



ZION NEWSLETTER



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
SERVING THE LORD FAITHFULLY
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766 S. HIGH ST. (GERMAN VILLAGE AREA)
COLUMBUS OH 43206

Zion Newsletter

July 2026

Serving Christ &
Serving You:

Pastor

Rev. Wes Hromowyk

Please use Pastor's Cell phone
to contact him. [Do not leave a
message on his office phone.](#)

Secretary

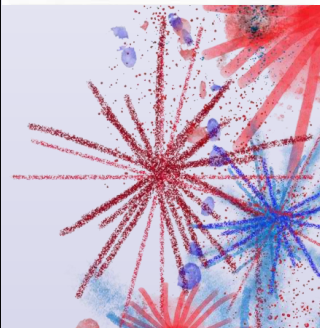
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Wednesday & Thursday
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The Predestination Controversy Upon Which Zion Was Founded

Zion's history is erroneously recorded in many of our archives. Many of our historical documents suggest that Zion was founded over the *double* predestination controversy. That debate, at least for Lutherans, was settled in the 16th century. Instead, the doctrinal debate of the 1880s was a specifically Lutheran issue. To properly confess the orthodox position, we must keep two truths simultaneously: the doctrine of universal grace – that Christ died for the sins of the entire world, and also the doctrine of grace alone – that God elects those who are saved by His grace alone. These two principles seem to be at odds. How can Christ die for the sins of everyone, while also attributing election only to God's grace? Asked another way, if Christ died for the sins of everyone, then why is not everyone saved? If not everyone is saved, and those who are saved are only saved by God's grace, then He supposedly must have chosen to elect some and not others. These questions and concerns are the heart of both the double predestination controversy of the 1500s, as well as the heart of the issue amongst the Lutherans.

The two sides of the 19th century debate in which Zion Lutheran Church found itself immersed were between the Missouri Synod and the Ohio Synod. Back then, there were many different Synods throughout the United States such as the Iowa Synod, Buffalo Synod (from whence I hail!), Wisconsin Synod, the General Synod, Norwegian Synod, Missouri Synod, Carolina Synod, and Ohio Synod.

The Ohio Synod, with its headquarters at Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Church downtown (from which Zion broke) held the view that because of God's foreknowledge, He foresaw certain characteristics and attitudes in people upon which He would elect them. The Latin phrase for this is *intuitu fidei*, that is, "in view of faith", God chooses.

The Missouri Synod, with its headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri (as it remains so today), held the view that we must simply be content with the tension between the doctrines of universal grace and grace alone. The Bible simply does not give us the answer about why some are elected and not others. In order to preserve the doctrine of grace alone, we simply cannot confess that God's foresight has anything to do with election, otherwise it makes humankind part of the cause. Instead, we attribute it solely to God's grace, His undeserved kindness.

Pr. Herbst, then Trinity's pastor, sided with the Missouri Synod on this issue. It is no wonder that the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, who likely had all the Ohio Synod faculty of Capital University in their ranks as well, locked the doors on Pr. Herbst! Pr. Herbst and those who agreed with his doctrinal position founded Zion soon thereafter.

Aside from the importance of getting our history recorded rightly, the issue I care most about today is learning from the mistakes of the past lest we commit the same errors again today. This is why we need to learn history after all! In the case of this theological controversy, the lesson we can for today is why the disagreement took place in the first place. For the Ohio Synod of the 1880s, they simply were not satisfied with letting God's Word have its way for them. They wanted to answer and confess what the Bible remains silent on. Rationalism is the desire to draw logical conclusions for everything. The Christian needs to learn to be content that *we* do not need to have all the answers. God does and that will suffice.

The end of June marks another anniversary of our congregation's founding in 1882. As we celebrate 250 years of our country's existence on July 4th, it's a good time to be reminded that we are only six years from celebrating Zion's 150th! It is by God's grace alone that both continue to carry out their mission as His servants. To God be the glory!

In Christ,
Pastor Hromowyk

Worship Schedule

Thank you to our Altar Guild members serving for the month of July.



Sunday, July 5, 2026; Divine Service; Setting 3 with Holy Communion

Trinity 5

Sermon: Pastor Hromowyk

Lessons:

1 Kings 19:11-21; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; Luke 5:1-11

Hymns:

589 - "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

688 - "Come Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

Distribution Hymns:

636 - "Soul, Adorn Yourselves with Gladness"

831 - "How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard"

856 - "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

966 - "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Independence Day Hymn

826 - "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"



Sunday, July 12, 2026; Divine Service; MATINS (NO COMMUNION)

Trinity 6

Sermon: Vicar Mars

Lessons:

Ex. 20:1-17; Rom. 6 (1-2) 3-11; Matt 5:(17-19) 20-26

Hymns:

581 - "These are the Holy Ten Commands"

562 - "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

956 - "Create in Me"

829 - "Christ the Eternal Lord"



Sunday, July 19, 2026; Divine Service Setting 4; with Holy Communion

Trinity 7

Sermon: Pastor Hromowyk

Lessons:

Gen. 2:7-17; Rom. 6:19-23; Mark 8:1-9

Hymns:

790 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

819 - "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

956 - "Create in Me"

Distribution Hymns:

641 - "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

642 - "O Living Bread from Heaven"

559 - "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

643 - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

791 - "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"



Sunday, July 26, 2026; Divine Service Setting 4 with Holy Communion

Trinity 8

Sermon: Vicar Mars (Last Sermon)

Lessons:

Jeremiah 23:16-29; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 7:15-23

Hymns:

586 - "Preach You the Word, and Plant it Home"

745 - "In God, My Faithful God"

956 - "Create in Me"

Distribution Hymns:

623 - "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

588 - "Jesus Loves Me! This I Know"

680 - "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

691 - "Faithful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

924 - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"



GREETERS NEEDED - We need volunteers to welcome our church family and guests. If this is something you're willing to help us with, just call the church office and we'll help you find a date and time that works for you. Thank you so much for volunteering your time in this way. You are very much appreciated! **(Several openings in August)**



Please join the Zion organists as we raise our voices in praise to God and rejoice in His gift of music! A hymn sing is planned for Saturday, July 25th at 10:30am.

We hope you can join us!



**250
YEARS OF
FAITH
&
FREEDOM**

If you have to miss the Sunday service, please watch the recorded service on Zion's YouTube channel at

[Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbus Ohio - YouTube](#)

**LCMS-U
Bible study
will be on
Summer Break
until September!**



stay
CONNECTED

These are email addresses for the different officers and committees at Zion. If you need to reach them, send them an email and it will be forwarded to each member of that group.

elders@zionlcms.org
lcmsu@zionlcms.org
evangelism@zionlcms.org
pastorh@zionlcms.org
stewardship@zionlcms.org
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trustees@zionlcms.org
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Please consider serving those less fortunate by giving a few hours of your time.

**Zion's shift is the
FOURTH WEDNESDAY
of each month, from 12:30-4:00pm.**

**LSS Food Pantry
1460 South Champion Ave.
Columbus, OH 43206**

Volunteer Parking is located in the lot on Frebis across from the pantry. Please enter through the door marked "Volunteers enter here" located on Frebis Ave.

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NEWS FROM THE MAHLBURG FAMILY



Please check the bulletin boards by Zion's church office and near the back door to see the Mahlburg's Newsletters. I will post them as soon as they arrive. *They're at least a month behind.*

Our **Eighth Cornhole Tournament** was held on **May 30, 2026**. We had 15 adult teams and 3 kid teams! It was a great day; perfect weather, good competition, good food and **great fellowship!** Thanks to my board teammates for their help in setting up and cleaning up! Very special thanks to those who donated 95% of the food; and to Pastor for putting the bracket together.



Worship ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, May 27
Compline Worship - 36

Sunday, May 31
Worship - 204
Holy Communion - 152
Sunday School - 90

Wednesday, June 3
Worship - 26
Holy Communion - 17

Sunday, June 7 (Columbus 5K)
Worship - 178
Holy Communion - 133
Sunday School - 94

Wednesday, June 10
Compline Worship - 39

Sunday, June 14
Worship - 188
Holy Communion - 147
Sunday School - 39 + Voters

Wednesday, June 17
Compline Worship - 41

Sunday, June 21 MATINS
Worship - 178
Sunday School - 52

Wednesday, June 24
Compline Worship - 26

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE
RED ATTENDANCE BOOK IN THE PEW**

ATTENDANCE



- ♥ Those sick and suffering:
- ♥ Those Who have lost loved ones:
- ♥ Those serving in the military:
- ♥ Our shut ins:
- ♥ Expectant Parents:
- ♥ Parents of newborn babies:

If you would like to submit a prayer request:
Contact the church office via e-mail at office@zionlcms.org or phone at (614)444-3456.

**Please offer prayers for both the expectant parents and their babies.*

**Please use this prayer list in your daily prayers.*



Sunday School Classes

In assigned classrooms 9:30 AM

for children ages three through high school, every Sunday.

Adult Bible Class

In the Fellowship Hall; 9:30 AM

Sundays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26



Beverage and Pastry Note:

The Board of Parish Activities provides Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Ice Water and Doughnuts during the Adult Bible Class, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. We'd love to have you join us each Sunday morning.



Sunday School Mission Offerings

The Third Quarter Mission Offerings will go to:

LSS Food Pantry



The First Wednesday Service, beginning at 7:00 PM, will be Divine Service, Setting Three, with Holy Communion. The remaining Wednesdays, will be Compline, beginning at 7:00 PM. There is a Bible Study following the Services, in the Fellowship Hall. Private Confession & Absolution are available from 6:15 - 6:45 PM, in Pastor Hromowyk's Office, all Wednesdays unless otherwise noted.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Coming Events - From the Board of Parish Activities

Conspiracy Band; R & B, rock and roll, jazz

Friday, July 10, 2026

6:00-9:00 PM.

Parks and Rec.

3359 Park St., Grove City, OH, 43123.

Come with your lawn chair or blanket; there are food trucks and Dora.

Members of the Board will arrive an hour before the concert... we will try and sit together! This is a really good band, and they put on a fun concert! Hope to see you there!



Reception: Saying Goodbye to Vicar Mars and family. We will be having a “Goodbye” Reception for the Mars Family Sunday, July 26, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:20 AM. There will be refreshments (doughnuts, danish, and fruit); Bible Study (led by Pastor Hromowyk) and parting words from Vicar Mars. Hope to see you there! **There will be a card basket and gift table in the Fellowship Hall.**

Reception: Welcome for Vicar-elect Joseph Musolino, Jr. is on Sunday, August 16, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:20 AM. There will be refreshments (cake, cupcakes) with a “getting to know you” question and answer session. Hope to see you there!

We are **also having a Gift Card Shower** to welcome Vicar-elect Musolino into our Church Family. In lieu of a food pantry shower, we think that this is a better way to serve his needs. **There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall, for you to place your donations.** Suggestions for gift cards: Amazon, Kroger and Local Restaurants.

Church Picnic is Sunday, August 16, 2026
Thompson Park North Shelter in Upper Arlington
4:00-7:30 PM (with together at 5:00 PM)



Please Note: No Pets are Allowed

Bring your own meat (we will have a grill ready for those who want to cook), your drinks, one dish to share, your picnic supplies and a lawn chair. Lemonade will be provided; and water fountains are also available.

Feel free to bring softball equipment and/or a kickball to use on the softball fields. There is a wonderful playground right next to the shelter and we are also planning to have a hymn sing!



Come and join in the fun and fellowship!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Four Evangelists and St. Paul



Zion Lutheran Church

July 13th - 17th 9:30am - noon

Pre-K through 8th Grade

Registration: email office@zionlcms.org or

call the church office at (614) 444-3456

Registration ends June 29th



A note from the Safety/Security Committee

Parents, we need your help:

- Please remind your children that the elevator is not for fun, but is for members who are unable to use the stairs.
- We discovered that some children are walking out the church doors alone and are locked out. Please explain the need for your children to go outside with an adult.
- Recently it has come to our attention that children are playing hide-and-seek in the library. It is important that the books stay in order and that children may certainly choose a book to read, but should not play on the shelves for safety reasons.

We greatly appreciate your assistance so ALL of God's children (young and old) can feel safe and secure in His house of worship.



to all of our members who have been saving can rings for the Ronald McDonald House. Zion members saved a very large number of rings before Christmas and then again after Christmas! The people at the Ronald McDonald House are always grateful for our contributions. This small gift from us helps pay for the electricity used at the Ronald McDonald House. Parents of ill children stay at this house while their children are undergoing treatment. Our Christian love is shown in many ways! Thanks again!



Congratulations
Associate Pastor Dunsmore



God's continued blessings to you and your family
 & Zion Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant, MI



OHIO WINKEL FOR LAITY AUG 8, 2026



Hear Great Speakers

Rev. Jacob Deal
St. Timothy, Huber Heights, OH

Rev. Noah Dunsmore
Zion, Mount Pleasant, MI

Rev. Dan Golden
St. Paul's, Parkersburg WV

Rev. Ross Gottschalk
St. Paul's, Columbus, OH (WELS)

Rev. Wes Hromowyk
Zion, Columbus, OH

Rev. Christopher McCarthy
St. Paul's, Ashland, KY

Rev. Cody Schrepferman
Gethsemane, Marion, OH

Rev. Eli Shaw
Bethany, Columbus, OH

Rev. Adam Steinbrenner
St. John's, Dublin, OH

Rev. Andrew Twietmeyer
St. Paul's, Hillsdale MI

Rev. Keith Witte
Bethlehem, Fairborn, OH

Rev. Terry Worst
New Hope, Grandville and Newark,
OH

**Info on presentations as
available at ZionLCMS.org**

Enjoy Fellowship

With plenty of time to socialize with other Lutherans, OWL offers a great opportunity to refresh yourself from the cares of the world through fellowship with like-minded Christians.

Registration: 8:00
Speakers start: 9:00
Closing Service: 2:30
Young Adult Event: 3:00

Registration

Register by emailing the name and home church of any attendees to

**RegisterforOWL
@gmail.com**

Register by 8/1 to be counted for food.
Registrants after 8/1 not guaranteed lunch.

Details

Location: Zion
Evangelical Lutheran
Church
766 S. High St. Columbus,
OH, 43206

Parking: See map
[https://
www.zionlcms.org/
conc8/about/contact](https://www.zionlcms.org/conc8/about/contact)

Cost: Free Will donation

Light Breakfast and
filling lunch provided

Unstaffed nursery and
outdoor play space
available. Children
welcome!



Questions? Email RegisterforOWL@gmail.com
This email address is run by volunteer labor, please be
patient :)

Hear "The Lutheran Hour" on Sundays at various stations and times.

<u>Station</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WHKW	Cleveland	1220	AM	Sun.	8:00 AM
WLW	Cincinnati	700	AM	Sun.	7:00 AM
WTAM	Cleveland	1100	AM	Sun.	6:30 AM
WFCO	Lancaster	90.9	FM	Sun.	8:30 PM
WHIZ	Zanesville	102.5	FM	Sun.	8:00 AM
WHIZ	Zanesville	1240	AM	Sun.	8:00 AM



Website at www.lhm.org. The broadcast is also podcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

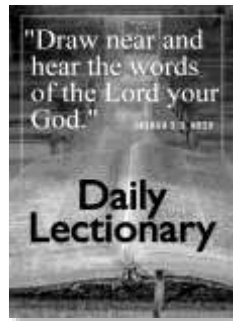
- Sunday, July 5 - "Bloom Where You're Planted" Genesis 39:21**
- Sunday, July 12 - "Knight, Death, and the Devil" Ephesians 6:12**
- Sunday, July 19 - "From Groans to Glory" Romans 8: 21-27**
- Sunday, July 26 - "Worth the Wait" Matthew 13:44**

Together in God's Word:

Listed below are an Old Testament and a New Testament reading for each day of the week, for the month of

JULY

Join with your family of faith in this daily time with God.



- 1 July Joshua 6:6-27; Acts 10:18-33
- 2 July Joshua 7:1-26; Acts 10:34-48
- 3 July Joshua 8:1-28; Acts 11:1-18
- 4 July Joshua 10:1-25; Acts 11:19-30
- TRINITY 5 Joshua 23:1-16; Acts 12:1-25
- 6 July Joshua 24:1-31; Acts 13:1-12
- 7 July Judges 2:6-23; Acts 13:13-41
- 8 July Judges 3:7-31; Acts 13:42-52
- 9 July Judges 4:1-24; Acts 14:1-18
- 10 July Judges 6:1-24; Acts 14:19--15:5
- 11 July Judges 6:25-40; Acts 15:6-21
- TRINITY 6 Judges 7:1-23; Galatians 1:1-24
- 13 July Judges 13:1-25; Galatians 2:1-21
- 14 July Judges 14:1-20; Galatians 3:1-22
- 15 July Judges 15:1--16:3; Galatians 3:23--4:11
- 16 July Judges 16:4-30; Galatians 4:12-31
- 17 July 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26
- 18 July 1 Samuel 1:31--2:17; Galatians 6:1-18
- TRINITY 7 1 Samuel 2:18-36; Acts 15:22-41
- 20 July 1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22

- 21 July 1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40
- 22 July 1 Samuel 5:1--6:3 & 10-16; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
- 23 July 1 Samuel 6:19--7:17; Acts 19:1-22
- 24 July 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36
- 25 July 1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37--22:16
- TRINITY 8 1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29
- 27 July 1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30--23:11
- 28 July 1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35
- 29 July 1 Samuel 14:47--15:9; Acts 24:1-23
- 30 July 1 Samuel 15:10-35; Acts 24:24--25:12
- 31 July 1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27



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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 TRINITY 5 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School / Adult Bible Class	GOD BLESS AMERICA 		1 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Divine Service; Setting 3 w/ Holy Communion; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	2 9:30-11:30 Donation Room 	3 	4 5:00 Lutheran Young Adults BBQ Bale Kenyon Family Farms
6 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 3 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School / Adult Bible Class		7 	8 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	9 <i>Be Still, and know that I AM God</i>	10 6:00-9:00 Conspiracy Band at Parks & Rec. in Grove City Staff Day Off	11 9:00 Beautification Meeting in the conference room
12 TRINITY 6 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; MATINS NO Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 3:30 Softball Game at St. James	13 Vacation Bible School 9:30AM to Noon, Monday through Friday, with light lunch served after.	14 6:30 Elders' Meeting	15 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution/Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	16	17 Staff Day Off	18 <i>Walk BY Faith NOT BY sight</i>
19 TRINITY 7 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 4 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 2:30 Softball Game at St. James	20 	21 6:30 All Boards Mtg	22 NO Zion Food Pantry Day in July 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution/Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall August Newsletter Deadline	23 GOD BLESS AMERICA 	24 Staff Day Off	25 10:30 Zion Organists Hymn Sing
26 TRINITY 8 8:00 & 10:30 Worship; Setting 4 with Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School / Reception (Goodbye) for Vicar Mars 2:30 Softball Game at St. James	27 <i>Be Still, and know that I AM God</i>	28 	29 6:15 Private Confession & Absolution; Pastor's Office 7:00 Compline Service; Sanctuary 7:45 Bible Study; Fellowship Hall	30 	31 Staff Day Off	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope, and a future. AMOS 9:11

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Join the SUMMER FUN!

VBS! Vacation Bible School
July 13-17

Ohio Winkel for Laity
August 8th

Church Picnic
August 16