

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

9:00 am Sunday, November 24, 2024

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.

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which | righteous- ness dwells__ . || “O LORD, | make me know my | end || and what is the measure | of my days__ ; || let me | know how •fleeting• I | am!*

Verse 1: **“Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as | •nothing• be- fore you. || Surely all mankind | stands as a mere | breath! || And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait__ ? || My | hope__ is in | you.**

Verse 2: *Deliver me from all | my trans- gres- sions. || Do not make me the | scorn__ of the | fool! || Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry__ ; || hold not your | peace__ at my | tears!”*

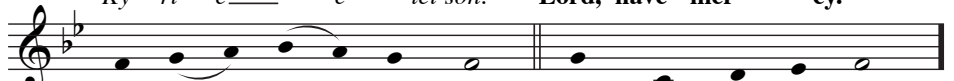
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son_ ; || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit_ ; || As it was in the be- | •ginning_ , is now_ , || and will | be for- •ever• . A- | men!**

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Kyrie



Ky - ri - e__ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chri - ste__ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.

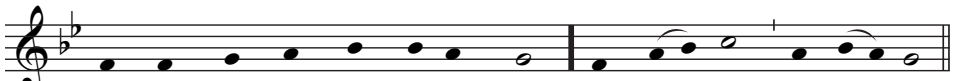


Ky - ri - e__ e - lei - son. Lord, __ have mer - cy.

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 -



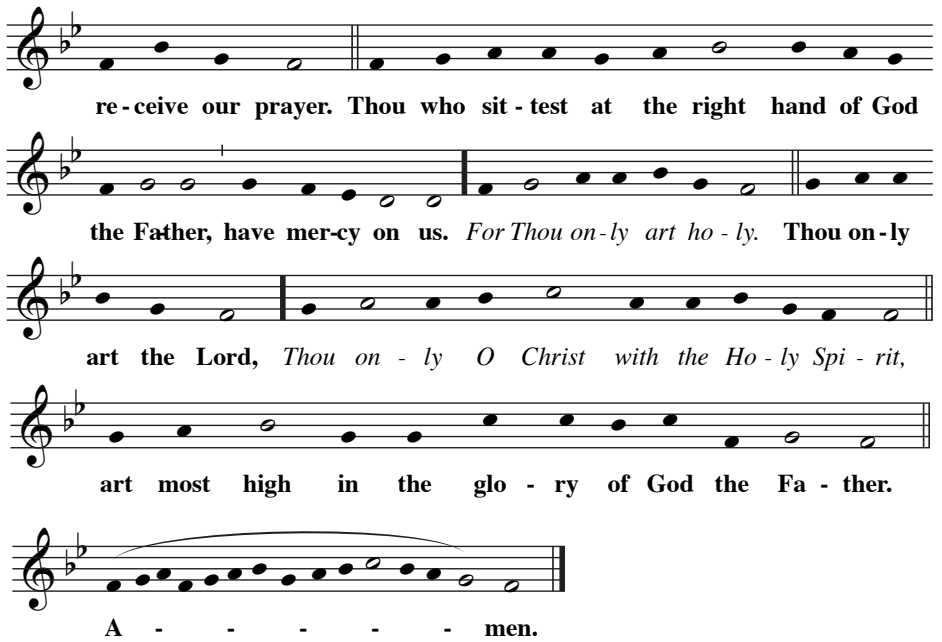
migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



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, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated] + **The Office of the Word of God** +

Old Testament Reading..... **Isaiah 51:4-6**

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

Epistle of the Day **Jude 20-25**

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

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Alleluia!*

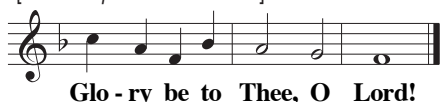


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia!

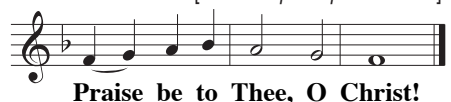
Holy Gospel **St. Mark 13:24-37**

[*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 Lo! He Comes Burgundy Hymn 336

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 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,



have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Christ is Surely Coming..... Burgundy Hymn 509

Wake, Awake Burgundy Hymn 516

[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.



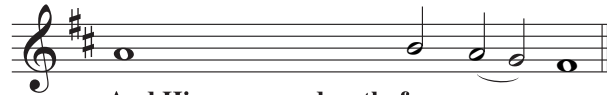
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

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



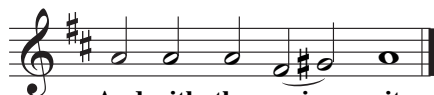
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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 Rejoice, My Heart Burgundy Hymn 737

Postlude

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Readings for the Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost The Last Sunday of the Church Year

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 51:4-6

“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

The Epistle is Jude 20-25

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

The Gospel is Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Hymns for the Last Sunday in the Church Year

LSB336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Charles Wesley

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshippers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

LSB509 Christ Is Surely Coming

Christopher M. Idle

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1. Christ is surely coming Bringing His reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
Root and stem of David, Brilliant Morning Star:
Meet your Judge and Savior, Nations near and far!
2. See the holy city! There they enter in,
All by Christ made holy, Washed from ev'ry sin:
Thirsty ones, desiring All he loves to give,
Come for living water, Freely drink, and live!
3. Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!
Father, Son, and Spirit, Evermore the same;
Hear the certain promise From the eternal home:
"Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

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!

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.
3. The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'ring bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

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 Workers: Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), Abbey Kohler (4th),
Tiffany Scheurich (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Rachel Wiegman (K-A),
Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Gary Arrington (PE, AD)

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, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + For our nation; for our leaders currently serving and newly elected; for our military, including James Hall
- + 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
- + For those who are on hospice care, especially Janice Grim
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including John Starks, Rick Meyer, Jane Porter Gresham, Richard Lammert, TruLaine Starks, Connie Houser, Mike Carson, Estella Ramirez, Kevin Leininger, Bill Weinrich, Debra Busche, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jerry & Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Elizabeth Lindsay, Gary Phillips, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Michele Gordon and 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 Dr. Robert and Katherine Leininger
- + 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 Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger by Kevin and Maribeth Leininger. The Altar Vases are given by Charlene Young in celebration of the birthdays of her daughters Michele Gordon and Nikki Wideman. 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 24, 2024 thru November 30, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Matins	Church
FRI.	9:00 AM	Decorating for Christmas	
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

December 1, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz is gone this Sunday. Pastor Punke will lead Adult Bible Class discussing other ideas about the End Times. Sunday School is as needed. Parents of young children, let us know your needs.

THANKSGIVING matins is Thursday, November 28, 9 AM. Thanksgiving begins with thanksgiving directed to God.

ADVENT DECORATING is Friday, November 29, 9 AM. We'd love it if you can help!

FYI: Giving Tuesday is December 3rd, and December 4th starts our Advent midweek services: 5:45–6:45 PM for supper and Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM. Let us prepare our hearts for Christ.

FOOD CO-OP: Bags and a list are on the table in the Great Hall. Pick up some extra items at the grocery store and contribute them to the Food Co-op at the Seminary. It is the season of giving.

PASTOR ERRED when he only had the election of the Convention Lay Delegate on the Congregational Assembly agenda last Sunday. We need an Alternate, too. Kevin Leiningner has agreed to serve as Alternate. We'll hold a Special Assembly on December 8 BEFORE Service to elect Kevin (unless someone else has an interest in serving as Alternate — let Pastor know).

ADVENT DECORATING is Friday, November 29, 9 AM. We'd love it if you can help!

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 2 Corinthians 5:17—“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” Last week's verse was 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.

GIFT PLANNING CAN ENSURE that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. Life is busy and often does not allow dedicated time to focus thoughts in a clear way on a variety of topics. As a result, we remain ambiguous, often missing out on opportunities. This can be true about estate planning. Down deep you have had a desire to make a gift to ministry, but have never defined the timing or size of that distribution, nor the goal you hope ministry will achieve with this financial support. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor focuses on your goals, helping you to construct a plan that achieves them, including support of ministry. For assistance, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

LIFE DEFENDERS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE College-aged and high school students are invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We leave the evening of January 22nd and return home early morning on Saturday, January 25th. We want YOU on the bus with us for this life-changing experience! Learn more at www.ichooselife.org/dc or call our office at 260-471-1849. Registration ends Dec. 15th. **ALSO, SAVE THE DATE:** RLNI March for Life is Saturday, January 18th, 12:30 PM. The Rally will be outside this year, and the March a different route. Visit www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events and look for Northeast Indiana March for Life 2025 for more details.

CLHS: Priority Application Period – now to December 20th Submitting your application during this period ensures that your student will receive their financial aid package by mid-February. Please go to the application page at clhscadets.com to apply!

FELIZ NAVIDAD GALA | Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction – Saturday, December 7: Join us for our annual gala auction event! This year's theme is ¡Feliz Navidad! Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at CadetsInCadence.com. For questions, to volunteer, or to donate auction items, please contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com.

THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB is once again this year selling Christmas trees (Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, and Blue Spruce) and decorated wreaths 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 23rd. The lot will be open 2 –8 PM weekdays, 9 AM to 8 PM Saturdays, and 12 noon to 8 PM. Sundays. The proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support various projects and functions of the Concordia Church and school.

A PART-TIME RESOURCE ROOM TEACHER position with LSEM is open at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Ossian IN. If interested, please contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

Mark 13:24-37
Revelation 21:9-27
Revelation 22:1-21
1 Peter 1:1-12
1 Peter 1:13-25
1 Peter 2:1-12
1 Peter 2:13-25

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 51:4-6
Daniel 5:1-30
Daniel 6:1-28
Isaiah 1:1-28
Isaiah 2:1-22
Isaiah 5:1-25
Isaiah 6:1-7:9

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 19:28-40



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Eternal Rule and Reign of Christ

Isaiah witnesses to the eternity of the Messiah's kingdom in a number of passages; for instance, in chapter 51:4-5: "Listen to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go forth from Me, and My justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near speedily, My salvation has gone forth." And a little while later he says (v. 6): "My Salvation will be forever, and My Righteousness will never be ended." This is the eternal Righteousness of which Daniel 9:24 says: "Seventy weeks of years are decreed ... to bring in everlasting Righteousness." This refers to the Messiah; thus all old Hebraists have interpreted it. Mere man or angel cannot be called "eternal Righteousness and Salvation"; no, these terms signify God Himself. And yet He is also David's Son, natural Man, and a Person distinct from the One that speaks about Him and calls Him "My Salvation, My Righteousness." The Holy Spirit is the third Person present; it is He who says this about the other two. In 1 Cor. 1:30 the New Testament speaks of "Christ Jesus, whom God made our Wisdom, our Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption." That is in accord with Isaiah, and Isaiah is in accord with Paul.

Luther's Works, 15:289.



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PLEASE PRINT

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___ General Donation \$ _____

___ Pick up plant after Dec 31

___ Give plant to a shut-in

Return this form to the church office by **December 15th**
to have your dedication
printed in the bulletin.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Sam	Pla
Ramya	Santiago
Artez	Nycole
Layla	Damari
Avah	AJ



Honoring Our Heroes



Veterans Day is an important occasion to honor those who have served in the U.S. Military. We celebrated this Veterans Day on Monday with a special assembly. We invited veterans from our LSUS family to join us in our celebration. At the assembly, Pastor Punke, and both Isabella's (6th grader) father, Steve, and grandfather, Steven, were asked to share their stories



and answered questions about their military experiences. Students also sang patriotic songs throughout the assembly.

Many of our students created thank you cards that were given to our visiting veterans and will be sent to veterans participating in the Honor Flights.

They also created patriotic artwork that decorated our halls throughout this week.

We want to thank our veteran visitors, Steve & Steven Kingsley, Pastor Punke, Eric Lehman, John Hoham, and Dave Clovis for joining us in our celebration!



Let Everything that has Breath Praise the Lord



8th grader Koko and 7th grader Khloe participated in Chorfest at Concordia Lutheran High School on Nov. 1st. They rehearsed and sang in a concert with around 120 other students, including five area Lutheran schools and CLHS choirs. This year's theme was based on Psalm 150:

Let Everything that has Breath Praise the Lord. It was a great experience for all!



MudLove Bracelets for Sale:

LSUS is still selling MudLOVE bracelets to raise funds for the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization.) Bracelets are adjustable (one size fits most), waterproof, handcrafted in Indiana! They come in a variety of colors and have a variety of words or phrases.



Cost: \$10 each

See the office to purchase a bracelet during office hours.

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 8: 38-39



*The 8th Annual
Fort Wayne
City of Churches
Tour*

FRIDAY,
12/06/2024

- The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
5pm - 9pm • 1105 S Calloun St
St. John Lutheran Church
- 6pm - 9pm • 729 W Washington Blvd
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
- 5pm - 7pm • 2120 S Harrison St
Trinity English Lutheran Church
- 5pm - 9pm • 450 W Washington Blvd
Trinity Episcopal Church
- 5pm - 8pm • 611 W Berry St



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TOUR



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Christmas at the Embassy

The Christ Child:

Our Confidence and Joy Shall Be

At the Historic Embassy Theatre

December 15, 2024 | 4:00 p.m.

\$15 - Students and Seniors | \$20 - Adults



Concordia Lutheran
High School

Tickets available at the Star Bank Box Office or Ticketmaster Beginning October 25

Light the Match

A Northeast Indiana Matching Gift Challenge

"The bottom line is that the SGO changes lives. It makes it possible for Northeast Indiana children in need to attend loving, faith-based schools where they can be known and chart a new path for their lives. We feel blessed to be able to support this work changing our community for the good." – Nate & Jodi Goltz, Leaders Staffing, LLC

Attention All New Donors: Discover the joy of giving through the SGO program.

For the calendar year 2024, any gift from a new donor, or a new business, including sole proprietorships, LLCs, and incorporated businesses, to one of the 22 schools in our family of schools in Northeast Indiana would be matched \$1 for \$1 up to \$10,000 for an accumulated total of \$75,000. Gifts from lapsed donors (3 or more years since their last gift) will also be considered for this match. This is a first-received, first-matched basis.

WHY Give: Receive a 50% credit to reduce or eliminate your Indiana State taxes.

HOW to Give: Donate to The Lutheran SGO via check, card, stock, PayPal, IRAs, or Donor Advised Funds.

Your support will ensure that families in Northeast Indiana will receive a quality, Christian education.



Matching Gift Challenge is open to all new donors and new businesses, including sole proprietorships, LLCs, and incorporated businesses.



All donations would be matched up to \$10,000 per business for an accumulated total of \$75,000.



New donors can choose to fund scholarships for students to attend 22 Christian elementary and high schools in Northeast Indiana that are part of The Lutheran SGO of Indiana family of schools.

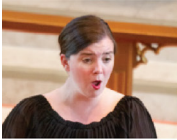
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2024-2025 Season



Sarah Shafer



Daniel McGrew



Edward Vogel



Ashlee Bickley



Brad Tatum



Leighann Daihl Ragusa

Sun Nov 10 at 4 pm – Concert I Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*
Daniel McGrew, *tenor*
Edward Vogel, *baritone*
Leighann Daihl Ragusa, *flauto traverso*
Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*

J.S. Bach: *Ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich den*, BWV 157
J.S. Bach: *Ich armer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht*, BWV 55
J. Brahms: *Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen*, Op. 74, No. 1 [a cappella]
J.S. Bach: *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*, BWV 125

Sun Dec 1 at 2 pm – *Messiah* Sing-Along Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St., Fort Wayne

The joy of singing *Messiah* is open for everyone in our annual *Messiah* Sing-Along, with **Thomas Remenschneider** directing. Bring your own score or borrow a copy we will have available. Holiday cookies will be served.

Sun February 16 at 4 pm – Concert II Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*
Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*
Jonathan Busarow, *tenor*
Keith Brautigam, *baritone*
Brad Tatum, *cornò da tirarsi*
Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*
Luke Conklin, *oboe/oboe d'amore/recorder*

J.S. Bach: *Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir*, BWV 73
J.S. Bach: *Komm, du süße Todesstunde*, BWV 161
A. Bruckner: *Motets: selection* [a cappella]
Zwei Totenlieder, No. 1, WAB 47
Vexilla regis, WAB 51
Zwei Totenlieder, No. 2, WAB 48
J.S. Bach: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, BWV 95

Sun April 27 at 4 pm – Concert III Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Ft. Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*
Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*
Mark Vogel, *tenor*
Edward Vogel, *baritone*
Esteban Hernandez Parra, *viola*
Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*
Jenni Kirby, *oboe/oboe d'amore*
J.S. Bach: *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird*, BWV 37
J.S. Bach: *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen*, BWV 72
U.W.v. Wassenaer: *Concerto armonico III in A major* [instrumental]
M. Durufle: *Tantum ergo*, Op. 10, No. 4 [a cappella]
T. Kverno: *Corpus Christi Carol* [a cappella]
J.S. Bach: *Mein liebster Jesu ist verloren*, BWV 154

HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE



HURRICANE HELENE made landfall near Perry, Fla., on Sept. 26 as a Category 4 storm. Since that time, it has left a devastating trail of death and destruction across the southeastern United States. The death toll is currently estimated at more than 180 people in six states.

On Sept. 30, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, departed for a multi-day visit to assess the damage, after which an initial response plan will be developed in cooperation with the districts affected. Other LCMS districts and Recognized Service Organizations are also assisting with the response.

While early reports seemed to indicate the damage would not be extensive, that quickly changed. In Florida, the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas sustained severe flooding, with multiple homes taking in water, making them currently uninhabitable. Meanwhile, south-central Georgia experienced significant tree damage, and western North Carolina — particularly Asheville — remains in dire conditions, with closed roads impeding transportation, and widespread power and cellular outages making communication difficult or impossible.

Johnson encourages everyone in the LCMS to take part in the response as they are able. First, and most important, please pray for those affected by the storms. Second, consider volunteering to assist with the response. Third, consider a gift to LCMS Disaster Response.

PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth, we know that you hold all things and people in Your hands. In your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected, in big ways or small, by Hurricane Helene. Work through the efforts of those who bring relief, aid and comfort, and protect all involved from any further harm. Most of all, help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In His name we pray. Amen.

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VISIT lcms.org/givenow/ disaster.

TEXT “LCMSDISASTERS” to 41444.

CALL the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

MAIL — Make checks payable to “The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod” (or “LCMS”). On the memo line, write “Disaster Response” and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

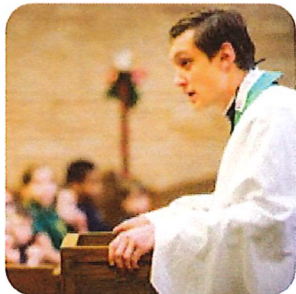


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

THANKS
be to
God
for those
who work in our
congregations
and schools!

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!



Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.


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