

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00 am ..... Sunday, September 14, 2025

### RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

**✠ = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross**

**When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed**

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

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### Invocation

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

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[ Kneel ]

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

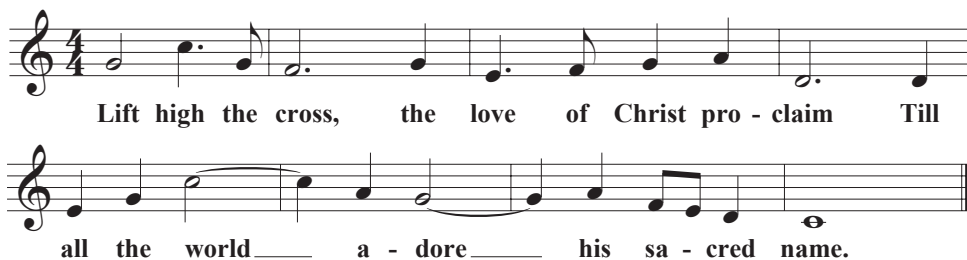
*O almighty God, merciful Father, ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless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

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

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

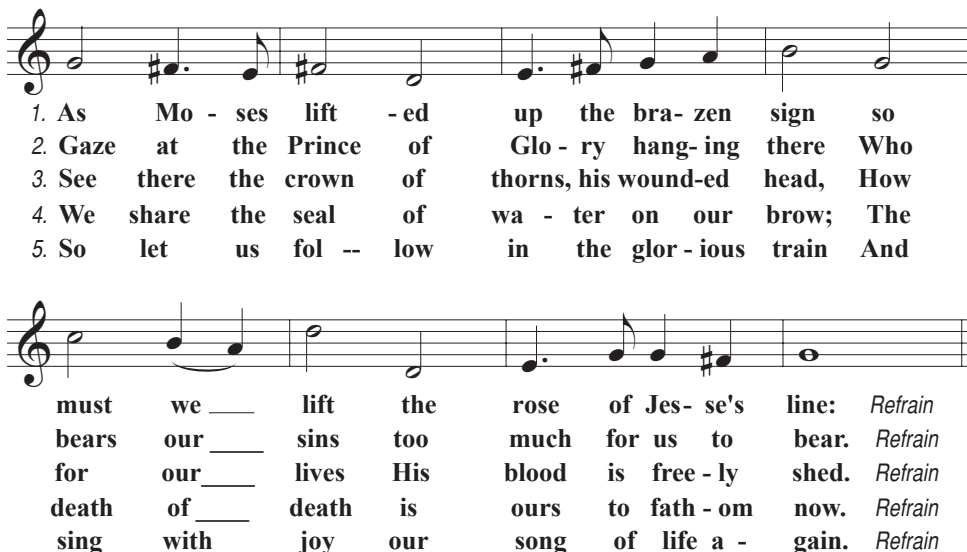
# Entrance Hymn ..... Lift High the Cross

## Refrain



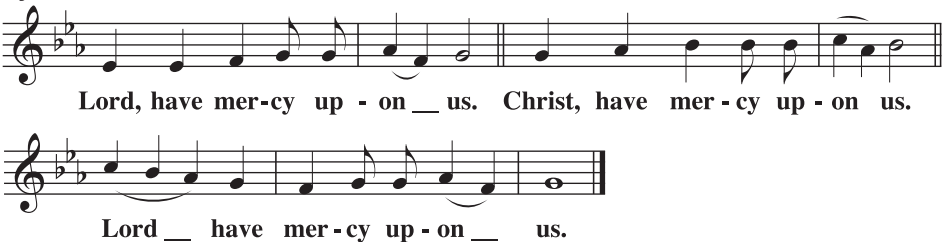
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

## Stanzas



1. As Mo - ses lift - ed up the bra - zen sign so  
2. Gaze at the Prince of Glo - ry hang - ing there Who  
3. See there the crown of thorns, his wound - ed head, How  
4. We share the seal of wa - ter on our brow; The  
5. So let us fol - low in the glor - ious train And  
must we lift the rose of Jes - se's line: *Refrain*  
bears our sins too much for us to bear. *Refrain*  
for our lives His blood is free - ly shed. *Refrain*  
death of death is ours to fath - om now. *Refrain*  
sing with joy our song of life a - gain. *Refrain*

## Kyrie

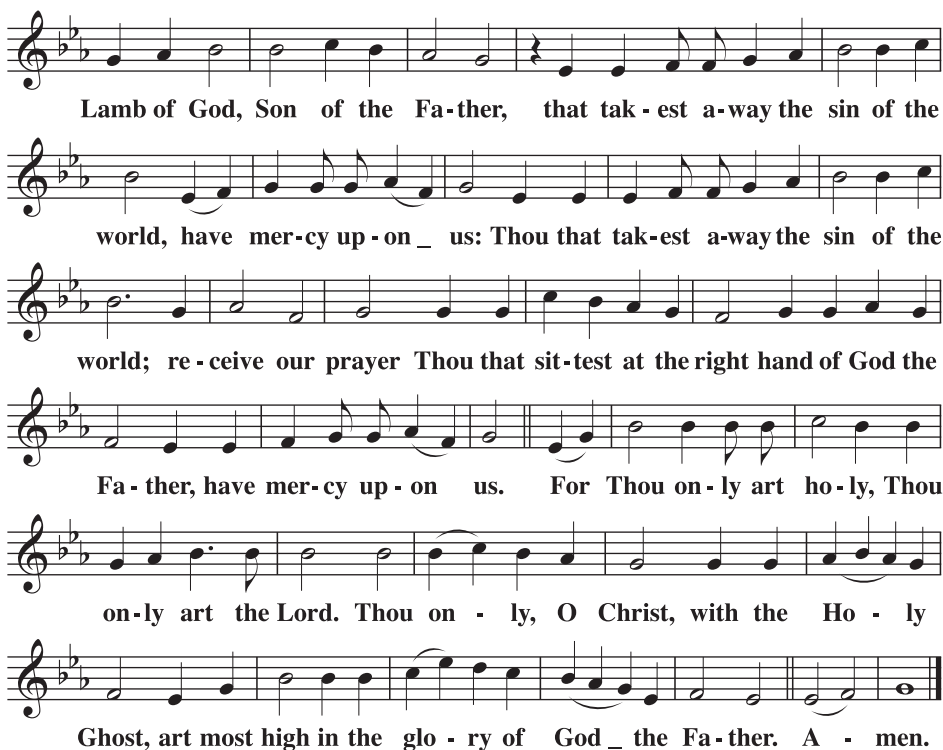


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria



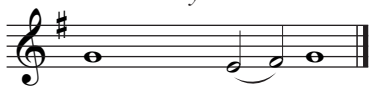
Glo - ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we  
glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.  
O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on \_ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the  
 Fa - ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou  
 on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God \_ the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Festival of the Holy Cross:** *Merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, 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..... Numbers 21:4-9**

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

**Epistle of the Day ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

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

[ Rise ]

## Alleluia Sequence

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia!*

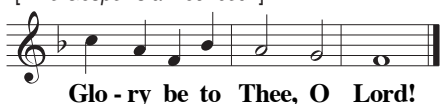


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia!

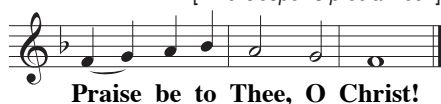
**Holy Gospel ..... St. John 12:20-33**

[ 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 ..... Sing My Tongue ..... Burgundy Hymn 454  
[ Rise for stanza 5. ]

[ Be Seated ] Sermon

Installation of Officers

[ 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 .....Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of  
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.



And with thy spir-it. We lift \_ them up un-to \_ the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet \_ and right so \_ to do. \_



## Preface for Holy Week, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and earth are  
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless-ed is He that com - eth in the name of the  
Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

### [ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry  
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

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

A - men

### Agnus Dei

[ Vs. 1 & 2 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[ Vs. 3 ] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **When I Survey** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 426**  
**Cross of Jesus** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 428**

## [ 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.



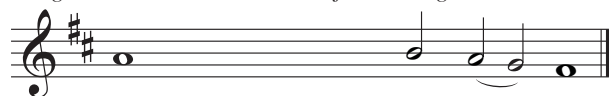
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.*



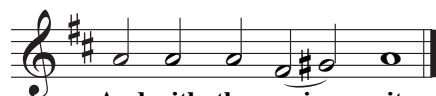
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

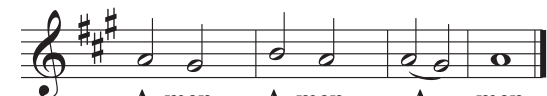
*Bless we the Lord.*



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 ..... We Sing the Praise ..... Burgundy Hymn 429

## Postlude

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## **Readings for Holy Cross Day**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Numbers 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

### **The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

### **The Gospel is John 12:20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly,

truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## Hymns for the Festival of the Holy Cross

### Entrance Lift High the Cross (see Service Bulletin)

#### **LSB454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**    *Venantius Honorius Fortunatus*

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.  
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay:  
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, As a victim won the day.
2. Tell how, when at length the fullness Of the appointed time was come,  
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us His Father's home,  
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.
3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,  
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did His work, and met His death;  
Like a lamb He humbly yielded On the cross His dying breath.
4. Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;  
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit your equal be;  
Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!
5. Unto God be praise and glory; To the Father and the Son,  
To the eternal Spirit honor Now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest While the timeless ages run.

#### **LSB426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**Isaac Watts**

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

**LSB428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**      **William J. Sparrow-Simpson**

1. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!
2. Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.
3. O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!  
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!
4. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

**LSB429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died**      **Thomas Kelly**

1. We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride; For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
4. It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes the terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heav'n above.
6. To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.

# The Festival of the Holy Cross



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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:

Nathaniel Demlow

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

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

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Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), Abbey Kohler (4<sup>th</sup>),

Rachel Wiegman (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), Michelle Madden (K),

Natalie Reynolds (Art), Elisa Sawall (Music), Lee Buxton (PE), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach),

Arianna Case (LSEM), Melissa White (FWCS) & Sarah Wheaton (EACS) (Title I Tutors)

### 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 teachers as they start of another academic year, our fieldworker Nate Demlow, and vicars Matthew Harrison and Paul Mroczenski (Paul 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 or nearing death, especially Bob Ockree and Chrys Caragounis
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Frank Jackson, Bruce Allen, Debra Busche, Richard Lammert, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Earl Marcel Sisson, Elaine Seifert, 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, Annalee Kaiser and especially for pregnant mothers Jennifer Wessel and Marie Bahr
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + 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 Holy Cross Day. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday of Annalee Kaiser by her grandparents Janeen & Dave Kaiser. 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

### **September 14, 2025 thru September 20, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service (Holy Cross Day)</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teen Class	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>	11:00 AM	New Fieldworker Assignment	CTSWF
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	10:30 AM	Book of Concord	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **September 21, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teen Class	Conference Room



## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Dr. Voelz continues today in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Our alternate adult/teenage class also continues today, in the Conference Room.

**OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS** Installation is today following the sermon. For those members who cannot attend, you will be installed *in absentia*.

**MEN OF ZION** Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. Join with other men in our study of the Psalms.

**CALLING ALL** persons who know how to knit, sew, or crochet. For our last community project of the year, the ladies of Zion would love to give wheel chair residents at Lutheran Life Villages (LLV) 36x36 lap blankets. This length assures that it will clear the wheels and not cause a fall. If you would like to help out, please contact Melvia or DaVanna for more information or if you need supplies.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 1 Corinthians 1:18—“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ” Last week’s verse was Psalm 37:5.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The fall 40 Days campaign opening rally is on September 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM, opening prayer given by Pastor David Reed. Pastor Mike Bahr has coordinated our participation date, which is October 1<sup>st</sup> 8AM-8PM, and is now calling for volunteers to pray for life. Information and sign up sheets are on the round table in the Great Hall. *“I have set before you life and death ... choose life”* (Deut. 30:19).

**RLNI:** please join us at RLNI’s Fall Banquet on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum with **keynote speaker Kirk Cameron! Pastor Bahr has reserved a table or two for Zion. The cost is \$50 per person. If interested, see Pastor Bahr or make your check out to Zion and put RLNI in the memo line.**

**BIG NEWS FROM CLHS!** Groundbreaking has been set for Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> (1 PM). The **A Bold Step** capital campaign, renovating the academic building and auditorium, has reached a major milestone with financing secured and construction on Project 1 set to begin after Labor Day. But we’re not done yet: campaign fundraising continues so that Project 2, the auditorium renovation, can be included in this historic effort. In the coming weeks, Concordia will host public meetings in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come, and your attendance and participation will make the difference—pray, attend, and spread the word!

**CLHS:** Join in the homecoming festivities on September 26<sup>th</sup>, with everyone from the Concordia Lutheran High School family! Festivities, including the Alumni Social, start at Zollner Stadium at 5:30 p.m. Then, root on the Football Cadets as they take on Bishop Luers in the homecoming game, which starts at 7 p.m. Following the homecoming game, enjoy yourselves at the Alumni After-Party at Fort Wayne Turners beginning at 8:30 p.m. Come have some food, fun and fellowship with fellow members of the Concordia Lutheran High School family!

**CLHS FALL DRAMA:** Saturday, October 4 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 pm Mr. Chris Murphy will be directing “Dial M for Murder” Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students in high school or younger. The school address is 1601 St. Joe River Drive

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about planning our estates someday. A big decision about estate gifts centers on whether they should be given all at once or spread over time. If inheritance is to be all at once, it can easily be given by bequests from a will or trust, or even through a beneficiary designation. If it should be spread over time, that might signal a great opportunity for a charitable trust to spread inheritance up to 20 years, using those same 20 years to create a charitable gift as well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you see clear pathways. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org).

**CONCORDIA CEMETERY** is in need of grounds keepers (mowing, trimming, digging graves and assisting with burials, etc.). Call Don Remenschneider if interested: 260-438-1045.

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

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

### Morning Prayer

John 12:20-33

Colossians 2:8-23

Colossians 3:1-25

Colossians 4:1-18

1 Timothy 1:1-20

1 Timothy 2:1-15

1 Timothy 3:1-16

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### Holy Cross Day

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Numbers 21:4-9

2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33

2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25

2 Chronicles 36:1-23

Nehemiah 1:1-2:10

Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6

Nehemiah 4:7-23

### 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

#### **Festival of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

Ephesians 4:7-16

Matthew 9:9-13



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Remedy for Sin and Contrition for Sin*

True sorrow [for sin] must spring from the goodness and mercies of God, especially from the wounds of Christ, so that man comes first of all to a sense of his own ingratitude in view of divine goodness and thereupon to hatred of himself and love of the kindness of God. Then tears will flow and he will hate himself from the very depth of his heart, yet without despair. Then he will hate sin, not because of the punishment but because of his regard for the goodness of God; and when he has perceived this he will be preserved from despair and will despise himself most ardently, yet joyfully. Then, when he has true sorrow for one single sin, he will at the same time have true sorrow for all sins. Thus the Apostle says in Rom. 2 [:4], “Do you not know that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?” Oh St. Paul, how many there are who do not know that, even those who teach others! So we read in the book of Numbers [21:9], that the children of Israel were not freed from their fiery serpents through the sight and the dread of them, but rather by turning their eyes from them to the bronze serpent, that is to Christ. Likewise also they were terrified when they saw the Egyptians; but after they had turned their backs to them and crossed the sea they were saved [Exod. 14:10, 22]. So our sins must be borne by the wounded Christ rather than in our own conscience. For in Christ our sins are dead, but in us they live.

*Luther’s Works*, 31:160-1.



**Beginning September 7,  
CHOIR REHEARSALS  
RESUME ON:**

**SUNDAYS  
AT 8:05 am**

**In the church balcony.  
All are welcome.**

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## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

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

Royalty	Skylar
Ramya	Javier
Artez	Lilliana Mia
Summer	Mia
Alonte	Mr. Brian Bolton



### Blooming with Pride: LSUS Plant Show

We are pleased to share that 8 of our students participated in this year's LSUS Plant Show, held in partnership with the School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association. Our students/staff entered 12 projects, showcasing their hard work and dedication in growing flowers and plants. This event not only highlighted their gardening achievements but also encouraged responsibility, patience, and creativity. We are proud of our young gardeners and look forward to seeing their skills continue to grow.



### Rain Can't Dampen Our Back to School Spirit!

Despite the rainy weather, our Back to School Night was a wonderful success! Parents had the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet with teachers, and see the beautiful plants from our recent LSUS Plant Show on display.



Families were encouraged to mingle and enjoy a refreshing Kona Ice treat together. In addition, an information table was available for those interested in learning more about our PTO. If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office for details.



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

Trust in the Lord with all you heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6



# September Event Schedule

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

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SEPT 2025

🌙 PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF  
THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES  
7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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SEPT 2025

DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "FAILURE ISN'T FINAL"  
WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES  
7 PM THE GARDEN  
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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SEPT 2025

SAND VOLLEYBALL FREE PLAY-CASH BAR  
7-9 PM EMPOWERED SPORTS CLUB  
12124 LIMA RD

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SEPT 2025

MEETUP  
7 PM HOP RIVER BREWING COMPANY  
1515 N HARRISON ST.

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SEPT 2025

MEETUP: LIVE MUSIC  
7 PM THE CLUB ROOM @ THE CLYDE  
TODD HAROLD BAND





**Join us for a Men's Retreat!**

**September 26-28, 2025**

Join us for Lutherhaven's Men's Retreat where faith, fellowship and friendly competition meet under the theme of Iron Sharpens Iron.

## **Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose**

**Dr. Jeffrey Leininger**

*"...brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1 (ESV)*

What is God calling me to do? What is the one thing I was placed on this planet for? How can I discover it? What if I miss it? These questions plague us all, whether we're young and ambitious or retired and asking, "what's next." The truth is, however, there is not one thing that you're meant to do. We have multiple callings, and they are unfolding right now. Pastor Leininger will walk us through the theological teaching on vocation, and apply it to the issues affecting Christian men in an increasingly unchristian world.

**Come for the food, fellowship, fun and faith that we share** as we dive into a great Topic, Games for guys, engaging Sectionals, Free-time, a Cook Out, and time spent in God's Creation! **Other activities include:** Disc Golf, Basketball, Pickleball, Beach Volleyball, Boating, Self-Guided Hikes, A Game Room, and more.

**Register & More Information at:**

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