Historic Zion Lutheran Church divine service for the festival of the reformation

9:00 am Sunday, October 27, 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
- (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!

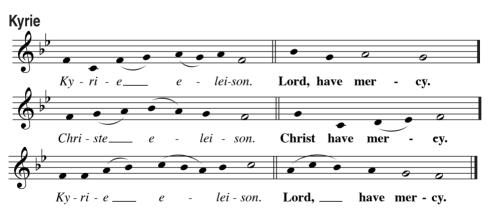
The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

[Rise] Invocation

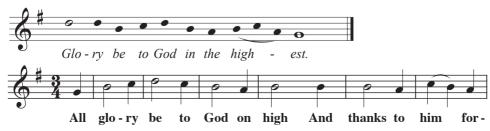
In the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Entrance Hymn Thy Strong Word Burgundy Hymn 578

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











The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Festival of the Reformation: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 +

First Reading [After the reading] "This is the word of the Lord.				
Epistle of the Day				
[Rise] Sequence Hymn Salvation unto Us Burgundy Hymn 555: st 1-4 [Sing stanzas 1 through 4 before the Gospel.]				
Holy Gospel	St. John 8:31-36			
[The Gospel is announced.] Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord! [After the Gospel has been returned to the second secon	[The Gospel is proclaimed.] Praise be to Thee, O Christ! the Altar, the congregation is seated.]			
Hymn of the Day				

[All sing stanza 5; Men sing stanzas 6 & 8; Women sing stanzas 7 & 9; All sing stanza 10; Rise for stanza 10.]

[Be seated] Sermon

[Rise] + The Office of Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution +

Having heard the Word of God, and as we prepare for the great gift of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, let us confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

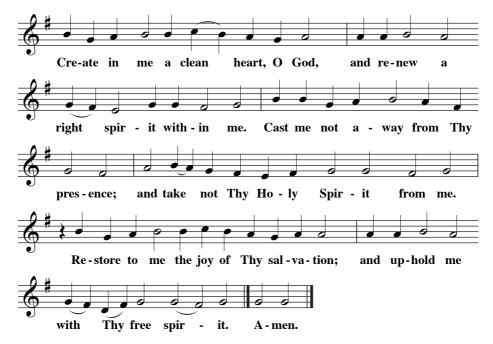
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy 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.

[Rise] Confession of FaithWe All BelieveBurgundy Hymn 954

Prayer of the Church

[Be Seated] Offerings Choral VoluntaryD. Buxtehude

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

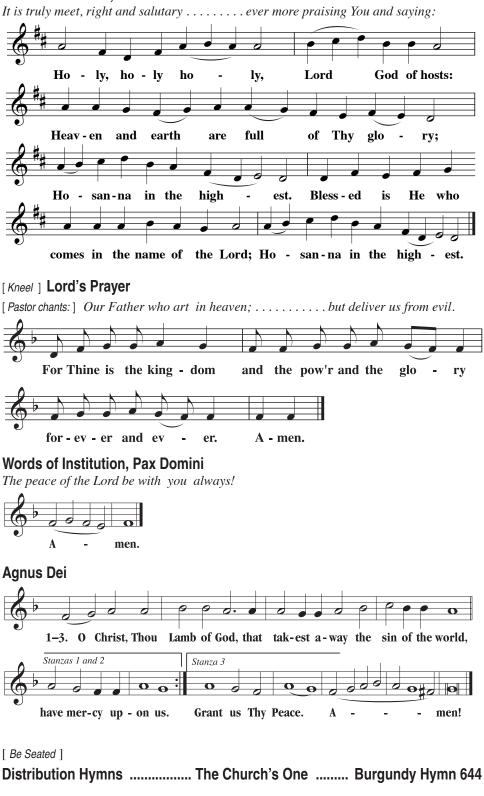


+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +



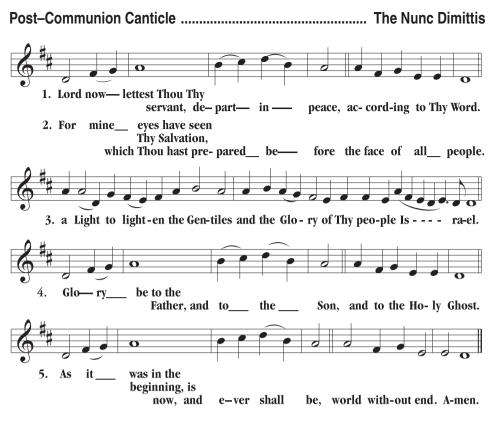
It is meet and right so to do.

Common Preface, Sanctus



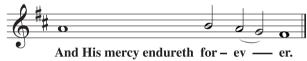
I Know My Faith Burgundy Hymn 587

[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction



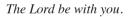
Post Communion Rite

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.





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 A Mighty Fortress Burgundy Hymn 656 Postlude

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Readings for the Festival of the Reformation

The First Reading is Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

The Epistle is Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Gospel is John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Hymns for the Festival of the Reformation

LSB578 Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzmann

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- Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done. 1. For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia. alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death, Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness, W 3. Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might; M 4. From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
 - 5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- $\triangle 6$. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

LSB947 All Glory Be to God on High

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1. All glory be to God on high And thanks to him forever; Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavor. He bends his ear to ev'ry call And offers peace, goodwill to all, And calms the troubled spirit.

LSB555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come, sts. 1-4

- Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor; Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone; He is our one Redeemer.
- What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender. Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires, And lost is our condition.
- It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven. The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light That lurks within our nature.
- From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing; The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing. None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart — So deep is our corruption.

LSB555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come, sts. 5-10

Paul Speratus

- Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
- M 6. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.
- W 7. Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken: Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.
- M 8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken; But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken. Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.

- W 9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit. triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessed name we hallow.

LSB954 We All Believe in One True God

Martin Luther

- We all believe in one true God, Who created earth and heaven, The Father, who to us in love Has the right of children given. He in soul and body feeds us; All we need His hand provides us; Through all snares and perils leads us, Watching that no harm betide us. He cares for us by day and night; All things are governed by His might.
- We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing An equal Godhead, throne, and might, Source of ev'ry grace and blessing; Born of Mary, virgin mother, By the power of the Spirit, Word made flesh, our elder brother; That the lost might life inherit, Was crucified for all our sin And raised by God to life again.
- 3. We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who, in highest heaven dwelling With God the Father and the Son, Comforts us beyond all telling; Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit. Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus' merit. All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God eternally. Amen, amen.

LSB644 The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone

- The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

LSB587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Erdmann Neumeister

- 6. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word. Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound; Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground. God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure; And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
- Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away. But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed; And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid. Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow; Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
- In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain; And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You, Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true. In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain, Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

LSB656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 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.

The Festival of the Reformation



Zion Hvangelical 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) Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; <u>www.lsusfw.org</u>) 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: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM 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; for our military, including James Hall; especially at this perilous time in our world
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care, especially Janice Grim
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Richard Lammert, TruLaine Starks, Connie Houser, Carl Albersmeyer, Estella Ramirez, Kevin Leininger, Bill Weinrich, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Jerry & Elaine Seifert, Jane Porter Gresham, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Elizabeth Lindsay, Gary Phillips, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby; also for Richard England, Jr. who is missing.
- + 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
- + 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 Festival of the Reformation Day. The Cross Bowl and Altar Vases are given in recognition of the confirmation of André Woodard with thanks for his ongoing confession of the Lutheran faith. 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

October 27, 2024 thru November 2, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
MON.	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.	12 noon	Administrative Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.		·	-
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Chapel

November 3, 2024 (Daylight Saving ends)

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class with Dr. Voelz the Gospel according to St. Mark. Sunday School is as needed. Parents of young children, let us know your needs.

THANKS to everyone who participated and helped out with the trunk or treat. It's always nice to see all the young faces. Also, thanks to the ladies for providing dinner for the teachers at LSUS during parent-teacher conferences week.

SAVE THE DATE: Zion will hold a special Congregational Assembly on November 17, after the Divine Service. We have some business to take care of regarding the June 2025 Indiana District Convention. Our regular semi-annual Assembly will be in January.

CLEAN UP: The leaves are turning color and starting to come down, which means it's almost time for Zion's fall clean up. So please join us Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, as we'll be raking, trimming, cleaning inside and out, and sprucing up the small park at Hanna and Creighton. Brings rakes, pruning trimmers, and other equipment you may need. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served! Contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896 for more information.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 1:13—"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." Last week's verse was John 20:31.

GOD HAS ENTRUSTED YOU with His gifts to apply them to the care of family and support of ministry. You want to be sure that after the Lord has called you home, your intentions are followed. You may be concerned that some family members, or ministry recipients, will be overwhelmed by the responsibility of being good stewards with lump sum distribution of these gifts. You may want a plan with accountability for that plan, to make sure the wishes God has planted in you are accomplished. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or <u>mark.muehl@lfnd.org</u>.

REPORT: The Delegates of the Charter Members of The Lutheran Foundation (which includes Zion) approved the following resolution made upon recommendation of the Foundation's Board of Directors and passed in an earlier meeting of the Delegates (this resolution required a confirming vote): "The Charter Members of The Lutheran Foundation approve a matching gift of \$8M from the principal of the Endowment Fund pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the Articles of Incorporation, for the purpose of supporting the Concordia Lutheran High School Capital Campaign. The matching gift will be proportionally distributed over a 4-year period as funds are received from other donors." See the October *Voice of Zion* for more information on the projects being supported by the Capital Campaign.

BACH COLLEGIUM is at Zion on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 4 pm for their fall concert. The Collegium is offering discounted tickets of \$20 to Zion members. Just identify yourselves thus at the ticket counter.

EVENT IN DECATUR CIRCUIT: *St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School* is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 2nd from 4PM-7PM with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N, Decatur. Cost is \$13.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and/or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards a library remodel.

CLHS needs to fill two short-term substitute positions from November – February: a Science teacher and a Math teacher. To find out more or to send your resume, contact Patrick Frerking, Principal at <u>pfrerking@clhscadets.com</u> or 260-483-1102 Ext 291.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - Closing Prayer Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Sunday, November 3rd at 2pm in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to end our 40 Days for Life fall campaign. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office on 3106 Lake Ave. For more info please visit <u>www.ichooselife.org/40days</u> or call 260-471-1849.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer	DAILY LECTIONARY	Evening Prayer
John 8:31-36	The Festival of the Reformation	n Revelation 14:6-7
Matthew 19:1-15	Monday	Deuteronomy 30:1-20
Matthew 19:16-30	Tuesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-29
Matthew 20:1-16	Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27
Matthew 20:17-34	Thursday	Deuteronomy 32:28-52
Matthew 21:1-22	Friday	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 21:23-46	Saturday	Jeremiah 1:1-19

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:

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Feast of All Saints (transferred)



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Office and Work of Jesus Christ ARTICLE I — The Chief Article

The first and chief article is this:

Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:24-25).

He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29), and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all (Isaiah 53:6).

All have sinned and are justified freely, without their own works or merits, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (Romans 3:23-25).

This is necessary to believe. This cannot be otherwise acquired or grasped by any work, law, or merit. Therefore, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. As St. Paul says:

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (Romans 3:28)

That He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. [Romans 3:26]

Nothing of this article can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth and everything else falls [Mark 13:31].

For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

And with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Upon this article everything that we teach and practice depends, in opposition to the pope, the devil, and the whole world. Therefore, we must be certain and not doubt this doctrine. Otherwise, all is lost, and the pope, the devil, and all adversaries win the victory and the right over us. *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, Smalcald Articles, The Second Part.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, Oct. 10, 2024 (The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: A. Litke (secretary), W. Krause, K. Vlot. Elders absent: F. Jackson, R. Lammert (chairman), T. Muehl, Pastor present: Pr. Punke

(Note: Due to R. Lammert's ongoing surgeries, the elders did not meet in September; Rev. Lammert was not to attend and chair this meeting, and in his absence, Pastor Punke chaired the meeting. There was no quorum, so no official business could be conducted.)

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion continuing the reading of Article IV of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke noted the assignment of our new fieldworker, Nate Demlow and the updating of the cameras for livestreaming.

Without a quorum, no action was taken on the Ministry Clarity Pillars. It was noted regarding Pillar 2, Goal #4 that sometime before the next regular Elders' meeting, the Elders will need to have a Zoom meeting to discuss the CADDS survey in order to coordinate that with the fall Stewardship mailings.

No additional action was taken on the Pastoral Support Policy document.

Art Litke expressed his willingness to serve as the Elders' representative to the Education Council. He will need to be approved by vote in the next Council of Elders meeting.

The Council of Elders does have two positions to be filled with pious, capable men; be watchful.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur E. Litke, secretary



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MOTHY'S GOEGL

Stumbling toward Utopia **with Tim Goeglein** November 4, 2024, 7 - 9 p.m.



Zion Lutheran Church is pleased to host Tim Goeglein, Vice President of Government and External Relations at Focus on the Family, for a timely discussion of his inspiring new book, *Stumbling toward Utopia: How the 1960s Turned Into a National Nightmare and How We Can Revive the American Dream*. Please join us at Zion, 2313 Hanna St., Fort Wayne! Tim is a life-long Lutheran (LCMS) with experience in the White House under George W. Bush and at Focus on the Family. He will speak about the moral and social revolution of the 1960s and the impact of that revolution on marriage, family, parenting, human life, religious liberty, conscience rights, parental rights, and the pronoun battle.

Copies of Tim's book will be available for purchase, and Tim will inscribe them. Light refreshments will precede the talk, and a hymn sing will conclude the evening.





Please RSVP by October 30th to Melvia at <u>office@zionfw.org</u> or call 260-744-1389.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You! Please pray for these students/staff:

Evonize Angel Joy Amira Kayden Than CJ Cataleya Royce Sophia Mrs. Kohler Mr. Mertz



A Peak in the Classroom

Students just wrapped up the first quarter. Here is a peak in some of the classrooms.



Our Kdg 1 class have been working on letters Q, R, and S and made a paper quilt, rainbow and sun. They also worked on their name and selfportrait journals! Third graders practiced being engineers. They worked in groups to design a bridge and then build one out of marshmallows and toothpicks.









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:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. —Hebrews 13:8

The LSUS Faculty want to give a great big

THANK YOU

To our supporting churches (that's you!) for providing us with meals during our parentteacher conferences. It allowed our teachers to have one less thing to stress about.

Voting in Allen County

You surely know it's election season. Pastor encourages you to exercise your right to vote. The Allen County Election Board (allencountyinvoters.gov) instructs its residents that you may vote in one of three ways: By Mail, Early in Person, On Election Day (Nov. 5) in Person. Voter registration has closed for this election season.

TO VOTE BY MAIL, you must be a registered voter and you must submit an application to vote by mail. The easiest way to apply is online at the state's Voter Portal (<u>indianavoters.in.gov/MVPHome/PrintDocuments</u>). You can also apply by paper by emailing the Election Board at <u>acebab@allencounty.us</u>, or calling them at 260-449-7329 to request an application (or printing one) and returning it by October 24, 2024 at 11:59 PM. Applications can be accepted online, in person, by mail, fax or email. Then, voted ballots must be returned to the Election Board office by 6 PM on Election Day. Ballots can be returned by USPS or in person to the Election Board office. USPS officials advise that first class mail turnaround is five to seven days.

TO VOTE EARLY IN PERSON for the 2024 General Election, go to one of the voting locations at the available times (see back side). Be sure to bring your photo ID — the best one is your Driver's License, but others will work. If you don't have one, you can still vote a provisional ballot.

TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, go to your precinct, again with your ID.

Allen County is divided into precincts for voting. Voting on Election Day happens between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

If you do not know your precinct, you can visit <u>allencountyinvoters.gov</u>, click on "Where Do I Vote?", and type in your address. You will be shown a map and given information on your precinct. You can also download a sample ballot so you can prepare in advance for whom you'd like to vote.

If you'd like recommendations on the elections, I suggest looking at the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana site: <u>ichooselife.org/voters-guide</u> for a printable voters guide.

Much of the above information was summarized from the Allen County Election Board website © 2022 – All Rights Reserved

VOTE EARLY

VOTE AT ONE of FIVE LOCATIONS in ALLEN COUNTY

2024 General Election

Vote at Rousseau Centre - 1 E Main St

Mon - Fri, 10/8 - 10/25: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Sat. 10/26: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mon - Fri, 10/28 - 11/1: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Sat, 11/2: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mon, 11/4: 8:00 AM - Noon

SATELLITE LOCATIONS ONLY on 10/28 – 11/2

Indiana Wesleyan University - 8211 W Jefferson Blvd Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus - 3800 N Anthony Blvd Public Safety Academy - 7602 Patriot Crossing Salomon Farm Park - 817 W Dupont Rd

Mon - Fri, 10/28 - 11/1: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Sat, 11/2: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

www.allencountyinvoters.gov

25th Annual Conference Good Shepherd Institute



Through the Church the Song Goes On

November 10-12, 2024



CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Deadline for registration is November 1, 2024. For more information or to register online, visit ctsfw.edu/GSI or scan the QR code.



Music Events

ALL MUSIC EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All events below will take place in Kramer Chapel.

Organ Recital

Sunday, November 10, at 4:30 p.m. Jeffrey Smith (Professor of Organ at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana)

All Saints' Choral Vespers

Sunday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. Schola Cantorum, chamber orchestra, and soloists will sing Bach Cantata 9, "Es ist das Heil uns kommen her" ("Salvation Unto Us Has Come") and Schütz, "Sing to the Lord a New Song," directed by Kantor Kevin Hildbrand

Hymn Festival

Monday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Kantorei and Fort Wayne Philharmonic Brass with organist Matthew Machemer

The events above are also part of the Good Shepherd Institute Conference. Visit ctsfw.edu/GSI for complete details.

Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer

Saturday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m.

For information on other events at CTSFW throughout the year, please scan the code or visit ctsfw.edu/events.



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.

TO VOLUNTEER Visit *lcms-lert.org*.

TO GIVE

VISIT Icms.org/givenow/ disaster.

TEXT "LCMSDISASTERS" to 41444.

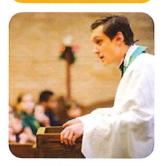
CALL the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

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.



WANKS Be to Constant for those who work in our congregations and schools!





"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).

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. Icms. org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.



AN EVENING WITH KEITH & KRISTN KRISTN GETTY LIVE IN CONCERT



with special guests MATT BOSWELL & MATT PAPA MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL FORT WAYNE, IN

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