

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

9:00 am ..... Sunday, September 29, 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

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**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

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#### [ Rise ] **Invocation**

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ Kneel ]

*Our help is in the name of the Lord ..... Who made heaven and earth.*  
*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. .... And You forgave the*  
**iniquity of my sin.**

*O almighty God, merciful Father; ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

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

Kyrie

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

Lord \_ have mer - cy up - on \_ us.

Gloria in Excelsis

*Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men.*

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 - might - y.

O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God,  
 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on \_ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the  
 Fa-ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou  
 on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Ghost, 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 St. Michael and All Angels:** *Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

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

**Old Testament Reading**..... **Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Revelation 12:7-12**

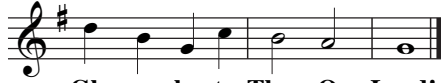
[ *After the reading* ] “*This is the word of the Lord.*” ..... “**Thanks be to God.**”

[ *Rise and face the Processional Cross for the Gospel Procession.* ]

**Sequence Hymn** ..... **Praise My Soul** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 793**

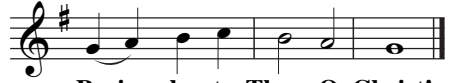
**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. Matthew 18:1-11**

[ *The Gospel is announced.* ]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[ *The Gospel is proclaimed.* ]



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!

[ *After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.* ]

**Hymn of the Day** ..... **Lord God, to Thee We All** .... **Burgundy Hymn 522**

[ *All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8.* ]

## Sermon

# The Rite of Confirmation

## [ 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 St. Michael and All Angels, 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 - en and \_\_ earth are  
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless-ed is \_\_ He that com - eth 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**

[ Vs. 1 & 2 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[ Vs. 3 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymn ..... Christ, the Lord of Hosts..... Burgundy Hymn 521**

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

**Jesus, Brightness of the Father..... RED Hymn 257**

[ Rise for stanza 3. ]

**Eucharistic Benediction**

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

**Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis**

1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.

3. a Light to light— en the Gen— tles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - ra— el.



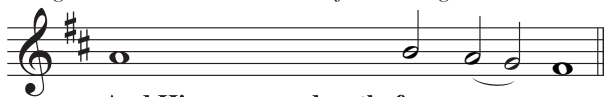
4. Glo—ry be to the  
Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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

### Post Communion Rite

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



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

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



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

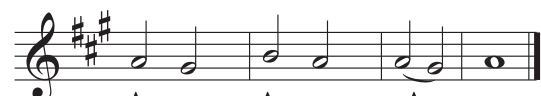
*Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A - men, A - men, A - men.

*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

### Recessional Hymn ..... Around the Throne of God ..... RED Hymn 256

### Postlude

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## **Readings for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

Behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.” ...

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

### **The Epistle is Revelation 12:7-12**

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

## **The Gospel is Matthew 18:1-11**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. *For the Son of Man came to save the lost.*”



# Hymns for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

## LSB520 Stars of the Morning

Joseph the Hymnographer

1. Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,  
Angels in heaven, resplendent in light,  
These, where no darkness the glory can dim,  
Praise the Thrice Holy One, serving but Him.
2. These are Your ministers, these are Your own,  
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest Your throne;  
These are Your messengers, these whom You send,  
Helping Your helpless ones, Helper and Friend.
3. Then, when the earth was first poised in mid space,  
Then, when the planets first sped on their race,  
Then, when were ended the six days' employ,  
Then all the sons of God shouted for joy.
4. Still let them aid us and still let them fight,  
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right,  
Till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,  
We with the angels may bow and adore.

## LSB793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Henry F. Lyte

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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

1. Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,  
With grateful hearts our voices raise,  
That angel hosts Thou didst create  
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.
2. They shine with light and heav'nly grace  
And constantly behold Thy face;  
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,  
In godly wisdom they excel.
- M 3. They never rest nor sleep as we;  
Their whole delight is but to be  
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep  
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
- W 4. The ancient dragon is their foe;  
His envy and his wrath they know.  
It always is his aim and pride  
Thy Christian people to divide.
- M 5. As he of old deceived the world  
And into sin and death has hurled,  
So now he subtly lies in wait  
To undermine both Church and state.
- W 6. A roaring lion, round he goes,  
No halt nor rest he ever knows;  
He seeks the Christians to devour  
And slay them in his dreadful pow'r.
7. But watchful is the angel band  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
To guard His people where they go  
And break the counsel of the foe.
8. For this, now and in days to be,  
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,  
Whom all the angel hosts adore  
With grateful songs forevermore.

## **LSB521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken**

**Peter M. Prange**

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1. Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken By the devil's seething rage,  
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions; Wins the strife from age to age;  
Conquers sin and death forever; Slams them in their steely cage.
2. Michael fought the heav'nly battle, Godly angels by his side;  
Warred against the ancient serpent, Foiled the beast, so full of pride,  
Cast him earthbound with his angels; Now he prowls, unsatisfied.
- W 3. Long on earth the battle rages, Since the serpent's first deceit;  
Twisted God's command to Adam, Made forbidden fruit look sweet.  
Then the curse of God was spoken: "You'll lie crushed beneath His feet!"
- M 4. Jesus came, this word fulfilling, Trampled Satan, death defied;  
Bore the brunt of our temptation, On the wretched tree He died.  
Yet to life was raised victorious; By His life our life supplied.
5. Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high,  
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky.  
Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
6. Jesus, send Your angel legions When the foe would us enslave.  
Hold us fast when sin assaults us; Come, then, Lord, Your people save.  
Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.

## **TLH257 Jesus, Brightness of the Father**

**Rhabanus Maurus**

1. Jesus, Brightness of the Father, Life and Strength of all who live,  
For creating guardian angels Glory to Thy name we give  
And Thy wondrous praise rehearse, Singing in harmonious verse.
2. Blessed Lord, by their protection Shelter us from harm this day;  
Keep us pure in flesh and spirit, Save us from the Foe, we pray,  
And vouchsafe us by Thy grace In Thy Paradise a place.
- △ 3. Glory to th'almighty Father Sing we with the heav'nly host;  
Glory to the great Redeemer, Glory to the Holy Ghost;  
Three in one and One in Three, Thro'out all eternity!

## **TLH256 Around the Throne of God a Band**

**John M. Neale**

1. Around the throne of God a band  
Of glorious angels ever stand;  
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,  
And on their heads are crowns of gold.

2. Some wait around Him, ready still  
To sing His praise and do His will;  
And some, when He commands them, go  
To guard His servants here below.
3. Lord, give Thy angels ev'ry day  
Command to guide us on our way,  
And bid them ev'ry evening keep  
Their watch around us while we sleep.
4. So shall no wicked thing draw near  
To do us harm or cause us fear;  
And we shall dwell, when life is past,  
With angels round Thy throne at last.

# The Festival of St. Michael & All Angels



## 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](http://www.lsusfw.org))  
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),  
Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), Abbey Kohler (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Tiffany Scheurich (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), 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; 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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Richard Lammert, Carl Albersmeyer, Estella Ramirez, Connie Houser, TruLaine Starks, Kevin Leininger, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, 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, especially Dwight & Carol Bieberich
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially Kendall, Nevaeh, and Braelyn
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, including the Everett Beck family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Everett Beck
- + 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 St. Michael & All Angels. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of Dwight & Carol Lu Bieberich. 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

### **September 29, 2024 thru October 5, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	10:00 AM	Everett Beck visitation	Narthex
	11:00 AM	Everett Beck Funeral	Church
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	6:00 PM	The Lutheran Foundation Delegate Meeting	Parkview Mirro Center
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>		No Private Confession – Pastor is out of town	

### **October 6, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	2:00 PM	Memorial for the Unborn	Catholic Cemetery (Lake)

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**CONFIRMATION:** We rejoice today with three young ladies who have gone through two years of instruction in the Evangelical Lutheran faith and have confessed it before men (before the Elders last Sunday) and who are being confirmed in this faith today. Kendall Burkhart is the daughter of Kendra Turner and Heath Burkhart (baptized 4/22/2012, verse Rom. 1:16-17); Nevaeh Holiday is the daughter of Miranda Holiday (baptized 2/11/2018, verse Josh. 1:9); and Braelyn Scott is the daughter of Brent and Wendy Scott (baptized 7/5/2009, verse John 8:31-32). The Lord bless and keep them.

**LWML:** There will be a LWML meeting on October 13, 2024, in the Conference Room, short and brief about the Ingathering event on October 19, 8:30 AM-11:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at that event. Also other dates will be discussed as well. Thanks, Melvia

**LSUS POWER UP:** Please prayerfully consider making a pledge and contributing to the campaign that addresses vital needs for our students and teachers. If you don't have a pledge card, you can pick one up at Julie's Scrip table, and please respond by October 1.

**LSUS:** School is in full swing again, and so we're thinking about clubs! Clubs will run for 6 weeks from September 30-November 15. There will NOT be clubs the week of October 21-25. Please email Danielle Ramsey at [dramsey@lsusfw.org](mailto:dramsey@lsusfw.org), if you are interested (Danielle will send you a link to a Google form) or if you have any questions. Tuesday clubs are from 2:30-3:15. MWThF clubs are from 3:30-4:15.

**RLNI:** The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Banquet is being held October 14 at Allen County Memorial Coliseum. Doors open at 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$50.00/person and \$400.00 for a table of eight. We have filled our one table and registered for it. Other attendees from Zion will need to register yourselves. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events](http://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events) in order to do this.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Hebrews 11:1—"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Last week's verse was 2 Corinthians 13:14.

**THE GIFT PLANNING** process of an estate plan requires multi-channel communication. Have you ever heard of someone needing services from several doctors at a time, yet those doctors really didn't understand what the other was doing? The same can be true about your attorney, tax preparer, and financial advisor. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in facilitating group communication between you and these professionals, so they are working together for you. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Join in on some fun with Octoberfest with brats, beer, and Bavarian music at Trinity, 1636 St. Mary Ave. Trinity is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Octoberfest in partnership with Fortlandia Brewing on Saturday, October 5, from 5-9pm. It includes \$5 craft beers and freewill donation for the German meals of brats, potato salad and sauerkraut. Proceeds go to Bloomingdale Elementary School.

**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Church is going to be conducting their 179<sup>th</sup> anniversary church dinner in October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-1:00 PM, 1033 E. 1100 N., Decatur, IN 46733. We would like to extend an invitation to you all.

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Soest),** 9909 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne, will be having their Fall Rummage & Bake Sale on Thursday, October 17th, from 8am-4pm and on Friday, October 18th, from 8am-noon. Bag Sale will be on Friday, 1-paper grocery bag for \$2, or 1-13 gal. garbage bag for \$5.

**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**

Matthew 18:1-11

**The Festival of St. Michael & All Angels**

Daniel 10:10-14;  
12:1-3

Matthew 6:1-15

Monday

Deuteronomy 1: 37-2:15

Matthew 6:16-34

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 2:16-37

Matthew 7:1-12

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 3:1-29

Matthew 7:13-29

Thursday

Deuteronomy 4:1-20

Matthew 8:1-17

Friday

Deuteronomy 4:21-40

Matthew 8:18-34

Saturday

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

**THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH**

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[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 reasonable 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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 2:18-25

Hebrews 2:1-18

Mark 10:2-16





# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Deceit of the Wily Satan*

Great is the astuteness in the power of Satan to deceive the senses. And no wonder, since a change of sense and of color can take place through glass. Therefore he can easily deceive a man with his wiles, so that the man supposes that he is seeing something that he really does not see, or hearing a voice, thunder, a flute, or a trumpet that he really does not hear. ... Thus Satan has uncommon ability to touch all the senses in such a way that you swear you see, hear, or feel something which you nevertheless do not see, etc.

But Satan does not dement men in this crude way only; he also does so in a way that is subtler and all the more dangerous. In this he is an especially clever trickster. This is why Paul applies the bewitchment of the senses to the bewitchment of the Spirit. But with the spiritual witchcraft that ancient serpent (Rev. 12:9) captures, not men's senses but their minds, and deceive them with false and wicked opinions; those who are bewitched in this way suppose that these opinions are true and godly. Nowadays he is showing his ability to do this in the fanatics, the Anabaptists, and the Sacramentarians. With his tricks he has so bewitched their minds that they are embracing lies, errors, and a horrible darkness as the most certain truth and the clearest light. They will not permit themselves to be dissuaded from these dreams of theirs by any admonitions or Scripture passages; for they are altogether persuaded that they alone are wise and have a pious attitude toward sacred things, and that everyone else is blind.

*Luther's Works, 27:191-2.*



**Beginning September 15,  
CHOIR REHEARSALS  
RESUME ON:**

**SUNDAYS  
AT 8:05 am**

**In the church balcony.  
All are welcome.**

# South Zone Gathering October 19, 2024



Zion Lutheran Church  
2313 S. Hanna, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Registration/Breakfast starts at 8:30 am  
Cost \$7 at the door  
9:00 am-11:30am Program

**In Gathering:** Hygiene Kits and Love Offering

**Speaker:** Ralph Schmidt from Orphan Grain  
Train

**Theme:** “Wholesome Grain” Ps 65:13

Registration Deadline: Oct. 13th to  
Melvia Culpher at [mculpher@zionfw.org](mailto:mculpher@zionfw.org)





# HYGIENE KITS

## CONTENTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bath towel              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 sturdy comb                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 wash cloth              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 band-aids<br>(1/2" or 3/4")    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bath-size bar of soap   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 small package facial tissues   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 plastic soap box holder | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 nail clipper                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord |

## ASSEMBLY

1. Lay out the towel on a flat surface.
2. Fold over about 5" on each long side.
3. Place the rest of the items in the center under the folds.
4. Roll up the towel.
5. Use ribbon or cord to tie the towel together in the middle.

## PLEASE NOTE

- Dark colored linens are recommended.
- We recommend leaving contents in the original packaging, but it is not required.
- No additions, deletions, or substitutions.
- Do not add money, photos, or personal notes.
- Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols.
- Pack only new or gently used items.
- Do not include plastic bags.
- It costs an average of \$11 to ship each box of kits. Please consider a donation to your local OGT branch to help with shipping.

*Although well-meaning variations are tempting, please do not do this. It may result in heavy fines and/or the entire shipment being confiscated by customs officials.*



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*Thank you for making a difference in these children's lives. Your love of your Savior, Jesus Christ, is sent with each kit packaged. May God continue to bless your life as you serve Him.*



*You're Invited*



**STAINED GLASS  
WINDOW DEDICATION  
2 PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

Worship Anew, 5 Martin Luther Drive,  
Fort Wayne, Ind. 46825

All are welcome as we dedicate the windows  
from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Program will begin at 2 PM.



## LIFE NEWS—OCTOBER 2024



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



### Life Newsbytes

**Election Day is approaching. Thanks be to God that we get to participate in representative government, contribute to the common good, serve our neighbors, share life together, and advocate for righteousness. What a privilege, opportunity, and even responsibility!** Several states are entertaining ballot initiatives concerning the sanctity of every human life. You can learn the details about each of these from our friends at Priests For Life: [www.stateballotmeasures.org](http://www.stateballotmeasures.org). Of course, the sanctity of life means that everyone's voice counts. The National Association of Secretaries of State has a convenient online portal where you can check your voting registration status: [www.nass.org/can-i-vote/voter-registration-status](http://www.nass.org/can-i-vote/voter-registration-status). And you can encourage and even assist those around you to confirm their registration there as well. National Right to Life has affiliates in every state that prepare voter guides. Find your locale here and educate yourself about candidate positions: [nrlc.org/about/stateaffiliates](http://nrlc.org/about/stateaffiliates). Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America will compensate you for canvassing door-to-door and connecting with your fellow citizens as they prepare to vote: [sbaproflife.org/voter-contact-program](http://sbaproflife.org/voter-contact-program). **Find out more:** [lutheransforlife.org/article/election-day-is-approaching](http://lutheransforlife.org/article/election-day-is-approaching).



### Speaking up For Life

"The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God's commandment of 'You shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being." *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan*

"These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois*

"So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us." *Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life*



[word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org)

[Y4Life.org](http://Y4Life.org)



# 2024 Regional Conference Update

By Erika Peterson, Events Coordinator

**“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:4-5).**

There is such hope in the Gospel message! With three regional conferences taking place this fall—under the theme **Life Shines in Darkness**—we’ll be able to draw near to folks across the nation to share the Gospel of Life.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

The first conference took place on **September 14** in the outskirts of Hartford, **Connecticut**, in Bristol, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rev. Evan McClanahan, author of our recently released biblical manhood resource, will be presenting at all three conferences, presenting on the same subject. Our very own Rev. Scott Licht shared on the Gospel of Life among widows and orphans in India; our National Director of Y4Life, Michelle Bauman, presented on raising life-affirming kids; and Rev. Michael Salemink, our Executive Director, also shared the For Life message.

On **October 12**, at Hope Lutheran in Shawnee, **Kansas**, in the Kansas City Metro area, we’ll hear again from Rev. McClanahan. As a complement to his presentation on biblical manhood, Deaconess Rose Adle of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne will present on Christian womanhood. Our Director of Volunteer Relations, Virginia Flo, will facilitate a panel with local Life Teams sharing their inspiring work. And wrapping up the conference, Rev. Dr. James Lamb, formerly of LFL and Lutheran Family Service, will shed light on Christian citizenship, especially in light of this election year.



Finally, rounding out the conferences on **November 9**, we will be in Winter Garden, **Florida**, just outside Orlando at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. In addition to Rev. McClanahan and Rev. Licht presenting, we will also hear from the founder and owner of Skoog Dementia Support, Teri Skoog, on caring for those with dementia; and on the heels of our election day, author and current Vice President of External and Government Relations at Focus on the Family, Tim Goeglein, will share his thoughts on faith in the halls of power, exploring what is next for America in the Pro-Life movement.

We hope you will be able to join us at one or more of these conferences to be encouraged and equipped to continue on your Gospel-motivated For Life journey. For additional information on each conference, or to register, visit [lutheransforlife.org/conferences](https://lutheransforlife.org/conferences) or snap a photo of the QR code.



**Special Note: Go to the conferences webpage to find out about a free Conference for Life on Friday, October 11, in Shawnee and about childcare at all three conferences.**

**YOU** are invited to the second-annual CLHS Barn Bash! It's sure to be one rip-roaring hootenanny! Come enjoy food, drinks, entertainment and fun! Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity. Proceeds go toward the Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction. Register here: <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/auction/barn-bash> \*Adults 21+ only event. RSVP by Friday, October 4.

# CLHS Barn Bash



On Saturday Oct 12

Adults Only

CLHS Alumni,

Family & Friends





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