

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR JUDICA, THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, March 21, 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*

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

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### [ Rise ] Invocation

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ Kneel ]

*Our help is in the name of the Lord ..... Who made heaven and earth.*  
*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. .... And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*O almighty God, merciful Father; ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit. . .... Amen!*

*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.*

*Verse 1:*     **Because he inclined his | ear to me, || therefore I will call on him | as long  
as I | live. || The snares of death en- | com- passed me; || the pangs of Sheol  
laid hold on me; I suffered dis- | tress and an-\_\_ | guish.**

[ *Antiphon* ] Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an un- | god- ly •people•,  
 || from the deceitful and unjust | man de- li- ver | me! || I | love the LORD, ||  
 because he has heard my voice and my | pleas for mer- | cy.

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

And with thy spir— it.

A ————— men!

A ————— men!

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[ Rise ] **Tract**



[ Deacon ] *For even the | Son of Man || came | not to be \_\_\_ | served || but | to \_\_\_ serve, || and to give his life as a | •ransom• for man- \_\_\_ | y."*

**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. Mark 10:32-45**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



**Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!**



**Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

[ Bow ] **And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen!**

[ Be Seated ] **Hymn of the Day ..... Christ, the Life ..... Burgundy Hymn 420**

[ All sing stanza 1; Men alone sing stanzas 2 & 4; Women alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; All sing stanzas 6 & 7. ]

**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**



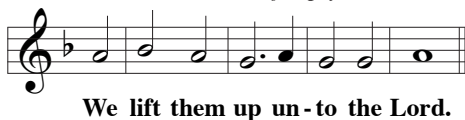
## + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

### Preface

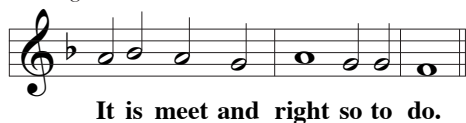
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*Lift up your hearts.*

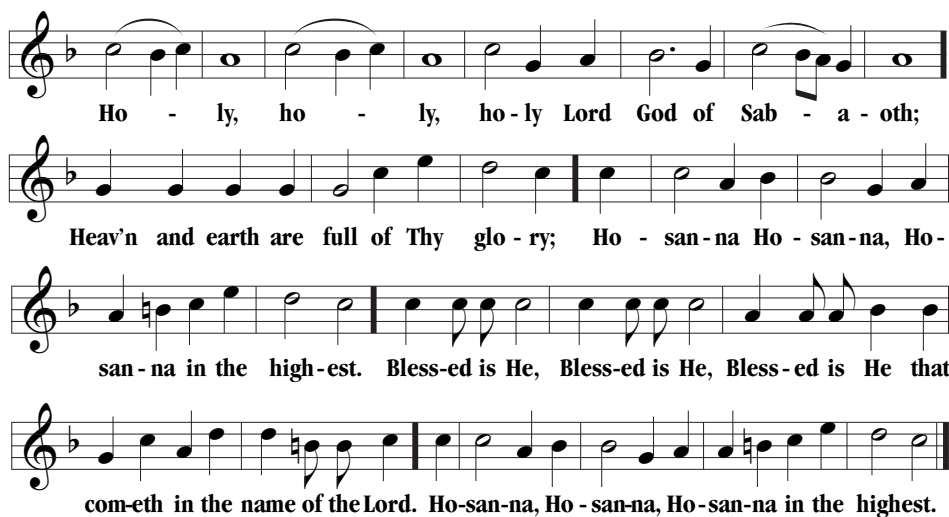


*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



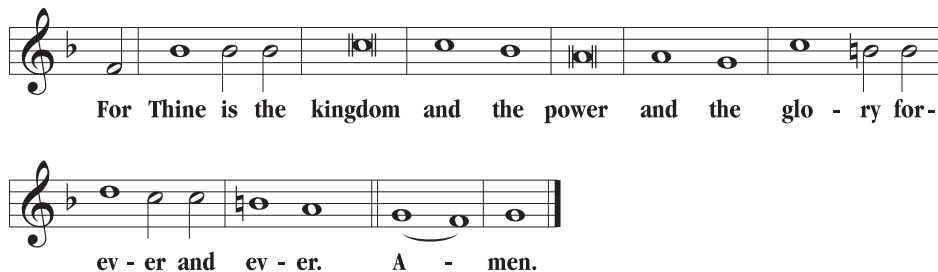
### Proper Preface for Passiontide, Sanctus

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



### [ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer

[ Pastor chants: ] *Our Father who art in heaven; . . . . . but deliver us from evil.*



### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



**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** ..... **The Infant Priest** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 624**  
**Alas! And Did My Savior** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 437**

[ Rise ] **Eucharistic Benediction**

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

**Post-Communion Canticle** ..... **The Nunc Dimittis**

1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.

2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.

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

**Post Communion Rite**

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

Ye do show the Lord's death till He\_\_ come.

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

A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*

And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*

A-men, A-men, A - men.

*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

**Recessional Hymn ..... Jesus, Thy Boundless ..... RED Hymn 349: St 1-4, 7**  
[ *Sing stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 4; SKIP stanzas 5 & 6; Sing stanza 7.*  ]

**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 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 31:31-34**

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

### **The Epistle is Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

## **The Gospel is Mark 10:32-45**

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



## Hymns for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

### LSB420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Ernst Christoph Homburg

1. Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- M 2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- W 3. Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- M 4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- W 5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
6. Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

### LSB624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Chad L. Bird

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1. The infant Priest was holy born, For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.

2. This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.
3. The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
4. But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.
5. The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive, The bread of immortality.
6. The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
7. With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

### **LSB437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Isaac Watts

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty Maker, died For his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

### **TLH349 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

Paul Gerhardt

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Unite my thankful heart with Thee  
And reign without a rival there.  
To Thee alone, dear Lord, I live;  
Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.

2. Oh, grant that nothing in my soul  
May dwell but Thy pure love alone!  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,  
My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
My ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.
3. O Love, how cheering is Thy ray!  
All pain before Thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away  
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
Nothing desire or seek, but Thee!
4. This love unwearied I pursue  
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,  
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!  
And day and night be all my care  
To guard this sacred treasure there.
7. In suffering be Thy love my peace,  
In weakness be Thy love my power;  
And when the storms of life shall cease,  
O Jesus, in that final hour,  
Be Thou my Rod and Staff and Guide  
And draw me safely to Thy side!

# The Fifth 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 Tournay, 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 Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, Art Litke, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, Tracey Houser, Nikki Wideman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Lillian Ruth Graf, daughter of Ashley and Alex Graf (granddaughter of Mark and Dana Muehl)
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Donald Ganaway and Edna Silvers
- + 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Donald Ganaway by his wife Julie Ganaway and family. The Altar Vases are given by Cheryl Silvers in memory of her mother Edna Silvers. 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 21, 2021 thru March 27, 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                |
|              | 4:00 PM        | Kantorei Lenten Evening Prayer | Kramer Chapel<br>or livestream |
| <b>MON.</b>  |                |                                |                                |
| <b>TUES.</b> | 12 NOON        | Administrative Council         | Bauer Hall                     |
|              | 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>Stations of the Cross</b>   | <b>Church</b>                  |
| <b>THURS</b> |                |                                |                                |
| <b>FRI.</b>  |                |                                |                                |
| <b>SAT.</b>  | 11:00 AM       | Private Confession             | Church                         |

### **March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday**

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|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <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.

**THE CHANGE OF COLOR** and veiled crosses signal we've entered Passiontide. We also refrain from singing the Gloria Patris.

**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.

**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:** Come to the Lenten supper (5:45 PM) prior to walking the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. Thanks to all our meal preparers and servers.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Ordinarily for Palm Sunday we begin in the Great Hall for the Palm Sunday rite and the palm procession. We're doing it a bit differently this year for the sake of those who are not yet comfortable with the close seating in the Great Hall and for the sake of the livestream. Therefore, gather in church next Sunday as normal. We'll have the Palm Sunday rite and distribution of palms take place there and a normal procession. Notice the other Holy Week services and times on the back panel of your service bulletin.

**COVID PROTOCOLS** now invite you to shake hands after the Divine Service — no pressure, no judgment. A fist or forearm bump works if you're not ready to shake hands. Remember: transmission of COVID is not primarily by touch, but by breathing in respiratory droplets. We are still urging masks in the pews for the sake of the unvaccinated, and we still are promoting good hand hygiene. Ushers have begun handing out bulletins again, and they are collecting the offerings in the pews again. Inching toward normal.

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** Allen County is back in yellow with a positivity rate that has gone from 4.03% on March 1 to 5.64% on March 10, and is still going up. Cases per 100,000 are back above 100, too, so our two-measure metric is 1.5. I don't know the cause, but I know that's the wrong direction. Praise God hospital census in District 3 due to COVID remains low, and ICU bed usage due to COVID is also low. There have been 110,530 doses of vaccines administered in the county (including a few J & J), and 45,180 are now fully vaccinated. Statewide, close to 70% of Hoosiers 70 and older (the most vulnerable) have been vaccinated. If you can be vaccinated, I urge you to do so. CDC reports "A growing body of evidence suggests that fully vaccinated people are less likely to have asymptomatic infection and potentially less likely to transmit SARS-CoV-2 to others. However, further investigation is ongoing." *Hoosiers 45 and older, and also educators, are now eligible.*

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge verses? That really was a challenge. This week's memory verse focuses on both cross and resurrection: 1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit." Last week's verses were Philippians 3:8-11.

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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

Mark 10:32-45

Mark 14:32-52

Mark 14:53-72

Mark 15:1-15

Mark 15:16-32

Mark 15:33-47

Mark 16:1-20

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Exodus 2:1-22

Exodus 2:23-3:22

Exodus 4:1-18

Exodus 4:19-31

Exodus 5:1-6:1

Exodus 7:1-25

### 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

**Passion Sunday**

Zechariah 9:9-12

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About the Pope's Claim to Wield Worldly Power

[The pope claims] he is lord over all power and doctrine, over all realms and law in heaven and on earth. Friend, who would not like to possess such an empire if he could obtain it?

Therefore, he roars likewise in his canon law, *Judicantium throni*, etc., that all who give judgments from thrones of emperors and kings, must learn the law from him and receive it as a fief is received by a vassal from his lord. ... There is much of such abominable roaring in his canon law and decrees. And all these are the supreme articles of the Christian faith. You could deny God with more impunity than one of these decrees. And many pious people have been burned and tortured on their account.

... But there is no need to contend much more about it. It would fill too large a volume since such an interpretation of this passage is recognized to be false and untrue by almost everybody, even by those loyal to the pope. For Christ has given to Peter no such power to rule either in heaven or on earth. On the contrary, he distinguished between his kingdom and the kingdom of this world. Before Pilate he confesses that his kingship is not of this world, but of a kingdom of truth [John 18:36]. And he declared to his disciples, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you" [Mark 10:42-43]. With these and similar clear words Christ forbade Peter and the other disciples to exercise any worldly rule. He admonishes them to exercise their office and service to which he has called them, allowing the worldly princes to take care of their own rule.

*Luther's Works*, 40:354-56.



# LSUS NOTES

## Praying for You!



### Please pray for these students:

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| DaMonica Ellington               | Jay-Vion Kelly                  |
| TraShawn Jones                   | 3rd Grade & their IRead Testing |
| Camren Rangel                    | Kamirrah Little                 |
| Cassandra Magee                  | Di'Nestee Williams-White        |
| Theresa Poe                      | Mr. Fink                        |
| The Lutheran Schools Partnership |                                 |

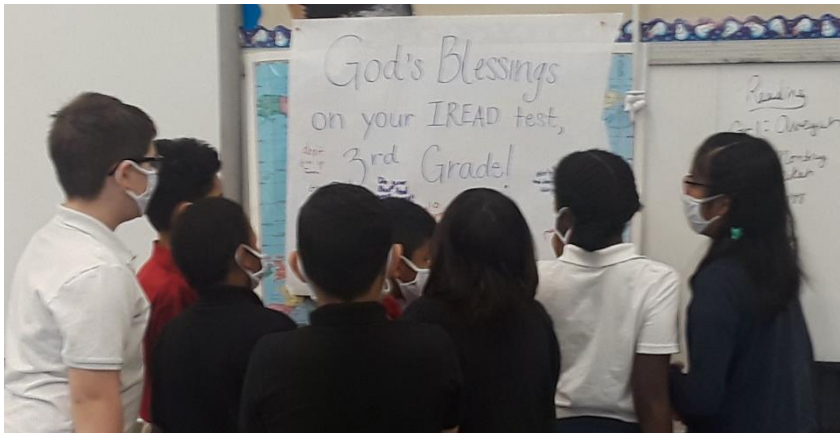
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## National School Breakfast Week

This week was National School Breakfast week. The kitchen staff had some fun options planned all week for students! Friday included either a whole grain cinnamon roll or strawberry cream

cheese pastry along with fresh fruit, string cheese, apple juice and milk.



Fourth Grade wrote Third graders encouragement as they are starting their IRead testing this week.

## LSUS NOTES continued



*Eighth Graders who have been accepted to Concordia Highschool, Congratulations! We pray that all our eighth graders continue to work hard and succeed in high school! We wish you all the best in your future studies.*

**Did You know You can order books for a classroom or teacher from the bookfair?! Just go to the online bookfair at [www.scholastic.com/bf/lsus](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/lsus) today! The fair ends March 25.**

### LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL Book Fair Mar. 12 - Mar. 25

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.

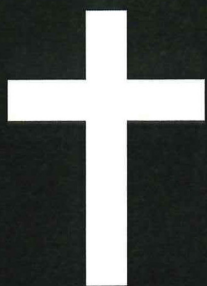
**LSUS Enrollment Time** We have a **virtual tour** and **Kindergarten video** on our website [www.LSUSFW.org](http://www.LSUSFW.org) Kindergarten must be 5 by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to enroll. Please let you friends and family members know! Call to set up your pre-screening today! (260) 744-0459

**Scriptural Encouragement** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ~ 1 Corinthians 13*

## **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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# **FAITH** IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

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As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.