### Historic Zion Lutheran Church divine service for invocabit, the 1st sunday in Lent

9:00 am ...... Sunday, February 26, 2023

#### **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.

H = 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!

#### [ 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.

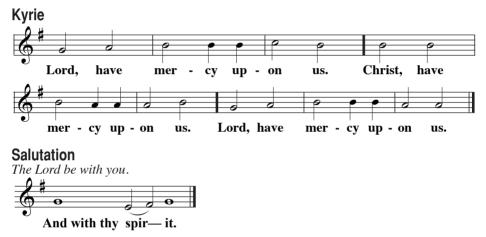
[Kneel]

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.

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.



- [Antiphon] When he calls to me, I will | an- swer him; || I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue | him and hon- or | him\_\_. || With long life I will | •satis•- fy him || and | show him my sal- | •vation.•"
- Verse 1: Because you have made the Lord your | dwell- ing place || the Most | High, who is my | re- fuge || no evil shall be allowed to | be- fall you, || no | plague come near your | tent.
- Verse 2: For he will command his angels con- | cern- ing you || to guard | you in all your | ways\_\_. || On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. || You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will | tram- ple un- der- | foot.
- Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | Spir- it; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!
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**Collect for the First Sunday in Lent:** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 Testamen	t Reading	Genesis 3:1-21
	] This is the word of the Lord	
Epistle of the	Day	Romans 5:12-19
	This is the word of the Lord	
	+ Page 2 +	



[Deacon] Put on the whole | •armor• of God, || that you may be able to stand against the | schemes\_\_\_ of the | •devil•.

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.



#### 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.

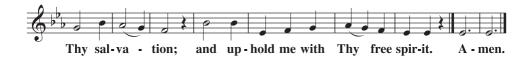
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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 ...... A Mighty Fortress ... Burgundy Hymn 656 Sermon

#### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

#### [ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary





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



#### [Kneel] Lord's Prayer

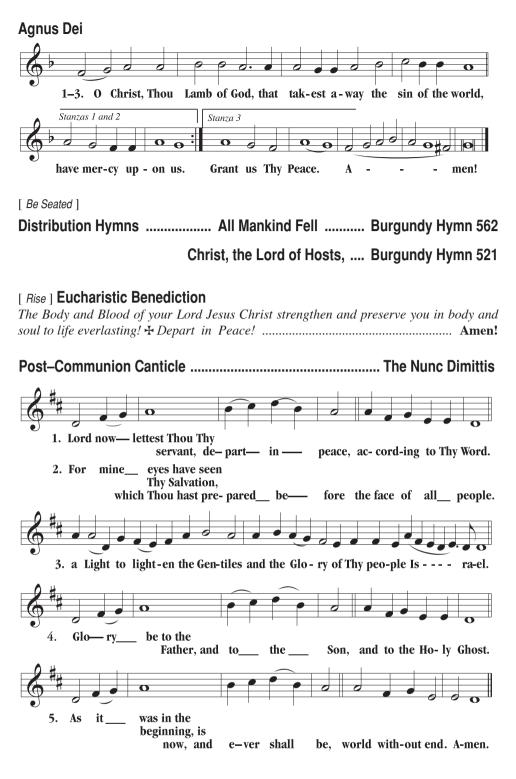
[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; ..... but deliver us from evil.



#### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

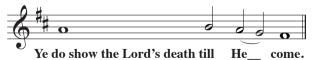
The peace of the Lord be with you always!





#### **Post Communion Rite**

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.

The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.



#### **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.* 



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 ..... O Christ, You Walked ...... Burgundy Hymn 424

#### Postlude

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#### **Readings for the First Sunday in Lent**

#### The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

#### The Epistle is James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creation.

#### The Gospel is Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

#### Hymns for the First Sunday in Lent

#### LSB656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther
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- A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken. The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.
- With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
- Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us. We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.
- 4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit. And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

#### 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.

#### LSB505 God the Father, Be Our Stay

#### Martin Luther

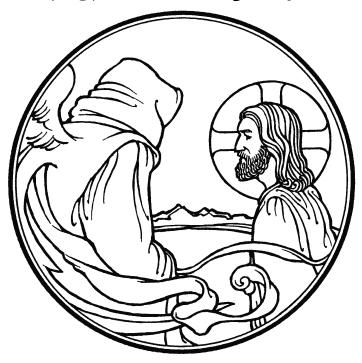
- God the Father, be our Stay; O let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever. Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy. And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning. Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Jesus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever. Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy. And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning. Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Holy Spirit, be our Stay, O let us perish never!
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LSB418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days Claudia F. Hernaman Text: © 1978 *Lutheran Service Book*; Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

- 1. O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast; Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
- 2. You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured; Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
- 3. Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed and fixed Your mind above; So teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.

4. Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days, That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

The First Sunday in Lent



### Zion Ebangelical 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: Field Workers: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397) Patrick Jackson, Paul Mroczenski

#### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459) Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>), Anyssa Scaer (7<sup>th</sup>, MS History), Abigail DeForest (6<sup>th</sup>), Allison Wims (K-8 Technology & MS Health), Marcus Rush (MS PE), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), Jamie Taylor (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: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM 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; also for Sharon Arndt, whom we called as Kindergarten teacher for next year
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including Everett Beck and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are nearing death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Paul Dolde, Jessica Krause, John Starks, Bryce Shull, Don Zettelmier, Marilynn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, John A. Pless, Bob Ockree, Rich Arndt, 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
- + 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 Loretta & Robert Manth
- + 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 First Sunday in Lent. Jennifer Manth gives the Cross Bowl and Altar Vases in loving memory of Loretta & Robert Manth. 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**

#### February 26, 2023 thru March 4, 2023

9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church		
10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall		
10:30 AM	Children Sunday School	Assoc. Pastor's Office		
5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS		
3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room		
9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room		
5:45 PM	Lent Supper	Bauer Hall		
7:00 PM	Lenten Vespers	Church		
7:00 PM	Elder Council	Conference Room		
11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church		
1:00 PM	NINE Fundraiser	Bauer Hall		
March 5, 2023				
9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church		
10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall		
10:30 AM	Children Sunday School	Assoc. Pastor Office		
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#### **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR** Dr. Voelz will continue with the Gospel according to St. Mark in Bauer Hall. Sunday school meets in the Associate Pastor's Office.

ENVELOPES: Don't forget to pick up your envelopes from the table in the Great Hall.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is upon us. Make the midweek Vespers a part of your walk to the cross this season. Vespers is at 7 PM with a Lenten meal served at 5:45: PM. Sem. Peter Wagner will preach this Wednesday.

**FYI:** Denim and Diamond Fundraiser dinner is Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 you can RSVP with a check here at Zion at the table in the Great Hall.

**HELP:** Melvia needs people who can stuff 500+ envelopes on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> in the conference room at 10 AM. Also looking for old photos and Zion gear for the upcoming June All Class Reunion. If you have any of these items please feel free to contact her at the office or email her the information. Thanks.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Romans 5:8 — "God Shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Last week's verse was 1 John 1:8.

**CLHS NEWS:** *First*, today at 2:00 p.m. *A-Wop Bop A-Loo Bop* takes us back to the late 1950s as Rock & Roll is taking the airwaves by storm. Roberta "Ruby" Lester and her friends are spunky teenagers with dreams of making it big in the music business. But sometimes dreams don't go as planned. When the local radio station announces that "Rock'n'Roll has got to go", the kids take a stand for the music they love. *A-Wop Bop A-Loo Bop* tells an original story based around real events in the late 50s and early 60s Rock & Roll era. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students in high school or younger. You may now order your tickets online at <u>clhscadetsdrama.ludus.com</u>. Seats will be assigned. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

*Second*, CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Women's Physical Education (PE) Teacher, beginning in the 2023-24 school year and Media Arts/Broadcasting Teacher. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit <u>www.clhscadets.com/employment</u>. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

**CTSFW:** The Seminary Kantorei will lead music for the season of Lent in a special service at Kramer Chapel on Sunday March 19 at 4:00 PM. The Kantorei is a men's choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. For more information, visit <u>www.ctsfw.org</u>.

**CROSS CONNECTIONS** Biblical Counseling Ministry is seeking a Executive Director & a full time Clinical Director to oversee the dedicated, professional and talented clinical staff. The qualified candidates would be licensed with the state of Indiana. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume and cover letter to jenrobb@crossconnectionscounseling.com.

**WYNEKEN MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**, 11565 N US Highway 27 can use some community help on Saturday, March 25 to *Pack Away Hunger*. They plan to pack 83,500 meals at this annual event. They will need 220+ total volunteers for packing that day, two shifts of 110 volunteers each. Shift 1 will be held from 9:00–11:30 am, and shift 2 from 1:00–3:30 pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity for parents (and grandparents) to volunteer with their children and work on a project together. Whether you are 6 or 90 or somewhere in between, there is a job for you! If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Lin Gorman by email at <u>linogorman@gmail.com</u>, or call or text him at (260) 223-0716 by Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. For updates and additional information, please check out the Zion, Friedheim website or Facebook page.

#### 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	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Matthew 4:1-11	The First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 3:1-21
Mark 3:1-19	Monday	Genesis 6:1-7:5
Mark 3:20-35	Tuesday	Genesis 7:11-8:12
Mark 4:1-20	Wednesday	Genesis 8:13-9:17
Mark 4:21-41	Thursday	Genesis 11:27-12:20
Mark 5:1-20	Friday	Genesis 13:1-18
Mark 5:21-43	Saturday	Genesis 15:1-21

#### 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:

[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 praver. 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 <u>Matthew</u>, our synod president, and <u>Richard</u>, 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 Second Sunday in Lent** Romans 4:1-8, 13-17



# What Doctor Luther Says:

# About Doing Battle with the Devil

[F]aith is the victory over every evil and the whole world. Yet only he who is sober can meditate on the Word of God fruitfully. He who eats and drinks to excess is fit neither for faith nor for overcoming. Therefore the temptations are manifold. This man cannot believe in the immortality of the soul. Another cannot believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Someone else cannot believe that there is a God who wants to be propitious. This is the temptation with which the devil tempted Christ when he said in Matt. 4:6: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down." At that time Christ was tempted most not to believe that God would be at His side in that affliction. Accordingly, the greatest temptations are mistrust or despair. And things of this kind should be called sufferings, not temptations. "Throw yourself down," said the devil. "Show what a merciful God you have! He could send you an angel at once. But He will not do so. Indeed, He should look at you!" Thus Satan mocks Christ in the worst way. But Christ has the Word. Otherwise He would be overcome. What does He say? "You shall not tempt the Lord your God" (Matt. 4:7). And when He had fought with this armor, the devil left Him. Above all, however, it is necessary for a Christian to believe in the mercy and goodness of God through Christ. Then he should know that in this way he is defended and made safe. Many have destroyed themselves with abstinence and at the same time have lost life and limb. Even we ourselves have experienced this. But one must give the body the things that are necessary, not the things that are superfluous; and one must do battle constantly, but with faith and the Word. This is the way one must do battle with the devil.

Luther's Works, 30:312.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, Feb. 2, 2023 (The following summary is provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), T. Muehl, F. Jackson, A. Litke

Elders absent: W. Krause, B. Scott, K. Vlot

Pastor present: Pr. Punke

Visitor present: Mitchell J. McKinney, Deputy Chief, Southeast Quadrant/Community Relations Division, Fort Wayne Police Department

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by reading from Luther's Large Catechism on Baptism.

The bulk of the meeting was turned over to Mitch McKinney to perform a security assessment of the church and its grounds. He, along with the elders and Pastor Punke, did a full walkthrough of all areas of the church, providing specific information on how we could create a safer environment especially on Sunday mornings, but also at any other time. He will prepare his findings and submit those to the elders and to the Administrative Council.

Pastor Punke presented his monthly report to the elders, providing information about members, about his activities, and about associations that have a relation to the church (LSUS and CLHS).

The chairman thanked the elders for their participation in the Ministry Clarity creative event, as well as Zion's turn at PrayerWorks.

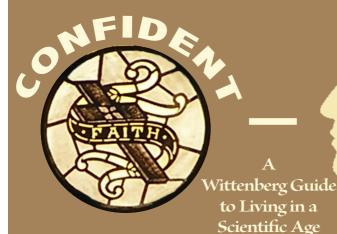
The elders reviewed the upcoming activities for Lent and Holy Week, so that they would be prepared for additional activity.

The meeting concluded with Responsive Prayer I.

Respectfully submitted, Tyler Muehl

# Theology in the Parish Lectures

Zion Lutheran Church presents





with

## Rev. Dr. Charles Arand,

the Eugene E. and Nell S. Fincke Graduate Professor of Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

followed by

Sacred Music at Zion: Hymns of Easter

led by

Michael Hollman

#### Saturday, March 18, 1:30 pm – 4 pm

2313 S. Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46803 (260) 744-1389

Admission: \$5 for Adults; Children 14 and under Free

#### **LSUS NOTES** Praying for You!



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

Angel Underwood Avah Hamilton Ivan Martinez CJ Pearson Emeraude Hernandez Pyae Kyaw Camren Rangel Zane Hendryx Myante Williams Mrs. DeForest

#### **Baptism Now Saves!**

Khloe Hall, 4th grade, was baptized on Sunday, February 12th at her church, The Chapel. She was instructed and baptized by her pastors, Pastor Tommy Jones and Pastor Brandon Holler. Congratulations, Khloe! May God guide and bless you as you continue on your journey in Faith in Him.

Baptism...now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.-1 Peter 3:21



# NOW ENROLLING

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! We are now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll! 260-744-0459

#### Help Wanted:

- Lutheran South Unity School is seeking to fill the position of Cafeteria Director. This position oversees all Cafeteria needs including administrative management, ordering and inventory, record keeping, and menu planning. This position is about 5 hours a day. Please contact the school office if interested in this position at (260) 744-0459. We are looking to fill this position by mid-March as our current director will be taking maternity leave beginning April 1.
- We are also looking for an afternoon extended care worker from 3:00pm to 5:00pm (except Tuesdays the need is 2:00pm – 5:00pm) that would begin immediately.



#### **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things Love never ends.- So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.--1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a; 13





# FUNDRAISER DINNER



### SATURDAY, MARCH 4 @ 1-4 PM

#### Zion Lutheran (2313 S. Hanna St.)

# **1ST FUNDRAISER DINNER**

Join Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement (NINE) as we impact neighborhoods with community development, grassroots leadership, and the engagement of churches through Christ's love.

Wear your best denim outfit and celebrate the impact of NINE in our neighborhood!

#### Saturday, March 4th from 1 - 4 pm

Zion Lutheran (2313 S. Hanna St.)

Cost: \$50/person



# Summer Camps At Concordia Lutheran High School

Register online at www.clhscadets.com/summer



Art Camp - June 26-30 (Grades 6-8) Junior Cadets Band Camp - June 26-30 & July 3, 5-7 (Grades 5-9) Cadet Baseball Camp - June 12-16 (Boys, Grades 2-8) Bovs Basketball Camp - June 19-23 (Grades 3-8) Lady Cadets Basketball Camp - June 5-8 (Grades 4-9) Cheer Camp - July 17-19 (Girls, Grades K-8) Junior Cadets Color Guard Camp - June 26-30 & July 3, 5-7 (Grades 6-9) Computer Camp--Summer of Code with Disney & Robots - June 12-15 (Grades 5-12) Computer Camp--Raspberry Jam: Video Game System - June 5-8 (Grades 5-12) Drama Camp - July 3-7 (Camp will meet on July 4) (Grades 4-9) Fundamentals Football Camp - June 26-29 (Boys, Grades 4-8) Golf Camp - June 26-30 (Grades 3-8) Rocket Science Camp - June 13-16 (Grades 6-8) Rowing (Crew) Camp - June 19-23 (Grades 7-9) Soccer Camps - July 10-14 (Co-ed, Grades K-4); June 12-16 (Girls, Grades 4-8); and July 17-21 (Boys, Grades 3-8) Softball Camp - July 26 (Girls, Grades 1-8) Tech Theater Camp - July 3, 5, 7 (Grades 7-9) **Tennis Camps -** June 5-8 (rainout date is June 9) (Grades 1-12) Volleyball Camps - May 31-June 2 (Girls, Grades K-8)