

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Sunday, April 20, 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

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.

Easter Acclamation

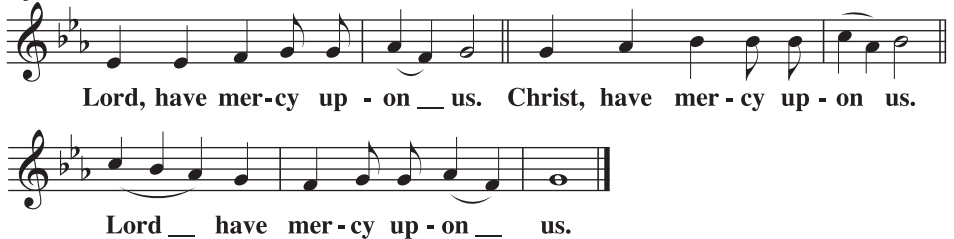


Invocation

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

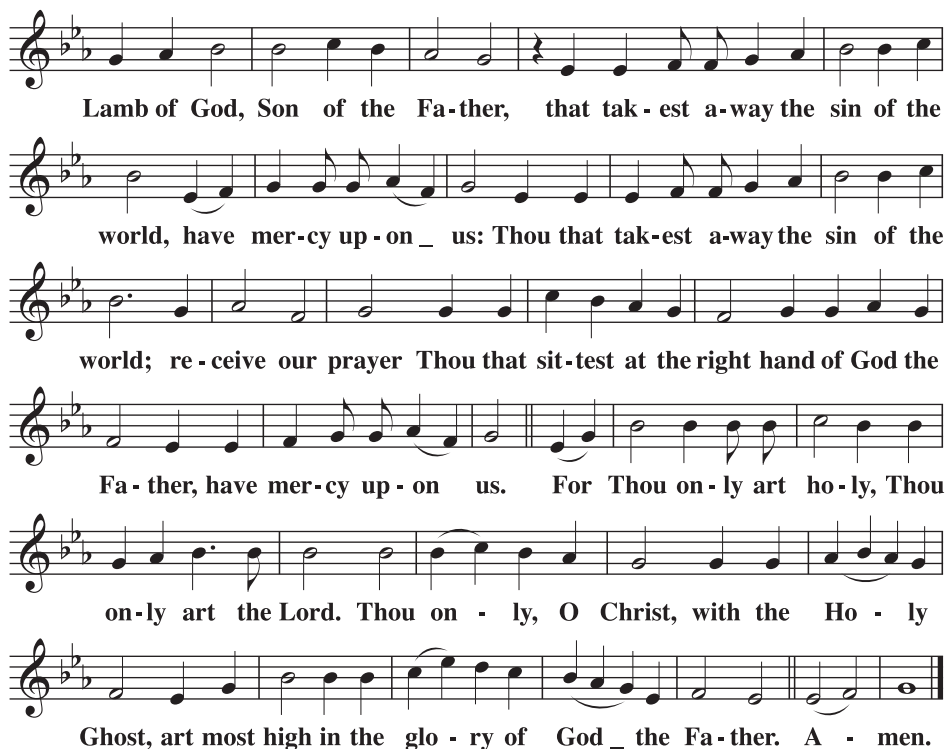
Processional HymnNow All the Vault of Heaven Burgundy Hymn 465

Kyrie



Gloria

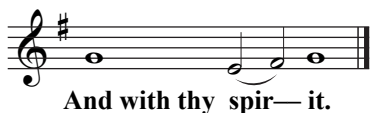




Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on - ly art the 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 Resurrection of our Lord: *Almighty God the Father, through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through 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 **Isaiah 65:17-25**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

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

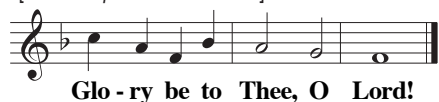
[Rise] **Sequence Hymn Christians to the Paschal..... Burgundy Hymn 460**

[As the Gospel is processed, the men of the Choir sing the "Choir" parts;
All join in to sing Hymn 459, as printed in the hymnal.]

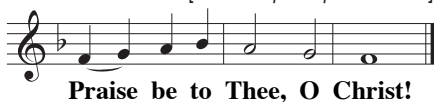
Holy Gospel **St. Luke 24:1-12**

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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

Hymn of the Day **Christ Jesus Lay** **Burgundy Hymn 458**

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

Sermon

+ The Office of Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution +

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

[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!

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!

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 We Banquet This Easter Day J. Pachelbel
[from the cantata, "Christ Jesus Lay"]

[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.

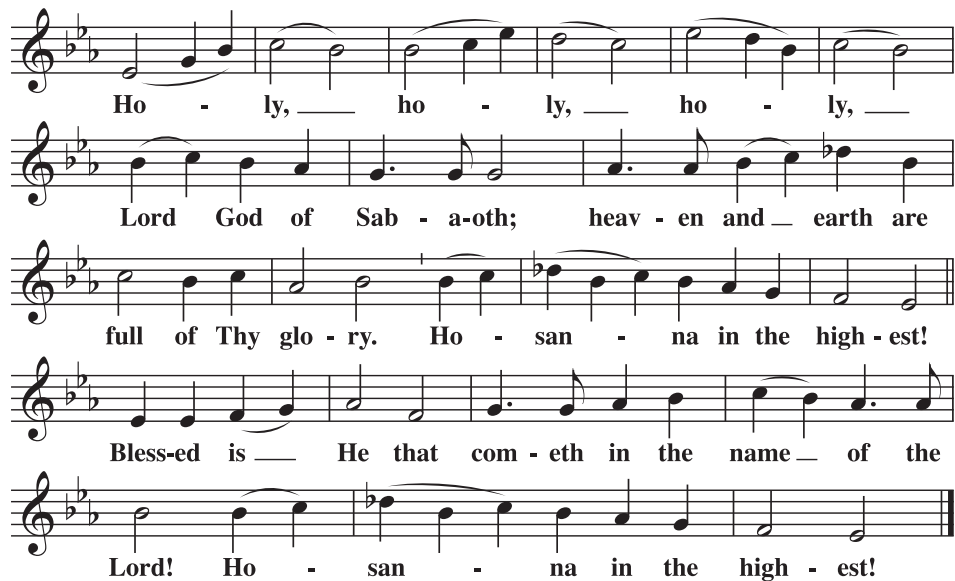


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



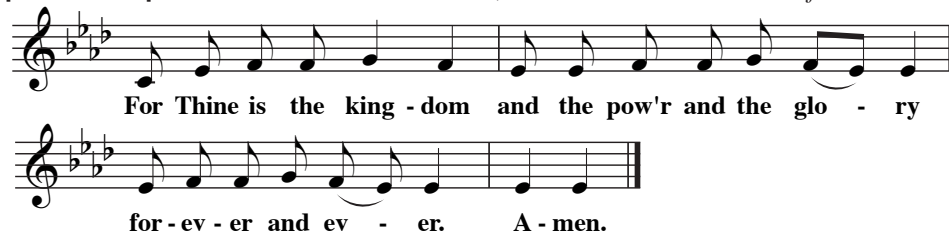
Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

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



[Remain standing] **Lord's Prayer**

[Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.*

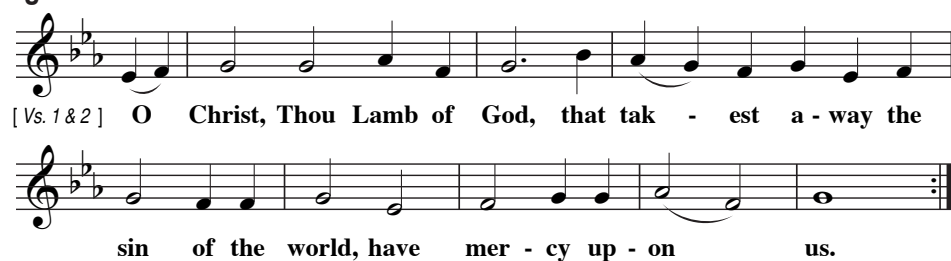


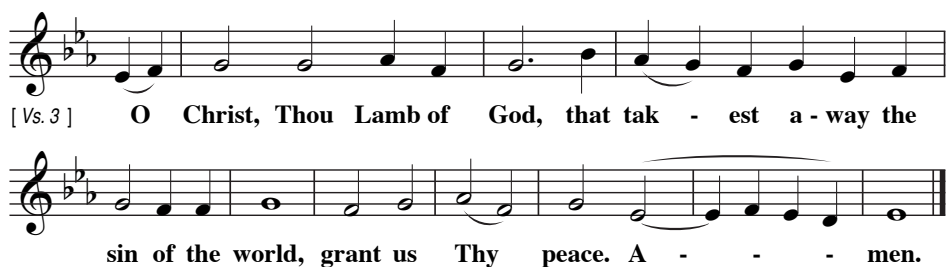
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei





[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Awake, My Heart Burgundy Hymn 467

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5;

Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7.]

At the Lamb's High Feast Burgundy Hymn 633

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5;

Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8.]

Eucharistic Benediction

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

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis

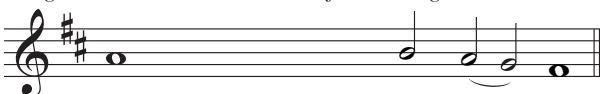


2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre— pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



Post Communion Rite

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



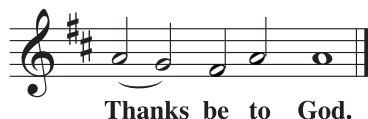
Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



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 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem [St. Fulbert of Chartres]



1. Ye choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem your
2. Lo, Ju - dah's Li - on bursts His chain, and
3. He frees the pri - soned and op - pressed, he
4. From sin's de - vou - ring jaws the prey, a -
5. While joy - ful thus his praise we sing, his
6. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all



sweet - est notes em - ploy, The Pas - chal vic - to -
storms death's ci - ta - del; He saves his own from
foils our fierc - est foe. Christ ga - thers those whom
lone, our Lead - er bore; His ran - somed hosts pur -
mer - cy we im - plore: In - to his pa - lace
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry Ho - ly



ry to hymn in strains of ho - ly joy.
death's do - main, breaks down the gates of hell.
sin pos - sessed, His par - don to be - stow.
sue their way where he has gone be - fore.
Christ to bring and keep us ev - er - more.
Ghost to Thee, while end - less a - ges run.



Al-le - lu - ia! A-men.

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Readings for Easter Sunday, The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 65:17-25

“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Gospel is St. Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Hymns for Easter Sunday, The Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord

LSB465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Paul D. Strodach

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1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed, He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life,
And by His presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say,
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing,
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: LSB460 Christians, to the Paschal Victim with Congregation: LSB459 Christ Is Arisen

Wipo of Burgundy

German 12th-15th cent.

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- 460.1 *Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises!
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: Christ, who only is sinless,*

*Reconciling sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, Reigns immortal.*

- 459.1 Christ is arisen From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!
- 460.2 *"Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw when wayfaring."
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
My Lord, my hope, is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you."*
- 459.2 Were Christ not arisen, Then death were still our prison.
Now with Him to life restored,
We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!
- 460.3 *Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!*
- 459.3 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

LSB458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Martin Luther

1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!
2. No son of man could conquer death, Such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth, And therefore death had brought us
Into bondage from of old And ever grew more strong and bold
And held us as its captive. Alleluia!
- W 3. Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down, His people to deliver;
Destroying sin, He took the crown From death's pale brow forever:
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; An empty form alone remains;
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!
- M 4. It was a strange and dreadful strife When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life, The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith That death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

5. Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—So strong His love--to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!
6. So let us keep the festival To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!
7. Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

LSB457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Latin, 14th cent.; Charles Wesley, st. 4

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
- △4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

LSB467 Awake My Heart with Gladness

Paul Gerhardt

1. Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
2. The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.

For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

- M 3. This is a sight that gladdens—What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me hath won.
- W 4. Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all his might Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.
- M 5. The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- W 6. Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow Him through all.
7. He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

LSB633 At the Lamb's High Feast

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- M 3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- W 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

- M 5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- W 6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- △ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Printed Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Fulbert of Chartres

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1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn In strains of holy joy.
 2. Lo, Judah's Lion bursts His chains, and storm's death's citadel;
He saves His own from death's domain, breaks down the gates of hell.
 3. He frees the prisoned and oppressed, He foils our fiercest foe.
Christ gathers those whom sin possessed, His pardon to bestow.
 4. From sin's devouring jaws the prey, alone, our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way where He has gone before.
 5. While joyful thus His praise we sing, His mercy we implore:
Into His palace Christ to bring and keep us evermore.
- △ 6. All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen!

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord



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

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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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Rachel Weinrich, Journee Harrison, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Debra Busche, Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, 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 Ernestine Rogers & family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord. 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 20, 2025 thru April 26, 2025

SUN.	7:45 AM	Easter Breakfast	Bauer Hall
	9:00 AM	Festival Divine Service	Church
	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones (age 5 and under)	Outside
MON.		LSUS/CLHS — No school	
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

April 27, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teenager Bible Study	Conference Room

You may take your Easter flowers home after Divine Service today!

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Christian education is back at Zion, starting next Sunday (April 27). Dr. Voelz will pick things back up in the Gospel according to St. Mark, 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.

SURVEY: We are in the midst of our CADDs survey (Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status). It goes through May 4. Hopefully, you received an email with the clickable survey link (lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C331117). The email also includes the QR code. If you didn't receive the email, 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. No one will know your name, and no one here will see any of the individual responses; exception: the one inputting responses to a paper copy will see the responses. 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: Job 19:25-27—"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes should behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" Last week's verse was Romans 5:8.

LSUS 3-5 CHOIR will be at Zion next Sunday. Let's welcome the families and teachers warmly.

DON'T FORGET to sign up for a time (Tues., May 6) to get your picture taken for the directory

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.

GIFT PLANNING CREATES SOLUTIONS FOR DONORS. A good plan can help to navigate challenging family dynamics. Blended families have become a reality in our culture. That blend requires some very careful planning to ensure inheritance distributions are appropriate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you visualize your distributions, keeping things as simple as possible, all the while responding to the challenges of your situation. Contact your LCMS Foundation Gift Counselor for the Indiana District, Mark Muehl, at 260-241-4845 or email him at mark.muehl@lfn.org.

THE LCMS FOUNDATION has the following opportunities available for employment: Vice President for Investment Services, Gift Processing Support Specialist, Gift Processing Specialist, and a Gift Planning Counselor for the Upper Midwest. Please visit www.lcmsfoundation.org/careers for more information.

RLNI: Have a passion for helping women choose life? Join us Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, from 9am–Noon at 3106 Lake Ave, for Sidewalk Advocate Training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana. The training center is located behind the main office building. Learn how peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly to approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This 3-hour introductory training will empower you to turn your passion into action. There is no cost to participate. Snacks provided.

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 24:1-12

Hebrews 9:1-28

Hebrews 10:1-18

Hebrews 10:19-39

Hebrews 11:1-29

Hebrews 12:1-24

Hebrews 13:1-21

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 65:17-25

Exodus 15:1-18

Exodus 15:19-16:12

Exodus 16:13-35

Exodus 17:1-16

Exodus 18:5-27

Exodus 19:1-25

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-20

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Glory that Awaits the Saints of God

David believed in such a future glory of the children of God and in the renewal of the creatures. He rejoiced at it from the bottom of his heart and stood in the certain hope that he would see the heaven, moon, and stars prepared and renewed by the finger of God. God postponed this glory so that all the saints have to wait for it, as it is written in Hebrews 11:39, 40: "All the saints, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect." God did not lead His saints into glory immediately, but let them seek the homeland. We must all come before, the first and the last, those who sleep in the earth and those who survive the coming of the Lord. When we all come together, then the glory will be revealed in us. Thus St. Paul says (1 Thess. 4:16, 17): "The dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord."

David looks into such a future, and he feels just as though the world had already ended and he had already risen from the dead and were seeing heaven, moon, and stars new before him. Indeed, he really did see it — but in faith and spirit. In his time he will see it with us and we with him in the revelation. The Prophets and Apostles proclaimed it to us. Isaiah says (65:17, 18): "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create." And St. Peter says (2 Peter 3:13): "According to His promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells." Such proclamation of the Prophets and Apostles took place through the Holy Spirit and cannot fail.

Luther's Works, 12:120-1.



*Flower
Dedications*

Given in loving memory of
Carl & Myrtle Albersmeyer and
Byrle & Joyce Greenamyre
by Carl & Rosie Albersmeyer

Given in loving memory of
Don Allen and Berniece Allen
by Bruce Allen

Given in loving memory of
Elizabeth Hope Bahr
by Michael & Amber Bahr

Given in loving memory of Bill Bengs
and Adeline & Walter Bengs
by ClarAnn Bengs

Given in loving memory of Billy Stabler,
Allen Thomas, Robert Thomas, and
Christopher Bass
by Babi Beyer

Given in loving memory of
Paul & Esther Bieberich and
David & Agnes Shutt
by Don & Beth Bieberich

Our Risen Lord & Savior
Mike & Rita Davies

Given in loving memory of my
mother Virginia Hollman and
my grandmothers Hulda Sonne &
Alma Hollman
by Beth Hollman

Given in loving memory of
Virginia Hollman, my
beloved wife
by Richard Hollman

Given in loving memory of Georianna &
Walter Ostermeyer with thankfulness from
their children Karen, Kim, David, and Kirk
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Given in loving memory of
Rudolph & Amelia Sommers,
my grandparents
by Julie Ganaway

Given in loving memory of our mother &
Baba Shirley Goeglein and in honor of our
father Dedo Stanley Goeglein
Christ has Risen!
by Jenny, Tim, Paul and Tim Goeglein

Given in loving memory of
Alma Jackson, Alonzo & Ora Edmonds,
and Gerald & Amanda Stewart
by Frank & Alanza Jackson

Stephanie & Jeff Brooks' 28th wedding
anniversary
by Dave & Janeen Kaiser

Given in loving memory of Spiro & Anne
Kostoff and Karen Kostoff Wood
By their family

"Christ is Risen"
by Rev. George & Lois Lange

Given in loving memory of
Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger and
Fred, Betty, Teresa, & John Beckman
by Kevin & Maribeth Leininger

Given in loving memory of
Willie Manning & Betty Terlosky
By Rose Manning

Given in loving memory of
Robert & Loretta Manth,
Albert & Caroline Manth,
Ferdinand & Henrietta Bornkamp, and
Mrs. Clara Tegtmeyer
by Jennifer Manth

Christ is risen!
"Death is swallowed up in victory!"
by Pastor & Marge Punke

Given in loving memory of my parents
Albert A. & Emma B. Dirks
by Marilyn Shafter

Given in loving memory of
John W. Starks, Jr.
by TruLaine Starks

Given in loving memory of Marcile Keck
by her children
Kristine, Peter, Philip, Jonathan, and Klare

Given in loving memory of
Roy & Coraine Voelz and
Earl & Helene Hayes
"Glory be to God"
by Jim & Judy Voelz

Given in loving memory of
Bill Wallschlaeger
by Carolyn Wallschlaeger

"He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"
by André Woodard

Given in loving memory of
Margaret Traschel
by Charlene Young

Given in loving memory of
Manfred & Lore Ziegler
by Roland & Anne Ziegler

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Samuel	Ivan
Jariah	Cataleya
Angela	Kendall
King	Emmyha
Pla	Mrs. Fink's mom (Back surgery)
Aaleyah	



Scholastic Book Fair Success

The recent Scholastic Book Fair at LSUS was a resounding success, bringing in an impressive \$1,500 in Scholastic credits to help expand the school library's collection. Thanks to enthusiastic student participation, the event not only encouraged a love of reading but also provided new books for everyone to enjoy.

Among the top-selling titles were student favorites across various categories. Diaries remained a popular choice, while graphic novels such as *Pocket Peaches* and *Dog Man: Big Jim Begins* flew off the shelves. Easy readers like *Elephant & Piggie: Are You Ready to Play Outside?* and *Bluey: Swim School* were also in high demand, catering to younger book lovers. The chapter book, *Changing Tunes (Love Puppies #5)* emerged as a top pick as well.

With the funds raised, the LSUS library will be able to acquire even more books, ensuring students continue to have access to engaging and inspiring reads. The success of the book fair highlights the strong reading culture at LSUS.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the fair—your love of books is making a lasting impact!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

-Philippians 4:1



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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.)
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Easter Evening Prayer Service

Easter Evening Prayer led by the Schola Cantorum
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Sunday, April 27
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6600 N. Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
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The service will be livestreamed
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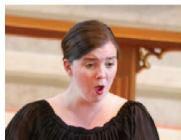


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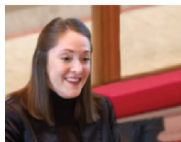
Sarah Shafer



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 denn*, 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, *corni 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. Wassenauer: *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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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 9:00AM - 12:00PM



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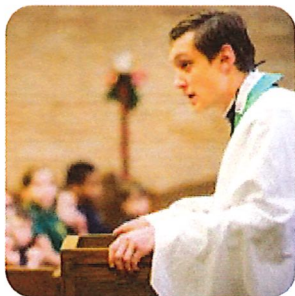


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

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!



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