

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR OCULI, THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, March 7, 2021

### 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

**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you!* ..... **And also with you!**

*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.*

**Entrance Hymn ..... All Who Believe and Are Baptized ..... (LSB 601)**

1. All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal-  
2. With one ac-cord, O God, we pray, Grant us Your Ho - ly  
va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They  
Spir - it; Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through  
are a new cre - a - tion; Through Christ's re-demp - tion  
Je - sus' blood and mer - it; Grant us to grow in  
they will stand A - mong the glo - rious heav'n-ly band Of  
grace each day By ho - ly Bap - tism that we may E -  
ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ter - nal life in - her - it.

**Rite of Holy Baptism ( The Lutheran Formula of 1526 ) ..... see Insert**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of  
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Lutheran Formula of 1526

Elizabeth Jane Woelmer

*Daughter of  
David Christian and Elizabeth Lauren Woelmer*

*Born February 26, 2021*

*Reborn into Christ this  
Third Sunday in Lent  
March 7, 2021*

*Sponsors: Jacob and Abbey Woelmer  
Danny & Rebecca Renninger*

**All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they will stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of every tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.**

*Hymn text is in the public domain.*

## MARTIN LUTHER'S ADMONITION TO THE BAPTISMAL PARTY AND THE CONGREGATION

"In all Christian earnestness I would ask all those who administer baptism, who hold the children, or witness it, to take this wonderful work to heart in all its seriousness. For here, in the words of these prayers, you hear how meekly and earnestly the Christian church concerns herself about the little child and how he confesses before God in plain undoubting words that he is possessed by the devil and is a child of sin and wrath, and prays very diligently for aid and grace through baptism that he becomes a child of God. Remember, therefore, that it is no joke to take sides against the devil and not only to drive him away from the little child, but to burden the child with such a mighty and lifelong enemy. Remember, too, that it is very necessary to aid the poor child with all your heart and strong faith, earnestly to intercede for him that God, in accordance with this prayer, would not only free him from the power of the devil, but also strengthen him, so that he may nobly resist the devil in life and death.

I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal. . . . See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God's Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, "Let us pray," he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God, . . . carrying the little child's need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper . . . to treat the matter with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil's tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God's own children, and brethren of Christ.

Ah, dear Christians, let us not value and administer this unspeakable gift so indolently and indifferently; for baptism is our only comfort and admits to every blessing of God and to the communion of all the saints. To this may God help us! Amen!"

### + THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

[ *The baptismal party gathers at the baptismal font  
during the Processional Hymn* ]

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

### + THE EXORCISM +

[The Lutheran Church retained The Exorcism from the historic baptismal rite because of the Biblical doctrine of original sin. "It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God."]

[ *To the candidate* ]

*Depart O unclean spirit and make room for the Holy Spirit!  
Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your mind ✠ and  
upon your heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the  
crucified..... Amen!*

[ To the congregation ]

*Let us pray: O Almighty eternal God, who according to Your righteous judgment did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood; and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family; and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of your baptism; and who through the baptism of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away for sins: We pray through Your same boundless mercy that You will graciously behold this **Elizabeth Jane Woelmer**, and bless her with true faith in her spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in her from Adam, and which she herself has added thereto, may be drowned in her and engulfed, and that she may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom, and serve Your name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers she may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ....**Amen!***

[ To the candidate ]

*I adjure you, O unclean spirit, by the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit ✠ that you come out of and depart from this servant of Jesus Christ, **Elizabeth Jane Woelmer**. ....**Amen!***

### **+ THE WORD OF GOD +**

[God does bring blessings to those who are baptized, including infants: "It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him."]

*The Holy Gospel of St. Mark.....**Glory be to You, O Lord!***

*And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. [Mark 10:13-16].*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord! .....**Praise be to You, O Christ!***

### **+ THE OUR FATHER and THE BLESSING +**

[In Holy Baptism, God is at work. It is a Sacrament, a divine activity, through which He gives His blessing: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."]

[ We pray together for God's blessing on the candidate ]

**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. Amen!**

[ To the candidate ]

*The Lord preserve your going out and coming in now and forevermore. ....**Amen!***

## + THE CONFESSION OF THE FAITH +

[Baptism is based on the command and promise of Christ, who causes Baptism to bring saving grace to the candidates by the power of the Word: "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."]

[ *To the sponsors, the parents, and the congregation* ]

*Because this candidate cannot answer for herself, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows upon this candidate in and through Baptism:*

*Do you renounce the devil? .....I do renounce him!*

*and all his works? ..... I do renounce them!*

*and all his ways? ..... I do renounce them!*

*Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?*

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

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?*

**Yes, I believe 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.**

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**Yes, 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.**

*Do you desire to be a baptized and forgiven person? ..... I do!*

## + THE BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY TRINITY +

[Through Holy Baptism poor sinners are adopted into God's family in the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: "Without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."]

***Elizabeth Jane Woelmer, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! .....Amen!***

[ *To the newly baptized and all the baptized here present* ]

***Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth through water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting! .....Amen!***

***Peace be with you! .....Amen!***

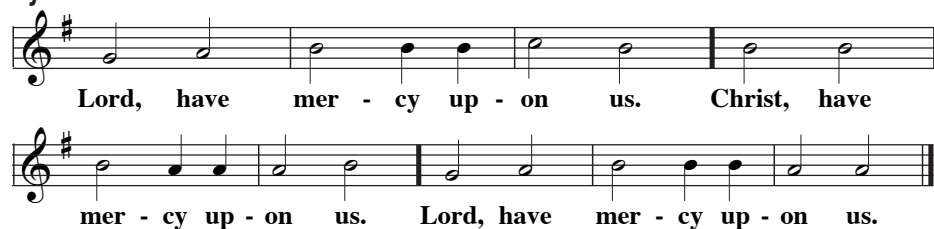
[ *The baptismal party returns to the pews* ]

## + A FINAL NOTE FOR BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS +

"What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

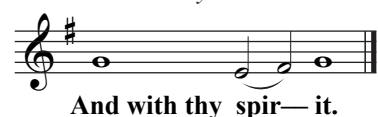
[Explanatory notes contain quotations from two primary statements of what Lutherans believe, teach and confess: The Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.]

## Kyrie



## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



**Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent:** *O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your way and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**Collect for Lent:** *Merciful and everlasting God, who did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



[ Be Seated ]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

**Old Testament Reading** ..... Exodus 20:1-17

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

[ Rise ] **Tract**



[ Deacon ] "Destroy this | tem-\_\_ ple, || and in three days | I will raise it | up."

**All:** O come, let us fix our | eyes on •Jesus•, || the founder and per- | fec- tor of our  
| faith\_\_ . || who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- |  
ing the shame || and is seated at the right hand | of the throne of | God.

**Holy Gospel** ..... St. John 2:13-25

[ The Gospel is announced. ]

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

[ Be Seated ] **Hymn of the Day** ..... May God Bestow .... Burgundy Hymn 823

[ Rise for Stanza 3.]


**Sermon**

[ 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 Hymn ..... 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 +**

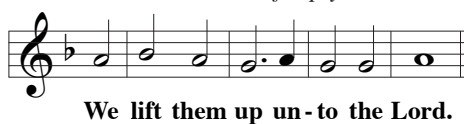
**Preface**

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*




And with thy spir - it.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

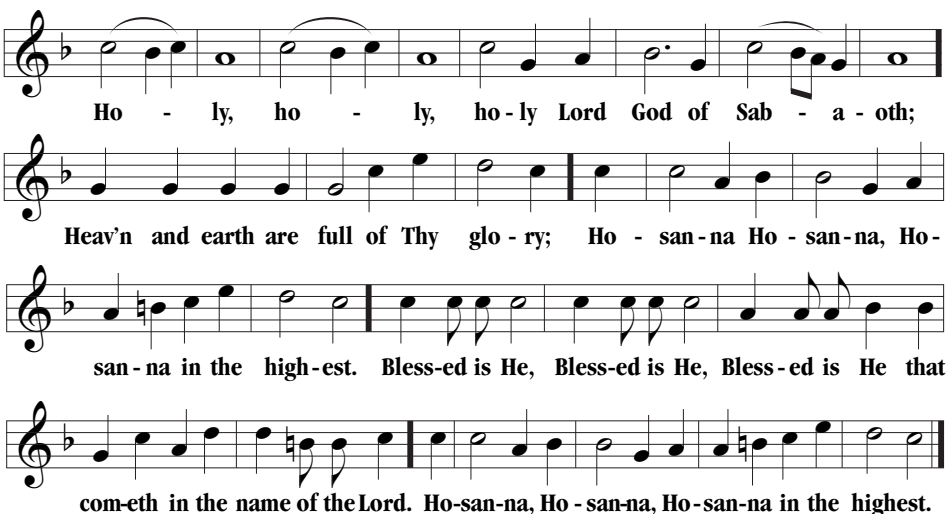
*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface for Lent, Sanctus**

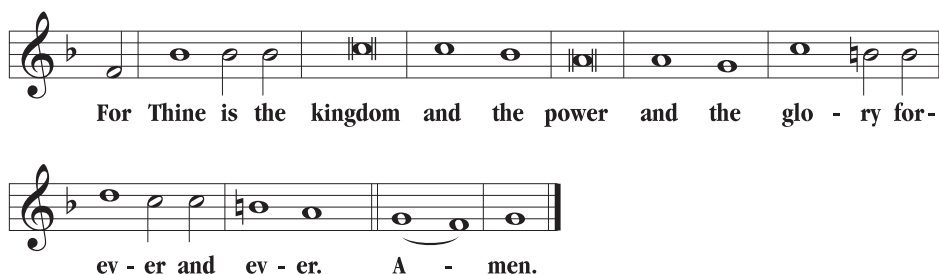
*It is truly meet, right and salutary ..... ever more praising You and saying:*



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.

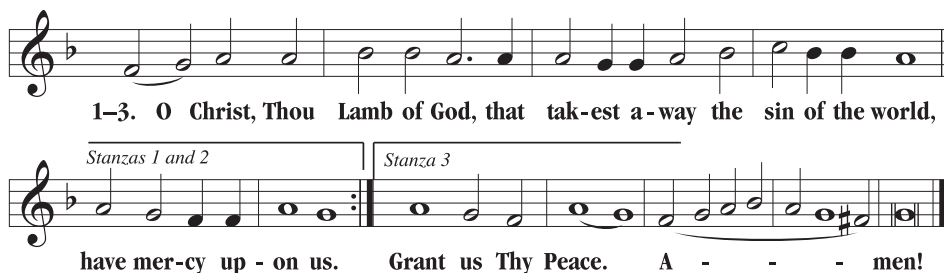
## Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*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 Hymns** ..... Built on the Rock ..... Burgundy Hymn 645  
Cross of Jesus ..... Burgundy Hymn 428  
Come to Calvary's Holy ..... Burgundy Hymn 435

[ 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



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



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



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



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



**Post Communion Rite**

*As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:*

Musical notation for the Post Communion Rite. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ye do show the Lord's death till He come." The word "He" is followed by a blank line for a vocal flourish.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ... now and forever.

Musical notation for the Prayer of Thanksgiving. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "A — men." The word "A" is followed by a blank line for a vocal flourish.

*The Lord be with you.*

Musical notation for the Lord be with you. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "And with thy spir — rit." The word "spir" is followed by a blank line for a vocal flourish.

*Bless we the Lord.*

Musical notation for Bless we the Lord. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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.*

Musical notation for the Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "A-men, A-men, A - men." The word "A" is followed by a blank line for a vocal flourish.

*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 ..... We Sing the Praise ..... Burgundy Hymn 429**

**Postlude**

# Holy Week Schedule

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**Palm Sunday, March 28**  
**Palm Sunday Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.**

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**The Triduum: The Three Day Vigil**

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**Part I: Holy Thursday, April 1**  
**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**Part II: Good Friday, April 2**  
**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**Part III: Holy Saturday, April 3**  
**The Great Vigil of Easter**  
**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**Sunday, April 4**

**Easter Sunrise Matins 7:00 a.m.**  
*Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.*

**Festival Divine Service 9:00 a.m.**

*(No Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday)*

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## Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent

### The Old Testament Reading is Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

### The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### **The Gospel is John 2:13-25**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

## Hymns for the Third Sunday in Lent

### LSB601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
2. With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

### LSB823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Martin Luther

1. May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.
2. Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.
- Δ 3. O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

### 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."

**LSB428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**      **William J. Sparrow-Simpson**

1. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!
2. Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.
3. O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!  
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!
4. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

**LSB435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**      **James Montgomery**

1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
2. Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
3. Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.

4. They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

## **LSB429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died**

**Thomas Kelly**

1. We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride; For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
4. It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes the terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heav'n above.
6. To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.

# The Third Sunday in Lent



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor  
Field Workers:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)  
Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Teachers:

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)  
Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,  
Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill  
John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:  
Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM  
Melvia Culpher



## **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + 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, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, Art Litke, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, Tracey Houser, Marq Rogers, Nikki Wideman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Maurice King, John Weber, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially Elizabeth Jane Woelmer
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially the family of Doloris Beck
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Doloris Beck, Henry Brandt, & Georgie Ostermeyer
- + 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 Third Sunday in Lent. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory Henry Brandt by his wife Lucille Brandt. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Georgie Ostermeyer birthday by her husband Walt Ostermeyer. The baptismal floral arrangement is given in celebration of Elizabeth Jane Woelmer's baptism by her grandparents Rev. Peter & Marcia Lange. 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**

### **March 7, 2021 thru March 13, 2021**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	12:00 PM	Woelmer family luncheon	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	Shepherd of the City Lutheran
	6:30 PM	Adult Catechesis	Zoom
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Supper</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **March 14, 2021 (Daylight Saving Time begins)**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class with Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall exploring the Gospel according to St. Mark. Come and learn.

**WE REJOICE** today with David and Elizabeth Woelmer at the birth and rebirth of Elizabeth Jane (Ellie). Great-grandfather George Lange will perform the baptism. We also welcome their parents (Ellie's grandparents) to Zion.

**CHOICE DOLLARS:** Make an impact on the Zion's ministry through Thrivent Financial. Eligible Thrivent Financial memberships who have available Thrivent Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2021 to direct them.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** returns next Sunday at 2 AM. Please adjust your clocks on Saturday, so that you don't miss Divine Service.

**PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES,** there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

**MEN OF ZION** are studying the prophet Zechariah. Join in on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**LENTEN VESPERS:** This Wednesday (7 PM) Rev. Art Litke will proclaim Jesus' needful death: He died to forgive us our sins. Lenten supper precedes the Vespers at 5:45 PM. Thanks to our meal preparers and servers.

**COVID PROTOCOLS** now invite you to shake hands after the Divine Service — no pressure, no judgment. The Elders and I made this decision with the understanding that transmission of COVID is not primarily by touch, but by breathing in respiratory droplets. On the other hand, other viruses like colds and flu are often transmitted by touch. We are still promoting good hand hygiene. A fist or forearm bump works if you're not ready to shake hands. Ushers are handing out bulletins again, too.

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** I'm a bit disappointed that Allen County's color status is not blue with a 0.5 metric. According to the pop-up window, our number of positives per 100,000 is at 97 — that gives us a score of 1 on that metric. The pop-up, however, shows our positivity rate at 5.67% — also a score of 1 on that metric, which is surprising since we have been below 5% the last two days (4.6% today). That gives us a two-metric score of 1. Oh well. We're still trending in the right direction. Experts say, "Keep doing what you're doing. Don't let up too soon." *I continue to encourage you to get your vaccinations if you're able (Hoosiers 55 and older are now eligible) and to follow the appropriate safety protocols.* I still know of no one who has had any significant adverse effects from the vaccination, not even with the second dose. District 3 COVID-19 hospital census due to COVID continues to drop, and ICU bed availability continues to fluctuate due to non-COVID ICU patients. The percent of COVID patients in ICU is down. All good news.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge verses? This week's memory verse focuses our attention on the emblem of our faith, the cross, upon which hung our Savior for us sinners — Galatians 6:14: "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Last week's verse was 1 Peter 5:8-9.

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## 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

John 2:13-25

Mark 9:14-32

Mark 9:33-50

Mark 10:1-12

Mark 10:13-31

Mark 10:32-52

Mark 11:1-19

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Third Sunday in Lent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Exodus 20:1-17

Genesis 29:1-30

Genesis 35:1-29

Genesis 37:1-36

Genesis 39:1-23

Genesis 40:1-23

Genesis 41:1-27

## 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 Thy 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 Thy 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 Thy 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 Thy 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 Daniel, 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 Thy 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 Thy 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 Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

**The Our Father**

## TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

### The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Prudence of Being Suspicious of Sinners*

Joseph (Jacob's son, who was sold into slavery but rose in power in Egypt) had just cause for his suspicion, as is clear from the account [of Joseph's brothers coming to Egypt to buy food]. For he left 11 brothers at home, and only 10 arrive. He sees that Benjamin, his youngest brother, whom he desired most to see, is absent. This was a natural suspicion without any sin. Therefore he wanted to discover the truth: whether Benjamin and Jacob were still alive or both had perished by a crime committed by his brothers themselves. This is a serious matter, and it could occur to anyone to fear that men who were such scoundrels might have caused greater disturbances. For it is not a sin to have even the worst suspicions about godless and evil men. Thus Abraham ordered Sarah to deny that she was his wife (Gen. 20:2,11), which was a most disgraceful lie. But he himself gives the answer and excuses the lie when he says: "Perhaps there is no fear of God in this place" (cf. Gen. 20:11). For he had learned by experience in Babylon and Haran that original sin rules everywhere in all men. Why, then, would Joseph think well of murderers?

Not that one should pronounce rash judgments, but to have suspicions about men who are openly evil is not wicked. No, it is good and just to the highest degree. Of Christ Himself the evangelist says: "Many believed in His name when they saw His signs which He did; but Jesus did not trust Himself to them, because He knew all men ... and knew what was in man" (John 2:23-25). Indeed, good, saintly, and prudent men are not always free from all suspicion.

*Luther's Works, 7:241-2.*

# **LSUS NOTES**

## Praying for You!



### **Please pray for these students:**

London Coleman	Courtney Pearson
Jayden Simpson	Elizabeth Maldonado
Israel Moore	Kyaw Ko
Malachi Foster	Taria Webb-Arnold
Theresa Poe	Mrs. Wakeland



## **The Lutheran School Partnership Celebrating Lutheran School Teachers!**

The Lutheran School Partnership (TLSP) provides academic and professional development support for 18 Lutheran schools across the greater Ft. Wayne area. This week the TLSP and Donors from around Ft. Wayne reached out to **THANK LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHERS** for stepping up and serving their communities during this pandemic. “Our teachers have had to adjust their classroom procedures to be able to teach in the safest way possible. They have made the necessary adjustment for **IN CLASS** learning. We are so proud of all of our teachers **AND** support staff here at LSUS!” – Mrs. Nehrenz

Wayne News and the Wayne App featured this last Friday at 5 & 6PM. This event was featured across Ft. Wayne.

## LSUS NOTES continued



**LSUS SEEKS SECRETARY** Lutheran South Unity School is looking for a part time and full-time secretary for the front office. Interested candidates should apply by going to our website [LSUSFW.org](http://LSUSFW.org) and filling out the application under 'employment opportunities' on the bottom of the front page.

**LSUS Enrollment Time** We have a **virtual tour** and **Kindergarten video** on our website [www.LSUSFW.org](http://www.LSUSFW.org). Kindergarteners must be 5 by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to enroll. Please let you friends and family members know! Call to set up your pre-screening today! (260) 744-0459

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Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.

**Scriptural Encouragement** *Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ~ Psalm 25:8-10*

## **Zion Stay-Safe Protocols**

- ✿ Indiana and Allen County metrics continue to get better. Vaccines are available for more and more. If you can, we encourage you to be vaccinated!
- ✿ *We are starting to inch our way back to normal.*
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
  - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
  - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Be aware of your surroundings; spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ *You are invited now to shake hands, if you're comfortable doing it. Otherwise, we can still bump fists or forearms. Still practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands and using hand sanitizer.*
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.



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