

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, February 9, 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.

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *O God, be not | far from me; || O my God, make | haste to help__ | me! || My mouth will tell of your | right- eous acts, || of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number | is__ past my | *knowledge*.*

Verse 1: **With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come; || I will remind them of your | *righteous*- ness, yours a- | lone. || O God, from my youth you have | taught__ me, || and I still pro- | claim your won- drous | deeds.**

Verse 2: *So even to old age | and gray hairs, || O God, do | not for- sake__ | me, || until I proclaim your might to another | gen- er- | *ation*, || your power | to all those to | come.*

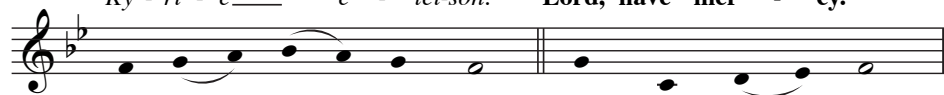
Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | *Spirit*; || As it was in the be- | *ginning*, is now, || and will | be for- *ever*. A- | men!**

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Kyrie



Ky - ri - e__ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.



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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany: *O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 6:1-13**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 14:12b-20**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Alleluia!*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 5:1-11**

[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!

[Be Seated] **Hymn of the Day..... From God Burgundy Hymn 401**

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

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

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns "How Shall They Hear" Burgundy Hymn 831
Rise, Shine, You People Burgundy Hymn 825

[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.



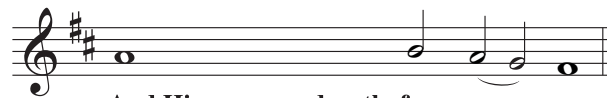
- 4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



- 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.



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 Holy, Holy, Holy Burgundy Hymn 507

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’
Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste,
and the LORD removes people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.
And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak,
whose stump remains when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

[S]ince you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

The Gospel is Luke 5:1-11

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.
2. Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die;
Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.
- W 3. Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring The gift of healing on Your wing;
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense The clearness of Your light dispense.
- M 4. Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away;
Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.
5. Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
- Δ 6. To You, O Lord, all glory be For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

LSB831 "How Shall They Hear," Who Have

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. "How shall they hear," who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?
2. "To all the world," to every place,
Neighbors and friends and far off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.
3. "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?
4. "Lord, here am I." Your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.

5. Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

LSB825 Rise, Shine, You People

Ronald A. Klug

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1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
2. See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
3. Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.
4. Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

LSB507 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
 - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
 - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), Abbey Kohler (4th),
Tiffany Scheurich (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Rachel Wiegman (K-A),
Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Gary Arrington (PE, AD)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care, especially Janice Grim & Jerry Seifert
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, TruLaine Starks, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Debra Busche, 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, especially the family of Ron Silvers, and the John Meinzen and the family of Ruth Meinzen.
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Ron Silvers and Ruth Meinzen
- + 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given to the glory of God. 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

February 9, 2025 thru February 15, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Bauer Hall
MON.	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS
	7:00 PM	CLHS Band and Orchestra concert	St. Michael Lutheran
TUES.	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit winkel	Southwest Lutheran
	2:40 PM	Lutheranism 101	LSUS
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Bauer Hall
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall

February 16, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Bauer Hall
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium Concert	Trinity on St. Marys

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR is on “summer break” during our beautification/renovation project in church. We hope to be able to pick things back up in April, after the Easter feast.

THANKS to the ladies who have taken some “No Sew Blankets” home to do. Melvia is hoping to have them all done and ready by February 27th, so that a group of ladies can help deliver them to the Hope Center.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION in being done the Great Hall. Please fill out a card, indicate who is here and who is communing, and place it in the offering plate.

LSUS REGISTRATION PACKETS for 2025/26 are on the Welcome Table. If you know someone who might be interested in LSUS, take a packet and share it with them!

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 Chronicles 16:25-26—“For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.” Last week’s verse was 1 John 1:7.

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES is looking for a full-time resource room teacher for a position at Lutheran South Unity School. Applicants must hold a current Indiana Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4900 Fairfield Ave., is in need of an accompanist for its Adult Choir. This is a paid position. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., and sings approximately every other Sunday from after Labor Day until Memorial Day. The position is open immediately. Please contact the church office at 260-744-3869, or the director, Gary Gerke, at 260-348-9171.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. In your life, you may have been blessed by, or involved with, multiple ministries striving to share Jesus. Should you try to support them all through your estate or focus on a few that really resonate with your heart? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can ask questions to get you aimed at that focus. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

THE BACH COLLEGIUM of Fort Wayne is tolling the church bells in its winter concert, 4 PM, Sunday, February 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Marys Ave. The Collegium is exploring the subject of mortality not with grief and mourning, but with hope and joyful expectation as it presents three cantatas by Bach and three motets by Anton Bruckner. Soloists include familiar faces: mezzo Ashlee Bickley, tenor Jonathan Busarow and bass Keith Brautigam. Sarah Shafer returns for the soprano solos. Visit bachcollegium.org to find out more and to purchase tickets.

RLNI: Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will begin its spring 40 Days for Life campaign on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM in front of Planned Parenthood with a brief prayer and message. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office at 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th. For more info, please visit www.ichooselife.org/40days or call 260-471-1849.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM: Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, March 8th at 8:30 AM for breakfast and our 23rd Annual Legislative Forum to hear updates on pro-life legislation from elected officials. The Forum will be held at Indiana Tech University in the Multi-Flex Theater, 1600 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803. For more information please visit ichooselife.org/forum or call 260-471-1849.

CLHS BAND AND ORCHESTRA: The CLHS Band and Orchestra home performance will be at St. Michael Lutheran Church, February 10, 7:00 p.m. The concert is open to the public and free to attend.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Luke 5:1-11

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13

John 3:22-4:6

Monday

Job 6:14-30

John 4:7-26

Tuesday

Job 7:1-21

John 4:27-45

Wednesday

Job 8:1-22

John 4:46-54

Thursday

Job 9:1-35

John 5:1-18

Friday

Job 10:1-22

John 5:19-29

Saturday

Job 11:1-20

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Richard, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily] **The Our Father**

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26



What Doctor Luther Says:

About God Working in Spite of Our Weaknesses

The nature of the divine call is such that first one approaches the situation with great fear, trembling, and desperation. ... The genuine Spirit cannot be in those people who, so to say, boast and triumph at the very beginning of their call and are willing to try everything. Surely, they finish everything quickly, as if they have already overcome Satan, although they have not yet seen him. If these people, when adversity assails them, are ever forced to give a reason for what they have begun, it is strange how they lose confidence in their cause and cannot pursue it farther. This is something we have seen in the case of our own prophets. The prophet Isaiah clearly opposed the Lord, who was sending him. As an excuse, he pleads the impurity of his lips in Is. 6:5. Moses and Jeremiah both kept pretending a lack of eloquence to prevent their being sent out. But God in His every work surpasses all the thoughts, powers, and understanding of reason. He requires and wants far more sublime and difficult things done than human intellect can achieve. In fact, all these human efforts appear very weak. Therefore we need another Master that we may break out of this, that is, that we may close our eyes and ears and cling solely to His Word; that we may give God the glory for being truthful; and that we may have no doubt that He will complete whatever He wished to accomplish in us. This is what Paul says: "God is able to do far more abundantly than we think" (cf. Eph. 3:20).

Luther's Works, 20:34-5.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Habe	Kali
Aiko	Melvin
Joy	Mia
Ellie	Maiya
Paislee	LSUS Parents
August	Workers keeping LSUS's building running.



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK ENDURE

HEBREWS 12:1-3

Our National Lutheran Schools Week celebration got a late start this year but we are excited to continue to celebrate into the following week. The theme is **ENDURE** based on the Bible verse: Hebrews 12:1-3. Students enjoyed watching Joseph and the King of Dreams all together in the gym. Check out some pictures so far! We will continue **PENNY WAR** through next week!



PHOENIX SPORTS

Our Varsity Boys Basketball team competed in the LSAA tournament this last weekend. Our boys played hard and came in 4th place. We are proud of their hard work and dedication this past season. They will be playing in the ILSAA (state tournament) at the end of February.

Pictured is our Phoenix Cheerleaders!



Kindergarten 260-744-0459 ROUND UP

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.

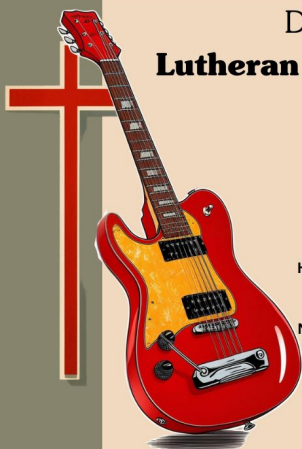
We look forward to hearing from your family!
RSVP by phone or use the QR code to LSUS today!

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

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. —Hebrews 12: 1-3



HOW TO CREATE A TECH-READY HOME

Free event for Parents
& Caregivers

THURSDAY, FEB. 13
7:00-8:30 PM

AT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

All parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend an upcoming presentation by national speaker Chris McKenna from Protect Young Eyes.



REGISTER

SCAN



TOPICS INCLUDING

- ✓ Understand how young, developing brains are impacted by today's technologies.
- ✓ Learn how to use hardware and software to keep your children safe.
- ✓ Discover ways to ensure your family is prepared, balanced, and protected online.

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The
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**SHEPHERD OF THE CITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
18TH ANNUAL**

HYMN FEST

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 23 RD | 4 PM

**1301 S. ANTHONY BLVD.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF 18
YEARS OF HYMNODY IN FORT WAYNE**

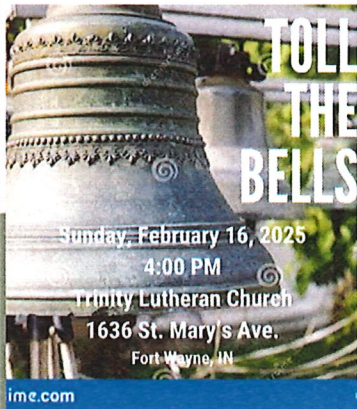
Please Join us as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event, which celebrates both 18 years of hymnody and the 55th Anniversary of Shepherd of the City Congregation.

Enjoy the sounds of special music and hymns led by this year's distinguished organist, **Audrey Partipilo**. This year's Vesper Service will include numerous guest accompanists, along with scripture readings and meditations on the theme from Isaiah 40:8
"The Word of our God will stand forever."

- **A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.**
- **THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**
- **FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT URGENTLY NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE ROOF OF OUR HISTORIC SANCTUARY.**



ENJOY THE 32 RANK KILGEN PIPE ORGAN



Bach Collegium Fort Wayne is tolling the church bells in this concert. With three amazing cantatas, three motets from Anton Bruckner and a solo aria by J. S. Bach, the Collegium explores the subject of mortality not with grief and mourning, but with hope and joyful expectation. The cantatas contain illustrations of bells ringing in pizzicato strings. The instruments weave delightful and intricate counterpoint to the music of the choir and vocal soloists.

Our concert, under music director, Koji Otsuki, features the rarely heard corno da tirarsi, a natural horn with a slide, played by Brad Tatum, an expert on the instrument. Also Sarah Shafer returns for the soprano solos, along with mezzo Ashlee Bickley, tenor Johathan Busarow and bass Kieth Brautigam.



Brad Tatum



Sarah Shafer



Ashlee Bickley




Jonathan Busarow



Kieth Brautigam



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Sponsored by Senior Saints, Benefiting Holy Cross' Youth Gathering Trip & Aulick Scholarship Fund

WHEN & WHERE?!

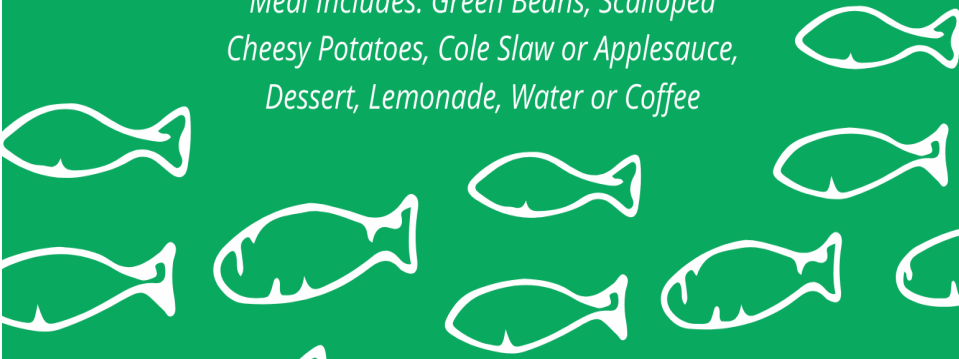
Saturday, March 1
4:30 - 7:00 pm
Holy Cross
School Cafeteria

TICKETS:

Adults \$14
11 and under \$7

*Available after services,
online or at the door*

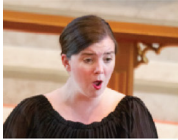
*Meal Includes: Green Beans, Scalloped
Cheesy Potatoes, Cole Slaw or Applesauce,
Dessert, Lemonade, Water or Coffee*



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. 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

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.

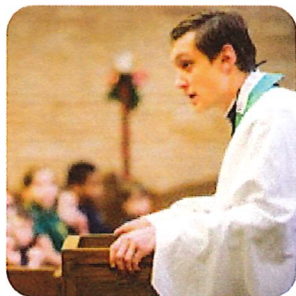


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

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!



Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.


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