

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

9:00 am ..... Sunday, November 20, 2022

### 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!*

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*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.*

## Introit of the Day



[ *Antiphon* ] *Let all the earth | fear the Lord \_ ; || let all the inhabitants of the world | stand in awe of | him! || May the Lord bless | you from Zi- on, || he | who made •heaven• and | earth!*

*Verse 1:* **Come, bless the Lord, all you servants | of the Lord, \_ || who stand by night in the | house \_ of the | Lord! || Lift up your hands to the | ho- ly place \_ || and | bless \_ the \_ | Lord!**

*Gloria:* **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \_ : || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now \_ , || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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## Kyrie



*Ky - ri - e \_ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.*



*Chri - ste \_ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.*

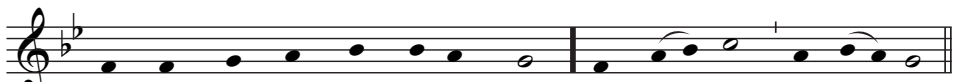


*Ky - ri - e \_ e - lei - son. Lord, \_ have mer - cy.*

## Gloria in Excelsis



*Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,*



*a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,*



*we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for*



*Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa-ther Al-*



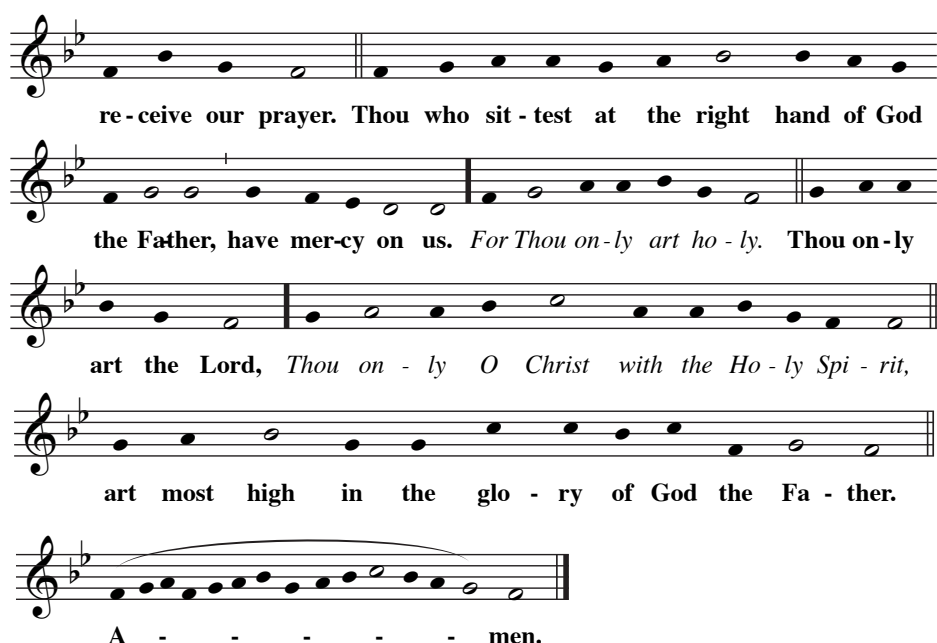
*migh-ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,*



*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta-kest a-way the*



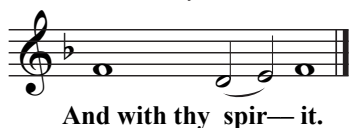
*sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Thou who ta-kest a-way the sin of the world,*



re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mer-cy on us. For Thou on-ly art ho - ly. Thou on-ly  
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - - - - - men.

## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for Last Sunday of the Church Year:** *Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[ Be Seated ]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

**Old Testament Reading**..... **Malachi 3:13-18**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Colossians 1:13-20**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Alleluia!*

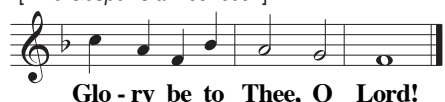


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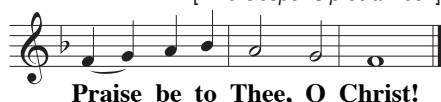
**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Luke 23:27-43**

[ 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 ..... Lord, Enthroned In Heav'nly ..... Burgundy Hymn 534

## Sermon

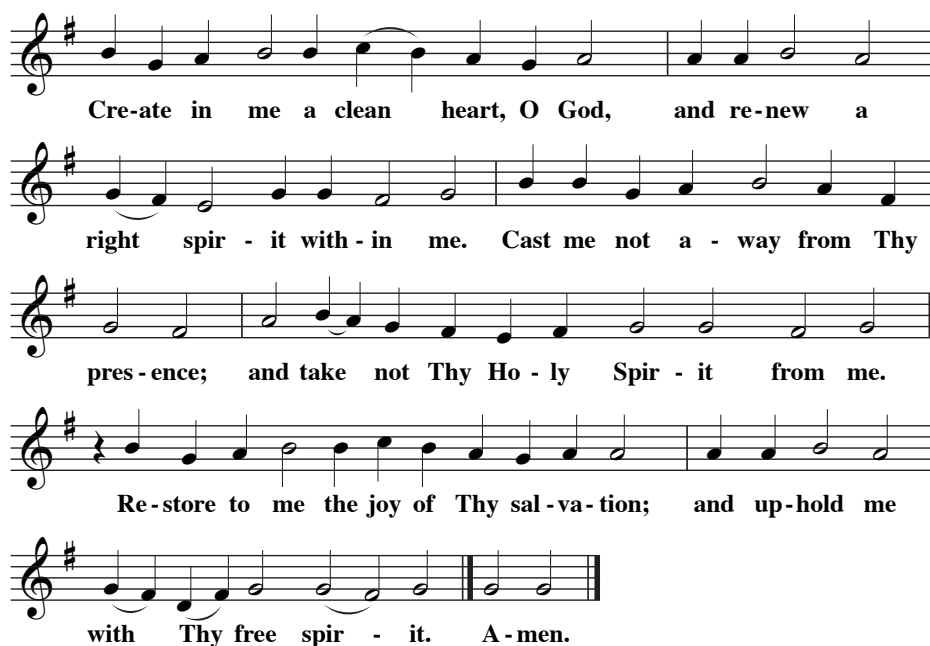
[ Rise ] **Prayer of the Church**

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 ..... Oh, What Their Joy ..... Wm. Harris**

[ 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 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.



**Common Preface, Sanctus**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:  
Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**[ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r 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** ..... **The Head that Once** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 532**  
*[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanza 3; Men sing stanza 4 ; All sing stanzas 5 & 6. ]*  
**The Death of Jesus** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 634**  
*[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanza 3 & 5; Men sing stanza 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. ]*

**[ 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— tles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - ra— el.



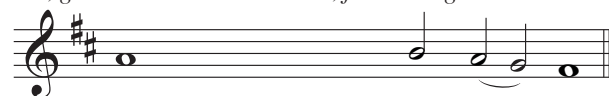
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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

## Post Communion Rite

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

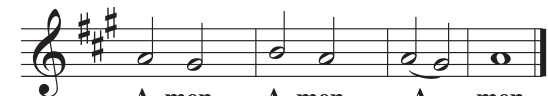
*Bless we the Lord.*



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 ..... Wake, Awake ..... Burgundy Hymn 516

## Postlude

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# **Readings for the Last Sunday of the Church Year**

## **The Old Testament Reading is Malachi 3:13-18**

“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

## **The Epistle is Colossians 1:13-20**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## **The Gospel is Luke 23:27-43**

There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the

mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

# **Hymns for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

### **LSB534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor** **George H. Bourne**

1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;  
We in worship join with them.
3. Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.
4. Life imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

### **LSB532 The Head that Once Was Crowned** **Thomas Kelly**

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heav'n affords Is His, is His by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's eternal Light;
3. The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below  
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
5. They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,  
Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
6. The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:  
His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

## **LSB634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**

**Haquin Spegel**

1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
2. He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.
3. That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
4. His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
5. We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins; "Given and shed for all your sins."
6. They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!
7. But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
8. Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive  
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

## **LSB516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

**Philipp Nicolai**

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"  
The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"  
Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;  
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!  
With bridal care Yourselves prepare  
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."
2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;  
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
Now come, Thou Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!

We enter all The wedding hall  
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,  
Let saints and angels sing before Thee  
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, joining with the choir immortal,  
We gather round Thy radiant throne.  
No eye has seen the light,  
No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;  
Therefore will we Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

# The Last Sunday of the Church Year



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
  - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
  - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Worker:

Patrick Jackson, Paul Mroczenski

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>), Abigail DeForest (6<sup>th</sup>), Anyssa Scaer (MS History),

Allison Wims (K-8 Technology & MS Health), Marcus Rush (MS PE),

Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), Meredith Tourney (4<sup>th</sup>), Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>),

Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>), Abby Springer (K), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music)

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher



## **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Patrick Jackson and Paul Mroczenski
- + For our nation; for our leaders, our military, including James Hall, especially at this perilous time in our world
- + 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 Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death, including Willie Manning
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Marilyn Shafter, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Bill Weinrich, Paul Dolde, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, and Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Michele Gordon & Nikki Wideman
- + 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, including Lloyd & Ruth Grim
- + 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 Divine Service for the Last Sunday of the Church Year The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Lloyd & Ruth Grim by Ed and Janice Grim. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the birthdays of Michele Gordon and Nikki Wideman by their mother Charlene Young. 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**

### **November 20, 2022 thru November 26, 2022**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School	Assoc Pastor's Office
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day Matins</b>	<b>Church</b>
		Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
<b>FRI.</b>	9:00 AM	Zion Decorating for Advent/Christmas	Church
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	

### **November 27, 2022**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education hour	Various
	4:00 PM	New Millennium Jazz Orchestra Concert	Church

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz is gone today. Pastor Punke will lead Adult Bible Class today. Sunday School children (little ones) meet in the Associate Pastor's office. No Junior Catechesis today.

**THANKS** to everyone who helped with the Annual Fall Clean-up, inside and out.

**GIVING TUESDAY:** November 29<sup>th</sup> is Giving Tuesday. If you have a Thrivent account, you can assign your choice dollars to Zion before the end of the year. Let us know if you need help.

**CTSFW:** Our gifts of love to the CTSFW Holiday Food Bank will continue through December 15<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience, you'll find paper sacks with suggested items on them. Grab one from the small table in the Great Hall, fill it, and return it to church. We'll get the sacks to the seminary. Also, there is a small box on the table, if you prefer to give gift cards for the holiday. May the Lord bless the givers and receivers of these gifts.

**HELP NEEDED:** DaVanna is looking for a couple ladies to help with the Altar Guild. If you are interested, please see her. Also, Zion members are privileged to worship in one of the most beautiful churches in town, and we get a chance to share that experience with the community between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, when Zion participates in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual "City of Churches" tour. If you'd like to welcome guests, guide them through the sanctuary, or help with refreshments, please let Kevin Leininger know or call him at 615-9896.

**TODAY** is the deadline to return your stewardship pledge cards; you may place them in the offering plate. If you forgot yours, please mail it to the office pronto. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD ...** Thanksgiving Day is this Thursday, Nov. 24, and we will have Matins prayers at 9 AM. Come and raise your voices in thanks and praise to God for His goodness to us and to our nation before chowing down on your Thanksgiving feasts.

**DECORATING FOR ADVENT** If you can help for a few hours on Friday, Nov. 25, 9-12ish, we'll get the church decorated for the season of Advent, which begins next Sunday, November 27. With a lot of help, the last several years we have been done around noon. Thank you in advance.

**NOV. 27 BEGINS ADVENT IN CHURCH,** and we'll do our preparations. But outside the church, the world will have begun its Christmas festivities. We participate in that, too; and so next Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27, 4 PM, the New Millennium Jazz Orchestra will be at Zion for a Christmas concert. They will play a mix of sacred and pop Christmas tunes with a jazz flavor. You'll enjoy it. No charge, but a freewill offering will be gathered after the concert.

**THE LSUS CHRISTMAS SERVICE** will be on Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran on Anthony. The service theme is "Star of Wonder." You're invited to come and support our kids as they tell the Christmas story.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 1 John 3:16 —"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." Last week's verse was Ezekiel 36:26.

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB** is selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays.

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA** has upcoming activities. They're hosting a Life Defenders Workshop on Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am - Noon, at St Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Dr, Fort Wayne. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/LDFW](http://www.ichooselife.org/LDFW) for more info. And they are signing people up to go to Washington D.C. for the National March for Life. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/lddc](http://www.ichooselife.org/lddc) to register for the Life Defenders Bus trip; or visit [www.ichooselife.org/nationalmarch](http://www.ichooselife.org/nationalmarch) to register for the Family trip. You can also call RLNI at 260-471-1849.

## 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

### DAILY LECTIONARY

### Evening Prayer

Luke 23:27-43

**The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

Malachi 3:13-18

Revelation 18:1-24

Monday

Daniel 2:1-23

Revelation 19:1-21

Tuesday

Daniel 2:24-49

Revelation 20:1-15

Wednesday

Daniel 3:1-30

Revelation 21:1-8

Thursday

Daniel 4:1-37

Revelation 21:9-27

Friday

Daniel 5:1-30

Revelation 22:1-21

Saturday

Daniel 6:1-28

### 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your 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 Richard, 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 Your 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 Your 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 Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

**The Our Father**

### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**The First Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 21:1-11



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Listening to God Rather Than the World

5. *They are of the world; therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them.*

Why are we not listened to? The plain truth has been told and made clear to them so often, and yet they listen to the world. ... It is certainly something to be wondered at. "They are of the world"; we are of God. Their speech is the speech of the world; our speech is the speech of the Spirit. They say nothing else than what the world suggests, and just as they speak, so they find listeners. ... But we are not worldly. Our preaching is from God. For this reason one must preserve it.

6. *We are of God.*

Our doctrine is of God, and therefore it prevails against the gates of the world and of hell (cf. Matt. 16:18). Do not be silent about it; but proclaim it "in season and out of season," as Paul exhorts in 2 Tim. 4:2.

*He who is not of God does not listen to us.*

This is a dilemma. It presents two alternatives: the listeners are either of God or of the world. Those who are of God hear the words of God, as John 8:47 says; those who are not of God do not hear the Word of God. Therefore we judge them on the basis of what they teach and hear. They either teach or deny that Christ came in the flesh, and on this basis they must be recognized. But let no one be offended by the multitude. The robber on the cross saw that he had been forsaken along with Christ, but he clung to the Word with his eyes closed and was not offended by the priests, the whole world, or the cross of Christ. For then he said, in Luke 23:42: "Remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." Thus we, too, should shut out everything from our hearts, believe only the Word of God that Christ came into the flesh, and renounce the world.

*Luther's Works, 30:290-1.*

# THE 6TH ANNUAL CITY OF CHURCHES TOUR

**Friday, 2 December 2022 • 6 pm - 9 pm**

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,**

*1105 Calhoun St*

**First Missionary, 701 W Rudisill Blvd**

**First Presbyterian, 300 W Wayne St**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox,**

*110 E Wallen Rd*

**Plymouth Congregational, 501 W Berry St**

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran,**

*729 W Washington Blvd*

**St. John the Baptist Catholic,**

*4500 Fairfield Ave*

**St. Patrick's Catholic, 2120 S Harrison St**

**St. Paul's Lutheran, 1126 S Barr St**

**St. Peter's Catholic, 518 E Dewald St**

**Trinity English Lutheran,**

*450 W Washington Blvd*

**Trinity Episcopal, 611 W Berry St**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran,**

*1636 St Marys Ave*

**Turner Chapel AME, 836 E Jefferson Blvd**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran, 2313 Hanna St**



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# Concordia Lutheran High School

It's time ... again.

You remember last fall that Zion made a special effort to reduce a long-standing debt that we owed to Concordia Lutheran High School, incurred over a number of years. Last fall we owed the high school \$72,082.67. Due to your generosity and the generosity of anonymous donors, we reduced that debt to \$28,000.02 (reported in the last Congregational Subsidy Billing from CLHS). That was \$44,082.65 paid on this debt.



It was a fantastic effort, but we're not quite done, as you can see; and so, we have received another challenge gift for this fall to finish the task we set before ourselves. This donor will match congregational gifts to this CLHS debt reduction effort up to \$14,000, which if successful would eliminate the debt! That would be wonderful!

Last fall, it was a three-month effort. This fall, we're going to do it in two. Therefore, contributions made to this project from October 1 through November 30 will be matched up to \$14,000. Use the special contribution envelopes marked "Debt Elimination Challenge" before November 30 to make your gift toward eliminating this debt to CLHS.

Zion's leadership appreciates this challenge, and we are confident that Zion members will step up to meet the challenge to make things right with Concordia Lutheran High School. God bless you for your generosity.

# LSUS NOTES

## Praying for You!



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

Amira Morua	Lizzy Maldonado
Yu May	Gay Doh Soe
DaMonica Ellington	Lay Ku
Javier Antoine	Aiden Slattery
Marion Wiley	All LSUS Parents

## Music and Band at LSUS

Mrs. Reynolds and the LSUS choirs and band have been working hard the past few weeks gearing up for some big events that that have happened and that are coming up. Band had just performed in their Fall concert with all the area Lutheran Schools' bands combined. Strings are in full swing as well.



Congrats to Aiden Slattery who marched with the Cadets this year! They made it all the way to State!

The Phoenix Fire performed at chapel last week. They, along with the 4th and 5th grade choir performed at the Let the Children Come Dinner last Saturday!

All students are practicing and getting ready for the upcoming Christmas program. The program will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



# Meet The Staff



Lutheran South Unity school has been blessed with Abigail DeForest who is the sixth grade homeroom teacher. She teaches math and science in sixth through eighth grades.

Mrs. DeForest graduated from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. Her degree is in Middle School Education. Last year she taught fifth grade at Prince of Peace Christian School in Fremont, California. This is where her husband was doing his vicarage.

Mr. Brennan DeForest attends Concordia Theological Seminary to become a pastor. Together they enjoy hiking, visiting National Parks, and watching movies. Mrs. DeForest enjoys reading and listening to true crime podcasts. Recently, she started to teach herself embroidery and needle punching. She has been born and raised in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

A couple of fun facts we would like to share about Mrs. DeForest: 1. She can wiggle her ears. 2. Also she can cross one eye while keeping the other eye still.

Her favorite Bible passage is Philippians 4:16 – “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

## **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

Be watchful. Stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be in love— 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL

# CARAMEL IS BACK!

Large Jar(16 oz.) - \$15

Small Jar (8 oz.) - \$10

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Caramel will be sold at:

-LSUS

-Peace

-Bethlehem

-Zion

-Mt. Calvary

or you can contact the  
office at 744-0459

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**Limited quantities, so act now!**

Profits from caramel sauce will  
go to the Parent Club Fund!



Concordia Lutheran High School Music Department Presents

# *Christmas at the Embassy*

*Come and See!*

*Christ the Lord, the Newborn King!*



Concordia Lutheran  
High School

December 11- 4:00pm  
Historic Embassy Theatre

\$18- Adults/ \$12 Seniors/Students  
Tickets at the Embassy Box Office or  
Ticketmaster beginning November 11



CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

# Music Events in Kramer Chapel

**ALL MUSIC EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**Sunday, November 6 at 4:30 p.m.**

Organ Recital

*Dr. Jonathan Rudy (Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, Tennessee)*

**Sunday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.**

Choral Vespers

*Schola Cantorum sings Musikalische Exequien (Funeral Music)  
by Heinrich Schütz*

**Monday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.**

Hymn Festival

*Seminary Kantorei, choir*

*Kantors Kevin Hildebrand and Matthew Machemer, organists*

Nov. 6–7 events are also part of the Good Shepherd Institute Conference.

Visit [ctsfw.edu/GSI](http://ctsfw.edu/GSI) for complete details.

**Saturday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m.**

Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer

*Choirs of CTSFW*

For information on other events happening at CTSFW throughout the year, please scan the code or visit [ctsfw.edu/Events](http://ctsfw.edu/Events).



# THE LCMS SHARES GOD'S LOVE IN FLORIDA



*Almighty God, You command wind and wave. Out of Your mercy, spare us from disaster. Give protection to those endangered by storms on land, sea or air, and give us faith both to call to You in trouble and to trust that You will work everything for our good for the sake of Christ. Amen.*

**HURRICANE IAN** was identified as a tropical depression on Sept. 23. It made landfall in Cuba on Sept. 27, southwest Florida on Sept. 28 and South Carolina on Sept. 30. At its strongest, it came ashore near Fort Myers, Fla., as a Category 4 storm.

The death toll from Ian has surpassed 100 in Florida, with emergency responders continuing to search for survivors. More than 3 million U.S. residents lost power during the storm, and initial damage estimates place losses in excess of \$100 billion. Another \$60 billion is estimated to be paid out by insurance companies.

LCMS Disaster Response continues to work closely with the LCMS Florida-Georgia District and local congregations to address immediate needs. The LCMS has also established a volunteer response camp in Fort Myers as a base for long-term aid. Thanks to many generous people in the LCMS, supplies are already being delivered to that facility.

There are and will be many opportunities to volunteer or contribute to the ongoing care for people in Florida.

**Individuals, congregations and groups wanting to contribute through the LCMS to the response can:**

**TEXT** the keyword **LCMSHURRICANES** to the number **41-444**.

**VISIT**  
[lcms.org/givenow/hurricane](https://lcms.org/givenow/hurricane).

**MAIL**  
Checks can be made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, with “Hurricane Response” written on the memo line. Send to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861,  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

**CALL 888-930-4438.**

The Florida-Georgia District is also receiving direct contributions to support its hurricane response at [flgadistrict.org/give](https://flgadistrict.org/give). *(The LCMS is not sending direct donation appeals into the Florida-Georgia District, so that individuals and congregations there do not experience duplicate or competing solicitations.)*

**FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE** or to ask questions about donating, call **LCMS Mission Advancement's Contributor Care Line** at **888-930-4438**.

**To see current volunteer opportunities and sign up to volunteer:**

**VISIT** [lcms.org/disaster](https://lcms.org/disaster).