

# ZION Life Together



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
AUGUST 05, 2018

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

**We will be making a bulk order of personal hymnals for your homes on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**The Order Forms are in the Narthex.** Please fill out an order form, attach a check to it with a paper clip, and place it in the red metal basket on the table.

## PARENTS MEETING FOR FAMILY CONFIRMATION

The meeting will be held after the Divine Service on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## FAMILY CONFIRMATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>!**

## GET YOUR OWN BOOK OF CONCORD: THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

In conjunction with ordering personal hymnals on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will also **make a bulk purchase of the Lutheran Confessions**

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"The *Book of Concord* should be in every Lutheran home. If a person isn't familiar with this book, he'll think, 'That old book is just for pastors. I don't have to preach. After working all day, I can't sit down and study in the evening. If I read my morning and evening devotions, that's enough.' No, that is not enough! The Lord doesn't want us to remain children, blown to and fro by every wind of doctrine; instead of that, He wants us to grow in knowledge so that we can teach others." –C.F.W. Walther

# ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday † August 05

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Sanctuary)

## Monday † August 06

## Tuesday † August 07

## Wednesday † August 08

## Thursday † August 09

## Friday † August 10

## Saturday † August 11

## Sunday † August 12

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Sanctuary)

WANT TO PUT SOMETHING IN THE LIFE TOGETHER FOLDER?

Please email your "blurb" to [secretary@zionaugsburg.org](mailto:secretary@zionaugsburg.org)

## ZION'S ELDERS AND THE CARE OF OUR CONGREGATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ bids the church to keep watch over the flock entrusted to it.

Out of faithfulness to Christ's bidding, love of our brothers and sister in Christ, and to better care for the members of Zion, the elder's will be calling members who have been absent from worship for two consecutive weeks.

## THE CATECHUMENATE BEGINS IN OCTOBER!

The Catechumenate *new (and old) member class* begins **October 20**. Please plan to attend and invite anyone interested in joining Zion.

The tentative schedule is to have the Catechumenate class from 8:30AM-10:00AM every Saturday.

New members will be confirmed and received at the Lord's Table at the Easter Vigil, **April 20**.

The Catechumenate is open to all and the entire congregation is encouraged to come.

## PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer are located underneath the guest registry in the Narthex. Please take one if you will use it.

## FALL FEST SILENT AUCTION

A storage area has been designated for any items you may have or you have obtained from retailers - the MARTHA room in the Fellowship Hall. It will be open on Sundays. If you need access, a contact list is on the door.

**Remember - we need your help NOW in obtaining donations for items to be bid on.** The earlier you ask the retailer, car shop, hair stylist, feed store, or other organizations you visit every day, the better - before they commit to support another auction. **A list is on the bulletin board in the Narthex** where you can write down who you will be contacting (see the ones I have already talked to). **Volunteer, PLEASE!! If any questions, please contact Susan**

## TODAY! LWML MITE OFFERING FOR AUGUST 2018

*August's Mite offering will go to the completion of the Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings of the Lutheran Church in Uganda.*

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN AS THEY BEGIN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**Next Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>,** have your children bring their backpacks. The children will receive a blessing during the Divine Service.

## WANT TO STAY CURRENT ON ZION'S EVENTS?

Visit the church website at **[zionaugsburg.org](http://zionaugsburg.org)** and click EVENTS at the top of the page to view the most current church calendar.

## FORT SMITH CIRCUIT MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ONE-DAY RETREAT

Pastor Josh Willadsen (Bethel Lutheran, Fort Smith), Pastor Jason Zirbel (Grace Lutheran, Fort Smith), and Pastor Shoaff will be hosting a marriage and family retreat on **Saturday, November 12 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Fort Smith**

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- Morning Worship (Matins)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Session: Pr. Willadsen on Marriage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Pr. Shoaff on Children and Family
- Lunch (free)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Pr. Zirbel on the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment and authority
- 4<sup>th</sup> Session: *Practicum* - Pr. Shoaff on leading family devotions in the home
- Afternoon Worship: Evening Prayer

## NEW PRAYER SCHEDULE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month: catechumens, children, and the young people of the congregation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month: councils, boards, all leaders of the congregation, the Synod, and circuit congregations
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month: Our homebound and aged, for those widowed, unemployed, or despairing
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month: For members away at college, seminarians, and our members serving in the armed forces



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



## THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Family Devotions and Prayer  
*For the week leading up to the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*  
**August 05, 2018 through August 11, 2018**

### CATECHESIS NOTES FOR THE WEEK – THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION: ARTICLE XVI

#### [XVI. Concerning Public Order and Secular Government]

[1] Concerning public order and secular government it is taught that all political authority, orderly government, laws, and good order in the world are created and instituted by God [2] and that Christians may without sin exercise political authority; be princes and judges; pass sentences and administer justice according to imperial and other existing laws; punish evildoers with the sword; wage just wars; serve as soldiers; buy and sell; take required oaths; possess property; be married; etc.

[3] Condemned here are the Anabaptists who teach that none of the things indicated above is Christian.

[4] Also condemned are those who teach that Christian perfection means physically leaving house and home, spouse and child, and refraining from the above-mentioned activities. In fact, the only true perfection is true fear of God and true faith in God. For the gospel teaches an internal, eternal reality<sup>88</sup> and righteousness of the heart, not an external, temporal one. [5] The gospel does not overthrow secular government, public order, and marriage but instead intends that a person keep all this as a true order of God and demonstrate in these walks of life Christian love and true good works according to each person's calling. [6] Christians, therefore, are obliged to be subject to political authority and to obey its commands and laws in all that may be done without sin. [7] But if a command of the political authority cannot be followed without sin, one must obey God rather than any human beings (Acts 5[:29\*]).

## THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

*Pray, confess, and discuss as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism, Bible verse, and hymn of the week.*

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

## PSALM *Psalm 68*

## RECITE MEMORY WORK *see page 7*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

**Sunday:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

**Monday:** Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday:** Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.

**Wednesday:** Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

**Thursday:** Prayer for the Church and pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

**Friday:** Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

**Saturday:** Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK *see page 8*

## LORD'S PRAYER AND MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER FROM THE CATECHISM

### LOOKING FORWARD TO LOOKING FORWARD TO TRINITY XI

**Genesis 4:1-15:** Cain's offering was rejected because the faith of his heart was wrong. He trusted in himself and believed the Lord owed him because of his goodness. Abel's offering was accepted because the faith of his heart was in the mercy of God.

**Ephesians 2:1-10:** This classic passage on salvation by grace alone teaches that man is spiritually dead in trespasses and sins apart from the operation of the Holy Spirit and that even faith in Christ itself is a gift of God's grace.

**Luke 18:9-14:** "The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering" (Gen 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God be merciful to me, sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (LSB hymnal notes)

#### LAST WEEK'S LEARN BY HEART

##### *What is the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

#### BIBLE VERSE

##### **Matthew 16:19**

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth <sup>[h]</sup>will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

## THIS WEEK'S LEARN BY HEART

*Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty:

The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven;  
if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

(John 20:22-23)

## BIBLE VERSE

### 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Let a man so consider us,  
as ministers of Christ and  
stewards of the mysteries of  
God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover it is  
required in stewards that one  
be found faithful.

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY "As Surely as I Live," God Said [LSB 614]



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not  
2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and  
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly  
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from  
preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My  
par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you  
loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days."  
par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.  
will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n."

5 The words which absolution give  
Are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but His humble instrument.

7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be  
For absolution full and free,  
In which You show Your richest grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
The purchase of His blood receives.

8 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Angela Waldo, thanksgiving for new position at Russellville Schools;  
Ben Ruley [friend of the Schlittenharts, undergoing treatment for brain tumor];  
Lance Spence [Katie Villalobos' Middle School Principal], undergoing chemotherapy;  
Lisa Graves [sister of Tony Waldo], suffering from severe headaches and undergoing medical testing;  
Darlean Demitt [friend of Tony Waldo] and their unborn twins, safety for mother and twins during pregnancy;  
Joyce Boswell, convalescing at home after fracturing her ankle;  
Roxie Sims [daughter of Robert and Chyral Sims], convalescing at home after motorcycle accident;  
Marla Steuber [wife of Dennis Steuber], undergoing treatment for Multiple Sclerosis;  
Bethany and Dennis [friends of Tasha Schlittenhart];  
Sandy Miller [sister of Wanda Choate & Susie Humphrey], undergoing chemotherapy;  
Nikki Callahan [daughter of Chris Callahan], Emily Shoaff, with child;  
Dorothy Birkhahn, Joyce Boswell, Betty Bocksnick, Gwen Hale, Helen Riek, homebound;  
Talia Paylor, our catechumen;  
Logan Kremers, Canyon Dulli, Matthew Allen, Brian Rutledge, Trent Hale, Keith Olson, Josh Imme, Christopher Stocking, Dale Ozment, Randydon Nichols, serving in the armed forces



*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution, contact Pastor Reed Shoaff at 479-280-2473 (Cell), 479-331-3277 (Church). He's available to take your call day or night.*



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