

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, December 8, 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!*

### 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



[ Antiphon ] *The voice of one crying in the | wil- der- ness: || “Prepare the way of the Lord, | make\_\_ his paths | straight.”*

Verse 1: **Hear, O my people, while I ad- | mon- ish you! || O Israel, if you | would but •listen• to | me!**

Verse 2: *I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the | land of •Egypt•. || Open your mouth wide, | and I will fill | it.*

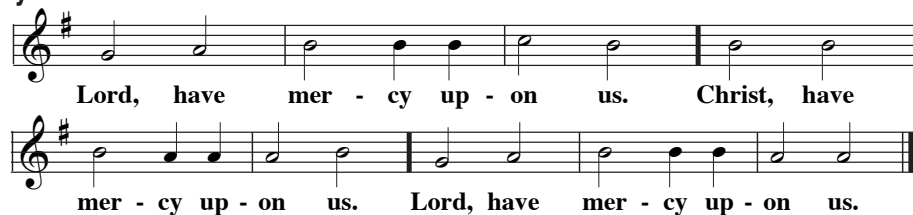
Verse 3: **But my people did not listen | to my voice; || Israel would | not sub- mit to | me.**

Verse 4: *Oh, that my people would | •listen• to me, || that Israel | would walk in my | ways!*

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!**

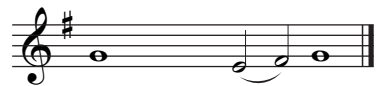
[ Antiphon ] **The voice of one crying in the | wil- er- ness: || “Prepare the way of the Lord, | make\_\_ his paths | straight.”**

## Kyrie



## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent:** *Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

**Collect for Advent:** *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[ Be Seated ]

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

**Old Testament Reading**..... **Malachi 3:1-7b**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Philippians 1:2-11**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

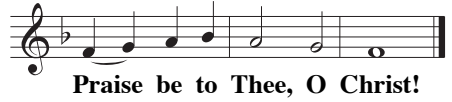
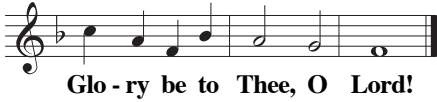
[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*



**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 3:1-20**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



**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 ..... On Jordan's Bank ..... Burgundy Hymn 344**

[ Rise for Stanza 5. ]

**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**



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 Advent, Sanctus**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -

san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that

com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer** [Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art ... but deliver us from evil.*

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -

ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

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

A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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

[ Be Seated ]

Distribution Hymns ..... Herald, Sound the Note ..... Burgundy Hymn 511  
Once He Came in Blessing ..... Burgundy Hymn 333

[ 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.*



*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.*

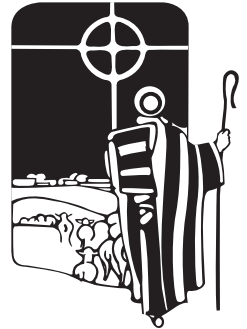
**Recessional Hymn ..... Arise, O Christian People ..... Burgundy Hymn 354**

**Postlude**

# Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly!

**Come join us at Zion Lutheran Church  
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.**

- Advent Services, Wednesdays at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols  
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ  
Prelude begins at 6:30pm • Service begins at 7pm
- Christmas Day Festival Service  
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ  
Prelude begins at 8:45am • Service begins at 9am



**2313 South Hanna Street at Creighton**

**Telephone 744-1389**

*Liturgical texts and musical settings: from Lutheran Service Book, copyright © 2006 by Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. License #000012381. Psalm Tone for Introit and Alleluia Verse: from The Anglican Chant Psalter, copyright © 1987 by The Church Hymnal Corporation; used by permission.*

## **Readings for the Second Sunday in Advent**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Malachi 3:1-7b**

“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap.

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

### **The Epistle is Philippians 1:2-11**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

### **The Gospel is Luke 3:1-20**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his

brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.



## Hymns for the Second Sunday in Advent

### LSB344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Charles Coffin

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
  2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
  3. We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
  4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- △ 5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free.  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

### LSB511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

Moir A. J. Waters

Text: © 1977 Moir A. J. Waters; Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

1. Herald, sound the note of judgment, Warning us of right and wrong,  
Turning us from sin and sadness Till once more we sing the song.

#### *Refrain*

Sound the trumpet! Tell the message:  
Christ, the Savior king, is come!

2. Herald, sound the note of gladness; Tell the news that Christ is here;  
Make a pathway through the desert For the one who brings God near.

#### *Refrain*

3. Herald, sound the note of pardon—Those repenting are forgiv'n;  
God receives His wayward children, And to them new life is giv'n.

#### *Refrain*

4. Herald, sound the note of triumph; Christ has come to share our life,  
Bringing God's own love and power, vict'ry in our strife.

#### *Refrain*

### LSB333 Once He Came in Blessing

Johann Horn

Text: (sts. 2-3) © 2006 Concordia Publishing House; Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

1. Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

2. Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.
3. Soon will come that hour\_\_ When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.
4. Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

### **LSB354 Arise, O Christian People**

**Valentin Thilo**

1. Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;  
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes you sins away.  
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;  
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.
2. Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.  
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav'nly guest.  
Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing, His path, all even lay.
3. The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high;  
Beneath His feet in terror The haughty soul shall lie.  
The heart sincere and right, That heeds God's invitation  
And makes true preparation—It is the Lord's delight.
4. Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,  
And help me to receive You This blessed Advent-tide.  
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;  
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.

# The Second Sunday in Advent



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

2313 Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46803 | 260-744-1389  
pastor@zionfw.org, church@zionfw.org | website: [www.zionfw.org](http://www.zionfw.org)

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:  
Teachers:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))

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:  
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 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
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Rich Schwantz at the death of his sister Kara; and Eric Braun (Chef Eric) at the death of his mother Sophia.
- + 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 Second Sunday in Advent. The Cross Bowl & Altar Vases are given recognition of the past and present teachers of Zion by Jennifer Manth. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## CALENDAR

### **December 8, 2024 thru December 14, 2024**

|               |                |                              |                         |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>SUN.</b>   | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>Divine Service</b>        | <b>Church</b>           |
|               | 10:30 AM       | Adult Bible Study            | Bauer Hall              |
| <b>MON.</b>   | 5:00 PM        | LSA Meeting                  | LSUS                    |
| <b>TUES.</b>  | 9:30 AM        | FW South Circuit             | The Lutheran Foundation |
|               | 2:40 PM        | Lutheranism 101              | LSUS                    |
| <b>WED.</b>   | 9:30 AM        | Men of Zion                  | Conference Room         |
|               | <b>5:45 PM</b> | <b>Advent Supper</b>         | <b>Bauer Hall</b>       |
|               | <b>7:00 PM</b> | <b>Advent Evening Prayer</b> | <b>Church</b>           |
| <b>THURS.</b> |                |                              |                         |
| <b>FRI.</b>   |                |                              |                         |
| <b>SAT.</b>   | 11:00 AM       | Private Confession           | Church                  |

### **December 15, 2024**

|             |                |                                 |                 |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>SUN.</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>Divine Service</b>           | <b>Church</b>   |
|             | 10:30 AM       | Adult Bible Study               | Bauer Hall      |
|             | 4:00 PM        | CLHS's Christmas at the Embassy | Embassy Theatre |

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**LUTHERAN WITNESS:** if you would like to renew or start getting the *Lutheran Witness*, please make your checks (\$19) out to Zion Lutheran Church before December 31, 2024.

**NEXT YEAR'S ENVELOPES** are in the Great Hall with your name and number on them. Please take them with you today.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK DEVOTION** is this Wednesday, 5:45–6:45 PM for supper and Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM. This week has Seminarian Sean McNeil preaching.

**SHUT-IN GIFT BAGS:** Plan to bring fruit (oranges, apples, bananas) and holiday cookies to church sometime in the week before December 21. A group will gather that Saturday to divide the treats into bags so that they can be delivered on December 22.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Philippians 4:6-7—“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Last week’s verse was Revelation 1:7-8.

**YOUR ESTATE PLAN** can enable you to express your Christian faith. Around the holidays, we do not want to become morbid, discussing topics that are difficult. But if the opportunity presents itself, consider sharing with family your confidence about care for your body at life’s end, or the joy in your heart about directing God’s things through your estate plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you talk through what you want to share. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto: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. (January 22 – 25). It’s a life-changing experience! Learn more at [www.ichooselife.org/dc](http://www.ichooselife.org/dc) or call the RLNI office at 260-471-1849. Registration ends Dec. 15. **ALSO, SAVE THE DATE:** RLNI March for Life is Saturday, January 18, 12:30 PM. The Rally will be outside this year, and there’s a different route for the March. Visit [www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events](http://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](http://clhscadets.com) to apply!

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN’S CLUB** (4245 Lake Avenue) is selling Christmas trees and decorated wreaths. The lot is 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](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

**EMMAUS COOKIE FAIR** Mark your calendar for the annual Cookie Fair at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8626 Covington Road, on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. A wonderful variety of homemade Christmas cookies, fudge, and other favorite Christmas treats will be sold for \$8.00 per pound. These homemade goodies make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your last minute “Christmas baking!” Free decorative tins will be available to make “gift wrapping” easy! In addition to the Christmas treats, we’ll have Rada Cutlery, a variety of homemade jams & jelly, and kitchen hand towels available to purchase. Come get some delicious homemade goodies and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

**LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PROGRAMMING** You can listen to Issues, Etc. live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or on the LPR mobile app or to KFUO at [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.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**

Luke 3:1-20  
1 John 3:1-24  
1 John 4:1-21  
1 John 5:1-21  
Jude 1-25  
Revelation 1:1-20  
Revelation 2:1-29

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

**The First Sunday in Advent**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

Malachi 3:1-7b  
Isaiah 26:1-19  
Isaiah 26:20–27:13  
Isaiah 28:14-29  
Isaiah 29:1-14  
Isaiah 29:15–30:14  
Isaiah 30:15-26

**THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH**

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

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God’s Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Your mercy,..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; 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 Third Sunday in Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-28



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Genuine Messenger Who Prepares the Way*

1. *Behold, I will send My messenger.* The people are tired. The preacher, the prophet, is tired. They say: “Wait. Wait again, etc. No matter how much we serve the Lord, yet the Gentiles have it better than we.” But He says: “Have confidence. Behold, your salvation is now at the door and that kingdom will be changed. Your murmurings and the complaints of the prophets will cease, who believe that they are preaching in vain. The righteous will be separated from the wicked, and the wicked will no longer be more powerful, more fortunate.” But He is saying all this in a spiritual sense and especially in regard to His teaching and accomplishment. Where the pure Gospel is, there Christ rules. There are excluded the heretics, the antichrists, the wicked, the hypocrites, those who remain in sin and death. In the old synagog there were more wicked teachers than good ones. Two men who teach contrary doctrines cannot stay at the same time. The people want one true and steadfast teacher whom they can trust. Here the Lord promises one who would give his hearers a sound and secure mind in all their tribulations. He says, “I will send you the genuine Malachi [the Hebrew name Malachi means “my angel” or “my messenger”], that is, a messenger, who is John the Baptist.”.

*Luther's Works*, 18:408.



## Zion's Shut-in Members



Mrs. Marylou Graham  
5273 Eastwick Dr.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Mrs. Phyllis Tanner  
2621 Clara Ave  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Mrs. Diane Turner  
2112 E Fairfax Ave  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Mr. Ron Silvers  
5202 St. Joe Road #117  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Mr. Larry Meyer  
4416 S Hanna St  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Ms. Rubbie Holliday  
1320 E. Pontiac St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Mrs. Cheryl Hogle  
1503 E. Paulding Rd. #46  
Fort Wayne, IN 46816

Willodean Bates  
2924 Weisser Park Ave.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Mrs. Estella Ramirez  
3917 Reed Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Ms. Marsha Smith  
5700 Wilkie Dr.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Mrs. Phyllis Lattimore  
827 Colerick St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Mrs. Alice Padgett  
4180 Sage Bluff Crossing  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Ms. Debbie Busche  
5405 Fernwood Ave.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

Mr. Stanley Goeglein  
7785 A Jefferson Blvd W  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Mrs. Virginia Carnahan  
6433 S. Derby Dr.  
Columbia City, IN 46725





# Order Your Poinsettia Plants for Christmas 2024!



PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DEDICATION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 8 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$42 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 6 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$18 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 4 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 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.



LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL  
K-8 Christmas Service

# JOURNEY TO THE MANGER

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024  
6:30 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
3705 S. Anthony Blvd.





# 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.

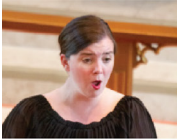
**For more information, contact us at:**  
Call: 260-203-4509. Email: [info@LutheranSGO.org](mailto:info@LutheranSGO.org)  
Visit: [LutheranSGO.org](http://LutheranSGO.org)

  
**THE LUTHERAN  
SCHOLARSHIP  
GRANTING ORGANIZATION**

For tickets and more information visit  
[www.bachcollegium.org](http://www.bachcollegium.org)



## 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.*

-----

## TO VOLUNTEER

Visit [lcms-1ert.org](http://lcms-1ert.org).

## TO GIVE

VISIT [lcms.org/givenow/](http://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).

---

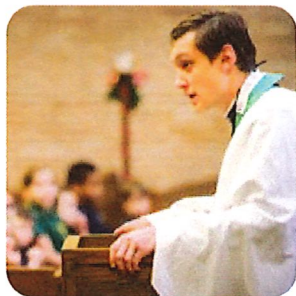
**THANKS**  
*be to*  
**God**  
for those  
who work in our  
congregations  
and schools!

**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](https://resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve) to learn more.

  
**SET APART  
TO SERVE**