

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ..... Sunday, April 27, 2025

### 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 ] **Easter Acclamation**



### Invocation

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[ Kneel ]

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

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

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

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

## Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] Like | newborn •infants•, || long for the | pure\_\_ •spiri- •tual• | milk, || that by it you may grow up in- | to sal- •vation•—|| if indeed you have tasted | that the Lord is | good.

Verse 1: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; || make known his | deeds a- mong the | •peoples•! || Sing to him, sing | •praises• to him; || tell of | all his won- drous | works!

Verse 2: Glory in his | ho- ly name; || let the hearts of those who | seek the LORD re- | joice! || Seek the LORD | and his strength; || seek his | •presence• con- tin- ual- | ly!

Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!

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## Kyrie



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



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

## Gloria



Glory 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 - mighty - 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 the Second Sunday of Easter:** *Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 +**

**First Reading**..... **Acts 5:12-32**

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

**Gradual Anthem** ..... **LSUS 3-5 Choir**

**Second Reading** ..... **Revelation 1:4-18**

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

[ Rise ] **Sequence Hymn** ..... **O Sons and Daughters** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 471**

[ All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Celebrant sings stanza 1; Women sing stanza 2; Men sing stanza 3; All sing the "Alleluia". ]

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. John 20:19-31**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[ Bow ] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; **Whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen!

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

### Hymn of the Day ..... O Sons and Daughters ..... Burgundy Hymn 471

[ All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Men sing stanzas 4 & 6; Women sing stanzas 5 & 7;  
All sing stanzas 8, 9 and the final "Alleluia". ]

### 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

### Choral Voluntary .....LSUS 3-5 Choir

#### [ Rise ] Offertory .....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 Easter, 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!

[ Remain standing ] **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 Hymns** ..... **These Things Did Thomas** ... **Burgundy Hymn 472**  
**I Am Content** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 468**

[ 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.



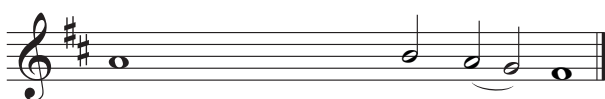
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.*



And with thy spir - rit.



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.



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

*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 ..... Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!..... RED Hymn 188

### Postlude

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## Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

### The First Reading is Acts 5:12-32

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

### The Epistle is Revelation 1:4-18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see

him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

## **The Gospel is John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Hymns for the Second Sunday of Easter

### LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (Sequence) Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

- el 1. O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia!
- W 2. That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
- M 3. An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!
- All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

### LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (HOTD) Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

- M 4. That night the Apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
- W 5. When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- M 6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- W 7. No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
8. How blest are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**LSB472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real**      **Thomas H Troeger**

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1. These things did Thomas count as real:  
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
2. The vision of his skeptic mind  
Was keen enough to make him blind  
To any unexpected act  
Too large for his small world of fact.
3. His reasoned certainties denied  
That one could live when one had died,  
Until his fingers read like braille  
The marking of the spear and nail.
4. May we, O God, by grace believe  
And thus the risen Christ receive,  
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out  
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

**LSB468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives**      **Johann Joachim Möller**

1. I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased.  
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased.  
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.  
I am content! I am content!
2. I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be.  
He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.  
Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
I am content! I am content!
3. I am content! My Jesus is my light, My radiant sun of grace.  
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation.  
I am content! I am content!
4. I am content! At length I shall be free, Awakened from the dead,  
Arising glorious evermore to be With You, my living head.  
The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
I am content! I am content!

1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;  
From the gloomy halls of death Christ the Conqueror has gone,  
Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to rise.
2. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice! Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.
3. Jesus lives! Why weepst thou? Why that sad and frequent sigh?  
He who died our Brother here Lives our Brother still on high.  
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on His Church below.
4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee;  
Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too shalt be;  
With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.
5. Jesus lives! To Him my heart Draws with ever new delight.  
Earthly vanities, depart, Hinder not my heavenward flight.  
Let this spirit ever rise To its Magnet in the skies.
6. Hallelujah, angels, sing! Join us in our hymn of praise;  
Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feebler voices raise;  
Glory to our God above And on earth His peace and love!

## LSUS 3-5 Choir Songs

### Gradual Anthem (between Old Testament Reading and Epistle)

#### 2024-25 Theme Song

#### “God Alone is My Rock” by Don Wharton

*Refrain:* God alone is my Rock, He is my salvation,  
He is my Fortress, I am not forsaken  
God alone is my Rock, He is my salvation,  
He is my Fortress, I will not be shaken.

1. My God is sure, my God is strong  
Standing on His Word is where I belong.

*Refrain*

2. I may stumble, I may fall,  
But my God will see me through it all!

*Refrain (2 times)*

I will not be shaken; He’s my firm foundation;  
I will not be shaken.

### Voluntary Anthem

#### “I Am Forever Who I Am” — Kurt VonKampen

1. Though mountains slide into the sea, and waters rush where fields should be,  
Though monuments and nations fall, Your holy city stands through all.  
When nothing seems to stay the same, You teach us Your eternal Name.

*Refrain:* I am, forever who I am,  
Above you, beneath you, around you, and within you.  
Be still, and know that I am God

2. We buy and sell, we lose or gain; our fortunes shift like sun and rain.  
Sustain our lives, reward our toil With bread and honey, wine and oil.  
Save us and others from our greed. You always give us what we need.

*Refrain*

3. Each generation looks for truth, and doubt can trouble age or youth.  
If other gods would take your place, remember us with love and grace.  
Reclaim us if we go astray; You are the Truth, the Life, the Way.

*Refrain*



# The Second Sunday of Easter



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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:

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### 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
- + 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 Marq Rogers and Rachel Weinrich
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Richard Lammert, Journee Harrison, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Debra Busche, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, 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, including Barbara Wyss and Ernestine Rogers
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Vanessa Smith
- + 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 of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Vanessa Smith on the occasion of her birthday by DaVanna & David Seifert and family. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## CALENDAR

### **April 27, 2025 thru May 3, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teenager Bible Study	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>	<b>5:30 &amp; 7 PM</b>	<b>CEA Board and Delegate Meetings</b>	<b>CLHS</b>
	7:00 PM	Vicarage & Deaconess Assignment Service	CTSFW
<b>TUES.</b>	7:00 PM	Call Service	CTSFW
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Council of Elders Meeting	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	8:30 AM	LWML 3 Zone Tea Party	800 Green St., New Haven
	9:00 AM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
	9:00 AM	Help!! Spread remaining mulch	Zion campus outside
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **May 4, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark today, in Bauer Hall. Our young adult/teenage class will begin considering our Lutheran Identity, in the Conference Room. We are using Dr. Gene Veith's new book *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity*. Two opportunities for growth in God's word.

**WELCOME LSUS 3-5 CHOIR** along with their families and teachers. Reminder: we have the Lord's Supper every Sunday. All are welcome to come forward to the altar. If you are a confirmed member of one of our Association churches, you will be served the Holy Communion. If not, please cross your arms over your chest, and the pastors will give you a blessing. Please ask a pastor about becoming a member.

**HELP NEEDED:** we have leftover mulch; so, please join us on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 AM as we spread the mulch around our property and the park across the street.

**SURVEY:** We are in the midst of our CADDs survey (Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status). It goes through May 4. So far, we have received 22 surveys. We need more responses. You should have received a second email with the clickable survey link ([lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C331117](https://lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C331117)) and an encouragement to fill out the survey. If you haven't received these emails, tell Melvia, give her your email address, and she can send it to you. We also have available paper copies of the survey. Remember, your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. Please be honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and answer the question, "Where are we...really?" If you have no knowledge about a particular survey question, you may skip it. A skipped question with a blank answer will not affect the final survey report. Thank you for your participation.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Romans 6:8-9—"Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." Last week's verse was Job 19:25-27

**DON'T FORGET** to sign up for a time (Tues., May 6) to get your picture taken for the church directory. Melvia will be in the Great Hall with the sign up sheet this week and next.

**CONCORDIA JROTC TOURNAMENT AND AWARDS CEREMONY – MAY 2** This year will mark the 111th Military Tournament. If you aren't familiar with the Tournament, it is an event where CLHS JROTC Cadets will perform (and they get to act a little goofy). You will also get to see Cadets receive their promotions and positions for the 2025-2026 school year. The Tournament is a celebration of student excellence. There will also be a slideshow with memories of the past year. The event, open to the public and free to attend, is May 2, 2025 in Concordia's main gym. The Tournament will start at 6:00 p.m.

**CLHS** is looking for teachers — math, science, technology, visual art, JROTC, and study center assistant. To apply for an open position, please send resume and cover letter to 1601 St. Joe River Dr., Fort Wayne, 46805 or go to [www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment](http://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment).

**GIFT PLANNING CREATES SOLUTIONS FOR DONORS.** A good plan can help to navigate challenging family dynamics. Sometimes there are family conversations that seem too awkward to have. The result is that they never happen. This is often true when parents put together a gift plan in their estate, with inheritance gifts for family and ministry gifts that will support the sharing of Jesus in generations to come through the Church. It is wise to communicate these plans to family now, so that in the future, if family members become involved in helping to manage your estate, they know how to respect your wishes. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you by facilitating those family conversations. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or email him at [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org).

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

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

**Morning Prayer**

John 20:19-31  
Luke 4:1-15  
Luke 4:16-30  
Luke 4:31-44  
Luke 5:1-16  
Luke 5:17-39  
Luke 6:1-19

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

Acts 5:12-20  
Exodus 22:2-23:13  
Exodus 23:14-33  
Exodus 24:1-18  
Exodus 25:1-22  
Exodus 31:1-18  
Exodus 32:1-14

**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**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-22

Revelation 5: 1-14

John 21:1-19



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About Faithful Preaching in the Face of Opposition*

Both Jews and Gentiles attributed such disturbances of the public peace [namely, “endless troubles, seditions, scandals, and sects (that) have arisen”] to the teaching of Paul and the other apostles; and so they persecuted them as enemies of the public peace and of religion.

Nevertheless, the apostles did not desert their ministry on this account but carried it out vigorously, preaching and confessing Christ. For they knew that they had to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29) and that it was better for the entire universe to be thrown into tumult and contention than for Christ not to be preached or for even one soul to perish.

Meanwhile, however, these offenses could not help causing great sorrow to the apostles; ... They saw that great upheavals and universal revolutions would follow this doctrine of theirs, and that endless sects were arising while they were still alive — something that was bitterer for them than death, especially for Paul. It was a sad message for Paul when he heard that the Corinthians denied the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor. 15:12), to say nothing of anything else, or when he heard that the churches founded by his ministry were being disturbed, that the Gospel was being overthrown by the false apostles, and that all Asia and other great men besides had turned away from him (2 Tim. 1:15). But he knew that his teaching was not the cause of these scandals and sects. Therefore he did not lose heart and did not forsake his calling but went right ahead; he knew that the Gospel he preached was “the power of God for salvation to everyone who had faith” (Rom. 1:16), regardless of how foolish and offensive a doctrine it seemed to be to Gentiles and Jews. He knew that those who were not offended by this Word of the cross were blessed, whether they were preachers or hearers, as Christ also says (Matt. 11:6): “Blessed is he who takes no offense at Me.”

*Luther's Works*, 26:426-27.

## Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, April 3, 2025

(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

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

Elders absent: T. Muehl.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

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

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on deaths among the members and friends of Zion, on membership transfers to and from Zion, on health and other issues of members, on adult catechesis, on calls he has made to inactive members, on Holy Week/Easter worship, on the beautification project, on property issues as a result of the lightning strike the day before the meeting, on LSUS, and on CLHS's capital campaign.

The elders reviewed Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting April 1, 2025, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by June 30, 2025." Pastor Punke included information on calls he had made on inactive members in his report. The elders will pursue this goal starting in its May meeting by developing strategies for contacting longer-term inactive members and ways to involve them again in the congregation.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2025, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." This goal is currently on hold; the elders will schedule another *Every One His Witness* workshop for the fall.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: "The Council of Elders will conduct the CADDSS survey before Easter 2025." The Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status (CADDSS) survey will run from April 13 through May 4. The survey is a tool developed by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to survey congregational members and others who have a stake in the congregation. Congregational members are encouraged to respond to the survey online, using the QR code or

clickable URL link found in the bulletin and church mailings. Anyone who is unable or unwilling to use an online form should contact the church office before May 4 for a printed form that can be used to complete the survey.

Art Litke reported that Richard Schwantz had agreed to become a member of the Pastoral Support and Assistance Committee; the elders approved of Schwantz as a new member. The committee will meet sometime after Easter to prepare its recommendations for salaries for the church staff.

The meeting was concluded with the praying of Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Lammert, Chairman

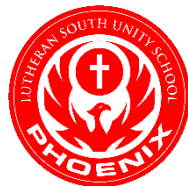
## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

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

Josiah	De'Lyn
Azari	Bentley
Yanuell	Jordyn
Corlesiya	Aveyah
Kayden	Michael
Annalysa	Board of Directors

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### iLearn Testing Underway

iLearn testing is currently underway for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is an important time for our students as they demonstrate their learning and progress. We kindly ask for your continued support through prayers-helping our students feel confident, focused, and encouraged throughout the testing period.



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### Phil's Friends Care Packages

Phil's Friends is an organization that supports adults with cancer. Our chapel offerings will be supporting this organization this month.

#### Items to be collected:

- lip balm/chapstick
- fuzzy socks-women's only
- 5 oz. bottles of fragrance-free lotion
- decks of playing cards
- tissue packs
- puzzle books (crosswords, sudoku, etc.)
- single toothbrushes and 5 oz. toothpaste
- journals (5x7) - not spiral bound

**Collection will run from now through May 16.**





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Friday, May 2 @ 6:30 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Gym  
(3705 S. Anthony Blvd.)

ALL K-8 STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING

### **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

-Isaiah 53:5



# Easter Evening Prayer Service

Easter Evening Prayer led by the Schola Cantorum  
of Concordia Theological Seminary

**Sunday, April 27**  
**4:00 p.m.**

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**Service will be held in  
Kramer Chapel**

Concordia Theological Seminary  
6600 N. Clinton Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
[ctsfw.edu](http://ctsfw.edu)



The service will be livestreamed  
at [ctsfw.edu/Chapel](http://ctsfw.edu/Chapel).



## *Father's Day Sock Drive*

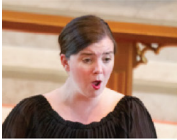
The Ladies of Zion will be  
collecting NEW socks for the  
homeless shelter May 1, 2025  
until June 1, 2025.

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



## 2024-2025 Season

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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

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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. Duruflé:** *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



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**3rd May, 2025**

At 09:00AM

► **Location:**

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Saturday May 3, 2025  
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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

**MAY 1, 2 & 3**

## RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

**THURSDAY, MAY 1, 4:00PM - 7:00PM**

**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 10:00AM - 6:00PM**

**\$3 BAG SALE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 9:00AM - 12:00PM**



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*"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).

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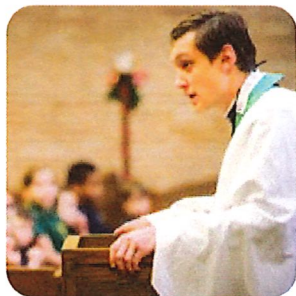
**THANKS**  
*be to*  
**God**  
for those  
who work in our  
congregations  
and schools!

**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.

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**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.

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**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!

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