

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR LAETARE, THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, March 19, 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.

✙ = 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.*

*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.*

The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note G4.

## Kyrie

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

*The Lord be with you.*

And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:** *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.*

A ————— men!

**+ The Office of the Word of God +**

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

[ Rise ] **Tract**



[ Deacon ] *For with you is the •fountain• of life; || in your | light do we see | light \_\_. || Oh, continue your steadfast love to those | who know you, || and your righteousness to | the up- right of | heart!*

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

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

[ 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** ..... I Trust, O Christ ..... (Burgundy Hymn 972)



1. I trust, O Christ, in You \_ a - lone; No  
2. My sin and guilt are plagu - ing me; O  
3. Con - firm in us Your Gos - pel, Lord, Your



earth - ly hope a - vails \_ me. You will not see me  
grant me tru con - tri - tion And by Your death up -  
prom - ise of sal - va - tion. And make us lon to



o - ver - thrown When Sa - tan's host as - sails \_  
on \_ the tree Your par - don and re - mis -  
hear Your Word And fol - low our vo - ca -

me. No hu - man strength, no earth - ly pow'r Can see me  
sion. Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne a - bove Re - call Your  
tion: To spend our lives in love for You And show Your  
through the e - vil hour, For You al -  
match - less deed of love That He may  
love in all we do. And then, at  
lone my strength re - new. I cry — to You!  
lift my dread - ful load, O Son — of God!  
last, when death shall loom, O Sav - ior, come  
I trust, O Lord, Your prom - ise true.  
I plead the grace Your death be - stowed.  
And bear Your loved ones safe - ly home.

## Sermon

### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [ After each petition ]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... Hear our prayer.  
[ After the final prayer ]:..., one God, now and forever ..... Amen.

### [ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

### [ Rise ] Offertory Hymn ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of  
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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

### Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un - to the Lord.



Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface for Lent, Sanctus**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na Ho - san - na, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that  
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the highest.

**[ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -  
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

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

A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,  
Stanzas 1 and 2      Stanza 3  
have mer - cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

**[ Be Seated ] Distribution Hymns ..... I Want to Walk ..... Burgundy Hymn 411  
Hope of the World ..... Burgundy Hymn 690**

**[ 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.



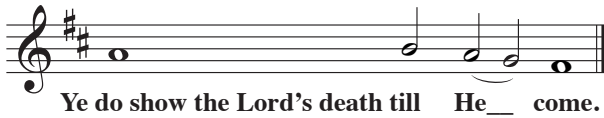
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

**Post Communion Rite**

*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.**



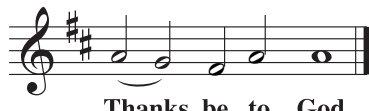
A — men.

*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 ..... Who Trusts in God..... Burgundy Hymn 714**

**Postlude**

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## Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

### The Epistle is Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do

in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

### **The Gospel is St. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ...

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”...

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

## Hymns for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

### LSB972 I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone

Konrad Hubert

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1. I trust, O Christ, in You alone; No earthly hope avails me.  
You will not see me overthrown When Satan's host assails me.  
No human strength, no earthly pow'r  
Can see me through the evil hour,  
For You alone my strength renew. I cry to You!  
I trust, O Lord, Your promise true.
2. My sin and guilt are plaguing me; O grant me true contrition  
And by Your death upon the tree Your pardon and remission.  
Before the Father's throne above  
Recall Your matchless deed of love  
That He may lift my dreadful load, O Son of God!  
I plead the grace Your death bestowed.
3. Confirm in us Your Gospel, Lord, Your promise of salvation.  
And make us long to hear Your Word And follow our vocation:  
To spend our lives in love for You  
And show Your love in all we do.  
And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Savior, come  
And bear Your loved ones safely home.

### LSB411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

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1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

### **LSB690 Hope of the World**

**Georgia Harkness**

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1. Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;  
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.  
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,  
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,  
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life.  
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given  
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.
3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,  
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways  
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.
4. Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us  
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,  
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;  
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,  
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.  
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

### **LSB714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode**

**Joachim Magdeburg**

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses.  
In You alone, dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,  
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.
2. Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,  
While You are near, We shall not fear; Your strength shall never fail us.  
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps for ever;  
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our lives from You will sever.

3. In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet shall stand securely;  
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely.  
O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit  
Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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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 Workers:

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:

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 the work of our call committees
- + 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 Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Don Zettelmier, Marilyn Shafter, Dwight Bieberich, Debra Busche, Willodean Bates, Gloria Gonzalez, Dick Hollman, John A. Pless, Bob Ockree, Rich Arndt, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Louise Petrillo, Warren Messmann, 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, especial Donald Ganaway
- + 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Donald Ganaway on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by his family. 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 19, 2023 thru March 25, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	All PM	Otto Dix Lectures/Kantorei	Sihler Aud./Kramer Ch.
	1:00 PM	Fine Arts Festival	CLHS
<b>MON.</b>	3:30 PM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>TUES.</b>	5:30 PM	LLV Meeting	LLV
	7:15 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	6:30 PM	Ministry Clarity Team	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	10:00 AM	Visitation for Paul Dolde	Church
	11:00 AM	Funeral for Paul Dolde	

### **March 26, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	3:00 PM	Organ & Brass Recital	Church
	Post Recital	Reception	Bauer Hall

## **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.

**I HOPE** you enjoyed yesterday's Theology in the Parish lecture. Thanks to Dr. Arand for a wonderful presentation, and thanks to Mike for his musical leadership at the hymn sing.

**TODAY'S ROSE PARAMENTS** means that it's the Fourth Sunday in Lent, called Laetare, "Rejoice." That name comes from the antiphon of the Introit in the One-Year Series of texts from Isaiah 66:10a: "*Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her.*" Our Introit doesn't begin in the same way, but it does contain elements of rejoicing with "shouts of joy," and singing and making "melody to the Lord." It's a bit of a respite before we enter into Passiontide with blood scarlet paraments, veiled crosses, and the absence of "*Glory be to the Father ....*"

**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. DeForest will preach this Wednesday.

**THANKS** to everyone who helped stuff envelopes for the class reunion. Melvia is also looking for old photos and Zion gear for the upcoming June's All Class Reunion. If you have any of these items, please feel free to contact her at the office or email her the information (744-1389 or [church@zionfw.org](mailto:church@zionfw.org)). Thanks.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Romans 10:9-10 — "Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." Last week's verse was 1 John 2:2

**GOLDEN HEIRS MARCH EVENT:** The Senior Saints of Holy Cross are sponsoring "The Hiding Place, a Living History True Story, a Re-Enactment of the Life of Corrie Ten Boom," presented live by Karla Chandler of St. Louis. The approximately 45-minute-long presentation will be held in the Holy Cross sanctuary on Sunday, March 26 beginning at 2:30 p.m. All ages are invited to attend. No charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted, and refreshments will be served following the presentation. You do not have to RSVP for the event.

**SIDEWALK ADVOCACY TRAINING** will be held on Friday, March 24th at the RLNI Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9 am - 3 pm. Learn how to approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. There is no cost to participate. Lunch will be provided for those in attendance. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/advocate](http://www.ichooselife.org/advocate) or call 260-471-1849 to register.

**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 [linogorman@gmail.com](mailto:linogorman@gmail.com), 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.

**SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN** presents a dramatic presentation called "Twelve Seats at the Table" at 6318 W California Road, Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 PM. Light refreshments to follow.

## For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

**God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood."** God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

### Morning Prayer

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

Mark 12:1-12

Mark 12:13-27

Mark 12:28-44

Mark 13:1-23

Mark 13:24-37

Mark 14:1-11

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Isaiah 42:14-21

Genesis 42:1-34, 38

Genesis 43:1-28

Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34

Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28

Genesis 47:1-31

Genesis 49:29-50:7, 14-26

## 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; for 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:17-27, 38-53



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About How Christ Judges by His Own Righteousness

*In the midst He judges gods* [Psalm 87:2]. This was done when [Jesus] accused [the scribes and Pharisees] of their false teaching and greed, making this statement (Matt. 23:27): “Hypocrites, you are like whitewashed tombs.” And again, judging among the good and the evil, He said (Matt. 5:20): “Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees”; and again (John 9:39): “For judgment I came into this world, that those who see may become blind and the blind may see.” For that reason He did not choose many scribes and Pharisees, but fishermen, etc. Behold, how He judged gods! But what is the meaning of “in the midst”? In the first place, it is the time between the synagog and the church, when Christ lived in the world, as Habakkuk says (Hab. 3:2): “O Lord, Thy work, in the midst of the years bring it to life.” There are two years, the one of the Law, the other of grace. And in the midst of them, that is, at the end of the Law and the beginning of grace, the mystery of incarnation and redemption is accomplished, and this is the work of the Lord.

Then Christ judged by rejecting the most and by choosing a few in Judea.

*Luther's Works*, 11:111.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, Mar. 9, 2023  
(The following summary is provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), F. Jackson (secretary pro tem), W. Krause, A. Litke, K. Vlot

Elders absent: T. Muehl, B. Scott

Pastor present: Pr. Punke

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

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

The elders conducted their monthly review of their activities with Holy Communion to determine if any changes were needed.

The elders reviewed the current draft update prepared by Richard Lammert for the elders' manual regarding the procedure for setting up Holy Communion. He will continue with the revisions for the next meeting.

A copy of the current elders' manual prepared by Frank Jackson was distributed to the elders. The elders are asked to review the manual with a view to the safety report prepared by Mitch McKinney, in order to see what suggestions from him may be incorporated into the manual.

The elders discussed possible methods of distributing offering envelopes to those members who have not picked up them up. Final determination will be made at the next meeting.

The elders reviewed their service schedule for assisting with Communion during Holy Week and Easter, to make certain that all Divine Services were covered.

The meeting concluded with Responsive Prayer I.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Jackson,  
Secretary Pro Tem

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# OTTO DIX: MATTHÄUS EVANGELIUM

FEBRUARY 1, 2023  
THROUGH  
APRIL 30, 2023

LECTURES  
MARCH 19, 2023

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 [ctsfw.edu/OttoDixExhibit](https://ctsfw.edu/OttoDixExhibit)

 The Wayne & Barbara Kroemer Library  
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2:00 PM Lecture I: German Expressionism and Otto Dix  
Dr. Steven Cody, Associate Professor of Art History, PFW

3:00 PM Lecture II: Gospel of Matthew  
Dr. David Scaer, The David P. Scaer Professor of Biblical and System-  
atic Theology, CTSFW

# Brass and Organ Recital

Sunday, March 26<sup>TH</sup>, at 3pm

Zion Lutheran Church

2313 Hanna Street

## Program

Trumpet Voluntary .....	Jeremiah Clarke
Prelude in E-flat Major .....	Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude on "The King's Majesty" .....	Leo Sowerby
Pastorale .....	César Franck
Prayer of St. Gregory .....	Alan Hovhaness
Fugue in E-flat Major .....	J. S. Bach
Salvum fac populum tuum .....	Charles Marie Widor



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## LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



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

KDG: KriShawn

5<sup>th</sup>: Montray

1<sup>st</sup>: Ade

6<sup>th</sup>: Gay Doh

2<sup>nd</sup>: DaMonica

7<sup>th</sup>: Jabron

3<sup>rd</sup>: Kali

8<sup>th</sup>: Jayland

4<sup>th</sup>: Wayde

Mrs. Maresh

# FINE ARTS FESTIVAL



## Fine Arts Festival!

We have several students whose artwork has been chosen to be on display. We will also have several student's performing in the music showcase. It's a great event to see artwork and music from all the area Lutheran schools!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

Concordia Lutheran High School

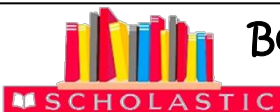
Art Show: 1-3:30 PM

Music: 2 PM

Showcasing PreK-12th Artwork and Music!



**THIS EVENT CELEBRATES THE FINE ARTS FROM  
CLHS AND AREA LUTHERAN GRADE SCHOOLS.**



## Book Fair: March 16-24!



The Scholastic book fair returns March 16<sup>th</sup>.

You can donate to the school library online here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LSUSbookfair23>

### Help Wanted:

- 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:

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.—1 Peter 3:14b-15



# LSUS is collecting donations for a special project: Phil's Friends

Items are being collected now for care packages for cancer patients as well as monetary offerings in our chapel services. Please join us in this endeavor.

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## The following items are needed:

All items need to be new and unused, because our friends with cancer have compromised immune systems.

Adult items only please!

- 5 oz. bottles of fragrance-free lotion
- Hats -knitted, crocheted, baseball, etc.
  - Fuzzy socks – women's only
    - Lip balm
    - Gift cards
  - Decks of playing cards
    - Tissue packs
    - Puzzle books
- Single toothbrushes and 5 oz. toothpaste



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Please bring these items to church and place in the designated box by Sun., April 9.

Thanks for your help!



# Summer Camps

**At Concordia Lutheran High School**

**Register online at [www.clhscadets.com/summer](http://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)

**Boys 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)

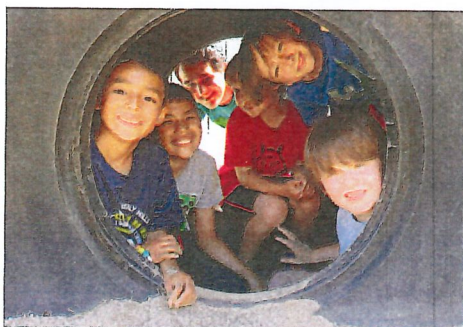
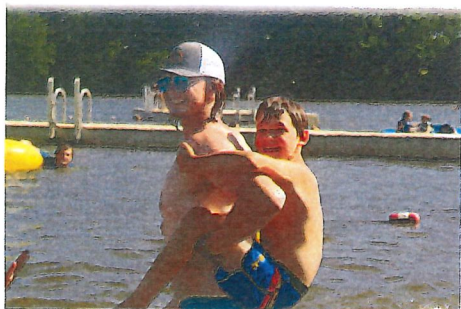
**Tennis Camps** - June 5-8 (rainout date is June 9) (Grades 1-12)

**Volleyball Camps** - May 31-June 2 (Girls, Grades K-8)



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