

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 12, 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

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

[Rise] Invocation

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

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.

Entrance Hymn God's Own Child Burgundy Hymn 594

Kyrie



Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,
 a - mong men with whom He is pleased. 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 -
 migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the
 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,
 re - ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God
 the Father, have mer - cy on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly. Thou on - ly
 art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 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 First Sunday after Epiphany: *Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading.....**Isaiah 43:1-7**

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

Epistle of the Day **Romans 6:1-11**

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

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

Alleluia Sequence **We Know That Christ Is Raised ... Burgundy Hymn 603**

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 3:15-22**

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day **To Jordan Came** **Burgundy Hymn 406**

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

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**

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 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 the Baptism of our Lord, Sanctus

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


Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:
 Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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!

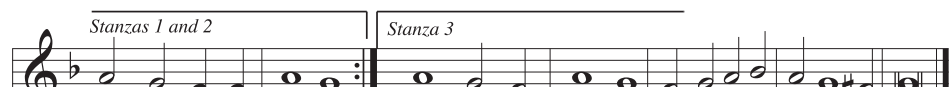


A - men.

Agnus Dei



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,



Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3

have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!


[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Jesus, Once with Sinners ... Burgundy Hymn 404**
To Jordan's River **Burgundy Hymn 405**

[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— tles and the Glo— ry of Thy peo— ple Is - - - ra— el.



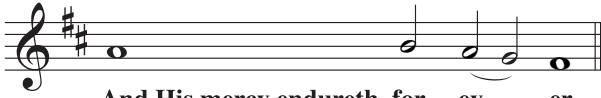
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

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



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



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

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

Recessional Hymn Mark How the Lamb Burgundy Hymn 600

Postlude

Readings for the First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

The Epistle is Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have 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. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel is Luke 3:15-22

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.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Being the Lord's and Bearing the Cross

I have called you by name. John 10:3: “He calls His own sheep by name.” He wants to distinguish and separate the church from the synagog, for a name distinguishes one from another. “You now have a name that has been written in the heavens.” I have called, namely, through the Word. You are Mine. There you see that we are called to be His possession. Whatever, therefore, you do, you should do well, for these [works] are His. “All of your works are Mine.” Note these words, “I have created, I have formed, I have redeemed, you are Mine.” “When you baptize, teach, train, etc., whatever you do and experience, believe that I have done and experienced it.” So you see that all the activities and experiences of the church are those of God. “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” (Acts 9:4).

2. *When you pass through the waters.* A pure piling up of words, as is the Hebrew custom. Waters, rivers, fire, flame shall not harm you, as if to say, “Before you cry and speak, I know what you need. ... I will be with you, so that nothing will harm you.”

... This is the church of God, built on a solid rock, the rock of God's promise. No tyrant can uproot it. Because the godly are in the church, therefore they will remain, even though the tyrants are raging. With their plans and schemes they try hard enough. They want to burn them, choke them, put them under, and banish them, but this passage and promise controls their planning and attempt. Thus God protects His own in the midst of ungodly men and preserves His church. We shall have the same experience. We have been called and chosen into the church by God, but we shall pass through waters and fires. There will be offense, but we shall be preserved. These are the promises given to the church. None of these trials shall do you harm.

Luther's Works, 17:85-6.

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

LUTHERAN EVANGELISM®



Join us for a witness workshop.
Beginning Sunday, January 26, 2025
10:45 AM | Zion Conference Room
Register at 260-744-1389 or mculpher@zionfw.org



Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors who have not heard the Good News. After this program, you will be more effective witnesses of Jesus in your everyday life!

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Mary	Kali
Aliegha	Emeraude
Ja'maire	Jeremiah
Judah	Kyaw
Paislee	Mrs. Reynolds
Da'Monica	



Journey to the Manger

The students put on a spectacular Christmas program a couple weeks ago before their Christmas break! The program is a heartwarming tradition that brings together students, teachers, staff and families of LSUS in a celebration of Jesus's birth! Students rehearsed for weeks, preparing songs and learning lines. The program creatively blended music and narration that took us on a journey through the story of Christmas. Let's give a big shout out to the students and teachers for all their hard work. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Reynolds, whose dedication and hard work made "Journey to the Manger" a truly special event.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

"And she [Mary] gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn....And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!." —Luke 2:7, 13-14



Kindergarten **260-744-0459** ROUND UP

Thursday, January 23rd, 2025 @ 6 – 7 PM

Thursday, March 6th, 2025 @ 6 – 7 PM

Where: Lutheran South Unity School
5401 South Calhoun Street



What to Expect: Children welcome to come!

- Kindergarten scavenger hunt
- New Families tour of the school
- Repeat families meet with kindergarten teachers and principal — learn about the program.

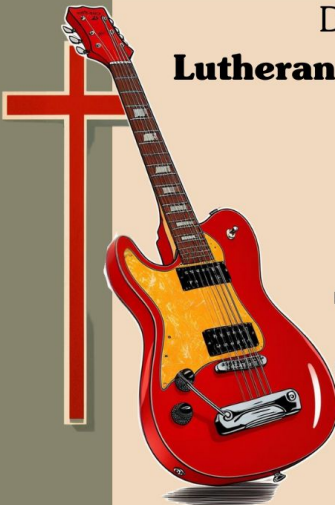
We look forward to hearing from your family!
RSVP by phone or use the QR code to LSUS today!

Rockin' My Salvation



Dinner Benefits

Lutheran South Unity School



Hannah Koch is a 2014 graduate of LSUS. She attended Concordia High School and University of Notre Dame. Now she is attending IU School of Medicine.



Tickets are \$50 per person
5:00- doors open
with social hour
6:00 - dinner
RSVP by Feb. 14

SCAN ME

Feb. 22, 2025
Quimby Hall
1502 Bluffton Rd



RIGHT TO LIFE
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Pro-Life Updates Church Newsletter

January-March 2025 Edition

**“For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together
in my mother’s womb.”**

-Psalm 139:13

RLNI Church Contact: Lucy Papaik lucy@ichooselife.org

2024 Quarter Three Indiana Abortions

With thankful hearts, Right to Life of Northeast Indiana rejoices that abortions in Indiana are down nearly 98% after a year of the Life Bill being in place. Any abortion taking place is a tragedy, and we desire to support women, children, and families in a way that makes abortion unthinkable in our state.

With a total of 41 abortions performed in quarter three of 2024, most cases of abortion in Indiana were due to a lethal fetal anomaly with 26 abortions performed. 9 abortions took place for serious health risk/life of the mother, and 6 due to rape or incest.

Abortions were nearly a 50/50 split between surgical and chemical, using medicines misoprostol and mifepristone.

A big takeaway from the reports on Q3's abortions in Indiana is that one baby is reported to be born alive during an abortion. There is no further information on what follow-up medical care was given to this baby.

Unfortunately, there is no way for these numbers to reflect the women who went out of state for an abortion or to reflect the chemical medication abortions obtained through the mail.

The Indiana Department of Health is also not releasing full Termination of Pregnancy Reports...

Read the rest at ichooselife.org/news.

Upcoming Events



RIGHT TO LIFE
WORKSHOP

STEBEN COUNTY: Feb. 8
Metz Christian Church

LAGRANGE COUNTY: Mar. 15
Stroh Church of Christ

ALLEN COUNTY: April 26
Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Spring Campaign March 5th-April 13th

*Join us on the sidewalk outside
of Planned Parenthood as we
pray for an end to abortion.*

Legislative Forum



March 8th, 2025

Spring Banquet



APRIL 12, 2025
MIRAGE BANQUET HALL

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER
MATT BIRK
SUPER BOWL CHAMPION



JUNE 21, 2025

DAY OF DOBBS

CELEBRATION

LIFE DEFENDERS

SUMMER CAMP

JULY 17TH-19TH, 2025

HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS, FORT WAYNE



REGISTER NOW
ichooselife.org/camp

Visit ichooselife.org/events for more details!



Students from Chesterton Academy prayed outside of Planned Parenthood during our Fall 40 Days for Life.

Ways to Get Your Church Involved:

1. **Sign up to sponsor a 40 Days for Life day this Spring.**
2. **Ask your pastor to include a prayer for the unborn and pregnant mothers in the service.**
3. **Host a Right to Life Workshop at your church!**
4. **Contact lucy@ichooselife.org to learn about Mother's Day Carnations.**
5. **Start the Church Pro-Life Activity Checklist.**



Right to Life of Northeast Indiana
3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
(260) 471-1849
rlni@ichooselife.org or lucy@ichooselife.org





Everything Beautiful

Camp Lutherhaven Women's Retreat 2025

January 24-26, 2025

(Saturday Only Option Available)

Join other women for a weekend retreat at Camp Lutherhaven connecting around cozy fires, small group Bible studies, listening to engaging speakers, and campfire worship as we begin the new year together!

The retreat theme, *Everything Beautiful*, comes from Ecclesiastes 3:11, *“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”*

Throughout the weekend retreat guests will focus on the fact that in all seasons – beautiful, hard, confusing, joyful, waiting, grief, mountaintop, etc – God is creating something beautiful.

Keynote presenter, Heidi Meyers, is a retired educator with 40 years of experience and a widow, mother of 2, and Gaga to 3 boys. Teaching middle school and parenting is never a dull moment or for the faint of heart. She resides in Fort Wayne and loves Lutherhaven, swimming, coffee, (perhaps she has stock at Starbucks), time with friends, and her amazing family.

Come on your own, bring a friend, or a whole group of ladies from your church or small group for this weekend getaway!

Visit www.lutherhaven.org to register or for more information.

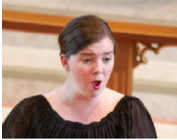


Koji Otsuki, Artistic Director

For tickets and more information visit
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.

TO GIVE

VISIT 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.

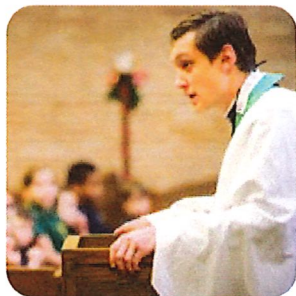


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

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!



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