood, and grounded in love and faith. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions to Jennifer J. Johnson, Executive Director, Praise Lutheran Church, Office: 260-490-7729 ext 304 or Cell: 260-298-9098

## 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

Matthew 16:13-19

Acts 10:1-17

Acts 10:18-33

Acts 10:34-48

Acts 11:1-18

Acts 11:19-30

Acts 12:1-25

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Acts 15:1-12

Joshua 5:1-6:5

Joshua 6:6-27

Joshua 7:1-26

Joshua 8:1-28

Joshua 10:1-25

Joshua 23:1-16

### 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

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Luke 10:1-20



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Being Purified through Faith, Not by the Law*

The Law – not only the Ceremonial Law but also the Moral Law, indeed, even the most sacred Decalog, which contains God’s eternal commandments ... neither gives life nor justifies but kills and causes sin to abound. For no matter how much the Law is taught or observed, it does not purify the heart itself. But if the heart has not been purified, what else are good works, whether ceremonial or moral, but hypocrisy and the outward appearance of piety? Thus Christ says that the Pharisees look fine on the outside but are full of filth inside (Matt. 23:27). The result is that even though a person does not steal or commit adultery in the outward act, nevertheless he is either inwardly inclined toward those very deeds or abstains from them out of love for his own advantage or out of fear of punishment. ... There is nothing, therefore, that sets one free from this impurity of the heart except faith, as is stated in Acts 15:9: “Purifying their hearts by faith,” in order that in this way Paul’s statement in Titus 1:15 may stand: “To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure.” According to the same rule, he says in Rom. 2:21; “You who teach that one must not steal, do you steal?” ...

Therefore unless the doctrine of faith, by which the heart is purified and justified, is revealed, all instruction in all commandments is a matter of the letter and a tradition of the fathers. For the commandment teaches what must be done. Since this could not be done, the doctrine of faith (that is, the Gospel) teaches how it becomes possible. For this doctrine teaches one to flee for refuge to the grace of God and to implore God Himself as the Teacher and Doctor to write into our hearts with the finger of His Spirit His own living, shining, and glowing letters, in order that we may be enlightened and inflamed by them and cry out: “Abba, Father!” (Gal. 4:6.) And this is not instruction of the fathers; it is divine instruction.

*Luther’s Works*, 27:188-89.



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

**FACTS: 5 million babies and toddlers under the age of 3 live in poor and low-income families**

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.**

**For more information contact  
TruLaine Starks 260-615-1873**





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# JULY EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

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JULY 2025

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY TRIVIA NIGHT

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

8

JULY 2025

## DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "CONSISTENCY" WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES

7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

15

JULY 2025

## MEETUP

7 PM HOP RIVER BREWING COMPANY  
1515 N HARRISON ST.

22

JULY 2025

## SAND VOLLEYBALL FREE PLAY-CASH BAR

7-9 PM EMPOWERED SPORTS CLUB  
12124 LIMA RD

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JULY 2025

## LINE DANCING LESSONS - ALL TYPES

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