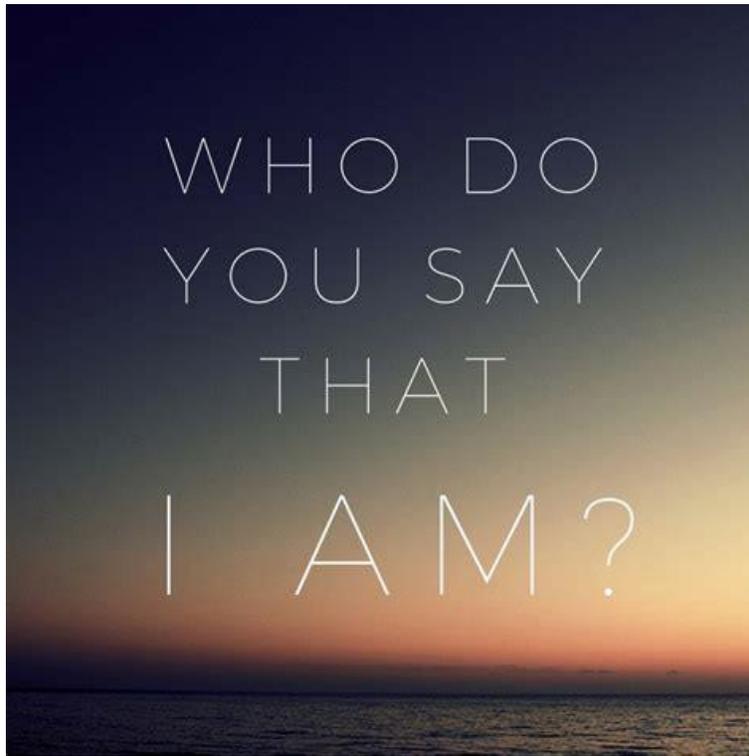


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**A personal prayer before worship:** I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (*Luther's Morning Prayer, M. Luther*)

**+ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR +**

**644 The Church's One Foundation**

*LSB 644*

- 1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
  
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.
  
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

*Please stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot

free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### Absolution

*LSB 203*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Introit

*Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

**P** But we will bless the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**C** As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.

**P** I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

**C** Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!

**P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** But we will bless the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

## Kyrie

LSB 204

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**C** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:1–6*

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.  
For the LORD comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;

but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm**

*Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a*

**P** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**C** **I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.**

**P** On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.

**C** **All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

**P** and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**C** **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

**P** Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.

**C** **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.  
Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:13–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew**, the **sixteenth** chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**645 Built on the Rock**

*LSB 645*

- 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 souls 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.  
The 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.”

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## Sermon

*Vicar Tim Benzinger*

*“Who do you say I am?”*

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord’s Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers

LSB 662

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! *Refrain*

*ref* Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.

2 Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. *Refrain*

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail. *Refrain*

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,  
Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. *Refrain*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain.** Please contact Pastor directly so he can care for your spiritual needs.

**Prayers** - Please remember in your daily prayers our Members in Nursing Homes and those at home: John & Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Tim & Sandra Rueger, John Myers, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Shane Hoffman, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, Lynn Kyler and Melinda Puckett.

**Those serving our Country in the Armed Forces:** Jason & Ashley Weatherly.

**The Lord's Supper is available** for anyone who wants to partake after the worship service this morning. You may also call pastor to schedule private communion if you desire.

**The Lord's Supper** will return to the worship service September 6. It will be held in a continuous flow format with proper distancing. The dismissal will be given at once after everyone has partaken in the meal.

**SURPRISE!** Please come to the gym to celebrate Kenny's birthday **TODAY** with a light "take home" lunch. Please come wish him well and join in the celebration.

**Thursday evening Bible Study at 7 pm** in the gym. Masks and social distancing observed.

**Catechism classes will resume** the last week of August/first week of September. Vicar Tim has sent an email to all catechism age parents and will be following up with a phone call to find the best time, day and way to hold class.

**Fort Wayne LWML Three Zone Rally POSTPONED.** Spring date to be announced at a later time and to be held in Huntington.

**Zion's Garage Sale has been POSTPONED.** You many still bring in items for the event. Stay tuned for updates on when it will be. Looking at possibly later in the fall or spring of 2021.

**Please see the information we have received from the Indiana District LC-MS regarding the wearing of face masks during worship.**

Dear Brother Pastors in the Indiana District,  
Re: Wearing Face Coverings in Worship

Please find below the link to Governor Holcomb's newest executive order (EO) requiring face coverings. Note carefully that this new order does NOT change the restrictions of recent practice in Indiana - namely, a pastor need only wear a face covering during the distribution of Christ's body and blood when the mandated distancing cannot be kept. Otherwise, so long as we are all following current law regarding distancing and sanitizing, neither pastors nor parishioners are required to wear face coverings during the service. Concerning when your worship service begins or ends, it is your discretion whether entering and exiting the church building is considered part of "attending" your worship service. Some congregations currently require wearing masks to enter and exit the church building, while others do not require masks to be worn upon entry or exit as this would be considered part of "attending...a religious service." Note that if your congregation is in a county or city that has tighter restrictions than Governor Holcomb's EO, these supersede the state restrictions. Congregations in Kentucky currently have nearly identical restrictions (Governor Beshear's EO does not specify churches, but he has recently encouraged congregations to "worship" remotely.). However Governor Beshear is due to issue a new EO, likely today (7/27). Kentucky pastors, carefully consider and obey any EO, unless such an EO clearly demands that we disobey God...and telephone me if you think it does make such a demand. Indiana pastors, the following from Governor Holcomb's EO specifically applies to what has just been outlined (for those of you with schools, you may also find specific interest in section 6 of Governor Holcomb's EO):

Here is the link to the order:

<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-37%20Face%20Covering%20Requirement.pdf>

Be considerate and loving to those who are conscience-bound to be on either side of mask-wearing practice.

Blessings to all as we strive to faithfully distribute and receive Christ's gifts.

In Him,

**Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege**  
**President, Indiana District**

**“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood...be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”**

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