

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR INVOCABIT, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, March 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

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

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### [ 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 ] *When he calls to me, I will | an- swer him; || I will | be with him in | trou- ble; || I will rescue him and | hon- or him. || With long life I will satisfy him and | show him my sal- | •vation•.*

Verse 1: **Because you have made the Lord your | dwell- ing place || the Most | High, who is my | re- fuge || no evil shall be allowed to | be- fall you, || no | plague come near your | tent.**

Verse 2: *For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in | all your ways. || On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your | foot a- gainst a | stone \_\_. || You will tread on the lion | and the •adder•; || the young lion and the serpent you will | tram- ple un- der- | foot.*

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

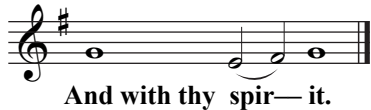
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## Kyrie



## Salutation

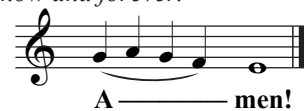
*The Lord be with you.*



**Collect for the First Sunday in Lent:** *O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**Collect for Lent:** *Merciful and everlasting God, who did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; 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**..... **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Romans 10:8b-13**

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

[ Rise ] **Tract**



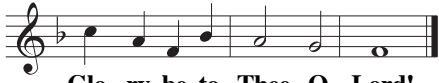
[ Deacon ] *Put on the whole | •armor• of God, || that you may be able to stand against the | schemes\_\_ of the | •devil•.*

**All:** **O** come, let us fix our | eyes on •Jesus•, || the founder and per- | fec- tor of our | faith \_\_, || who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame || and is seated at the right hand | of the throne of | God.

**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 4:1-13**

[ 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..... A Mighty Fortress ... Burgundy Hymn 656**

**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 un-to me the joy of**

Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

**Preface**

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

And with thy spir - it.

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface for Lent, 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'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -

san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that

com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

**Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power 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 Hymn ..... Mark, How the Lamb ..... Burgundy Hymn 600

Second Distribution Hymn ..... God The Father, Be Our Stay



1. God the Fa- ther, be our stay;  
2. Je - sus Christ, be Thou our stay; } Oh, let us per-ish nev - er!  
3. Ho - ly Spir- it, be our stay; }



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the E - vil One; Up-hold our faith most ho - ly,



And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly



Let us put God's ar-mor on, With all true Christ - ians run - ning



Our heav'n-ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning



A-men, A-men, this be done; O Lord, have mer-cy on\_\_ us.

[ 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— letteth 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.



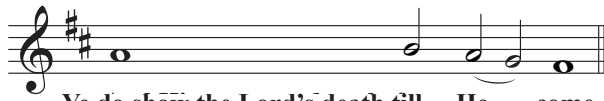
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the\_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

### Post Communion Rite

*As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:*



Ye do show the Lord's death till He\_\_ come.

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



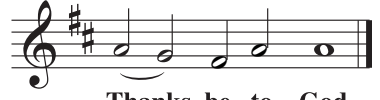
A— men.

*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 ..... O Lord, throughout ..... Burgundy Hymn 418

### Postlude

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## Readings for the First Sunday in Lent

### The Old Testament Reading is Deuteronomy 26:1-11

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

### The Epistle is Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## **The Gospel is Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,  
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.



## Hymns for the First Sunday in Lent

### LSB656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

### LSB600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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1. Mark how the Lamb of God's self-off'ring  
Our human sinfulness takes on  
In the birth-waters of the Jordan  
As Jesus is baptized by John.  
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders,  
"Lo, this is My beloved Son."  
See how in dove-like form the Spirit  
Descends on God's Anointed One.
2. From this assurance of God's favor  
Jesus goes to the wilderness,  
There to endure a time of testing  
That readied Him to teach and bless.

So we, by water and the Spirit  
Baptized into Christ's ministry,  
Are often led to paths of service  
Through mazes of adversity.

3. Grant us, O God, the strength and courage  
To live the faith our lips declare;  
Bless us in our baptismal calling;  
Christ's royal priesthood help us share.  
Turn us from ev'ry false allegiance,  
That we may trust in Christ alone:  
Raise up in us a chosen people  
Transformed by love to be Your own.

### **LSB505 God the Father, Be Our Stay**

**Martin Luther**

1. God the Father, be our Stay; O let us perish never!  
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.  
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.  
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.  
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running  
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.  
Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.
2. Jesus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us perish never!  
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.  
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.  
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.  
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running  
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.  
Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.
3. Holy Spirit, be our Stay, O let us perish never!  
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.  
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy.  
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.  
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running  
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.  
Amen, amen! This be done; O Lord, have mercy on us.

**LSB418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days** Claudia F. Hernaman

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1. O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
2. You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
3. Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed and fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.
4. Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

# The First Sunday in Lent



## 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](http://www.lsusfw.org))

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),

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

Tiffany Scheurich (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), 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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Marq Rogers, Melvia Culpher, Mike & Rita Davies, Debra Busche, Jerry Seifert, Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Georgie and Walter Ostermeyer
- + 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 First Sunday in Lent. The Cross bowl is given in memory of Georgie and Walter Ostermeyer who celebrated March birthdays. 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

### **March 9, 2025 thru March 15, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>MON.</b>	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	
<b>TUES.</b>	11:00 AM	Lutheran Life Villages Annual Business Meeting	LLV Campus
	2:40 PM	<i>Lutheranism 101</i> review for faculty and staff	LSUS
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>	9:00 AM	Grandfriends Day	LSUS
<b>SAT.</b>	10:00 AM	Lenten Devotion	Ascension Lutheran 8811 Saint Joe Road
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall

### **March 16, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
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## 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.

**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.

**LENTEN SEASON:** Lenten Vespers are each Wednesday evening at 7 PM. We are doing a catechetical review of the Commandments. This Wednesday Sem. Benjamin Wessel will preach on the First Commandment. There are NO Lenten meals before our Vespers services this year due to space constraints. We are serving Holy Communion after Vespers for those who desire it. Therefore, please exit out of Bauer Hall promptly after prayers so that we can hold our brief communion service.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 1 Corinthians 10:13—“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” Last week’s verse was Colossians 3:16.

**LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES** continues to look for a full-time resource room teacher for a position at Lutheran South Unity School. 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](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

**INDIANA DISTRICT LCMS** has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-motivation, a willingness to learn, and an eye for details. All resumes should be submitted as soon as possible. Interested individuals should submit their information either by email at [lisa.slack@in.lcms.org](mailto:lisa.slack@in.lcms.org) or Indiana District–LCMS, Attn: Lisa Slack, 1145 S Barr St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Many seniors are concerned about the high cost of nursing home care and believe their only estate priority is protecting assets. But there are many other legal and financial issues that should be considered, including how to bless family with inheritance and support ministries that the Lord has laid on the heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can broaden your consideration. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org).

**RLNI:** Right to Life of Northeast Indiana’s spring 40 Days for Life campaign has begun. Although we do not participate as a church in the spring prayers, you are encouraged to pray for the lives of these children and for an end to abortion. You may do it at Planned Parenthood, located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805, or at home. If you go to Planned Parenthood, parking is available at the Right to Life office at 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more info, please visit [www.ichooselife.org/40days](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days) or call 260-471-1849.

**LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Lenten Devotion A Word to the Disciples will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 Saint Joe Road, at 10 a.m. next Saturday, March 15. You are invited to join them for a morning of worship, fellowship, and a light lunch. So that they may plan accordingly for bulletins and food, please respond with an approximate number by today, to [barbhamm@frontier.com](mailto:barbhamm@frontier.com) or 489-9724. (If you provide names, we can have nametags prepared in advance.)

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

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

**Morning Prayer**

Luke 4:1-13  
Mark 3:1-19  
Mark 3:20-35  
Mark 4:1-20  
Mark 4:21-41  
Mark 5:1-20  
Mark 5:21-43

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

**The First Sunday in Lent**  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Genesis 6:1-7:5  
Genesis 7:11-8:12  
Genesis 8:13-9:17  
Genesis 11:27-12:20  
Genesis 13:1-18  
Genesis 15:1-21

**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 Second Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Abuse of the Sacrament as Sacrifice*

Firstly, Concerning the Sale of Masses or Private Masses.

On this point, dear sirs, you know yourselves what a shameful huckstering and bargaining you have made of the sacrament. That has been the common handiwork of all of you, that every day in the whole world you bought and sold so many thousand masses for money, the one for a groschen, one for eight pennies, another for six pennies, etc. And no excuse or denial helps here. For though you have not called it trade, nevertheless, you know that in actual fact it was nothing else but trade. For money it was done and if there was no money there, the masses remained unsaid. ...

Now your scholars ... bring out the old canons and sayings of the fathers to prove that they called the mass a sacrifice. ... We are here speaking of the sale of masses and private masses and the canons speak of the common or communicants' masses and they emphasize strongly the communing. ... So very artfully these learned scholars know how to cite the canons! And what is even much more clever is that whereas the ancient canons distinguish neatly between the sacrifice and the communion, they mix it all together still more slyly. For in the early days of the church, when they wished to hold mass, they held it in the manner of the old law in that the Christians brought to the altar all kinds of first fruits, milk, honey, apples, pears, etc. [Lev. 23:10, 18, 24; Deut. 26:2-4], and these the priest then offered as Moses commanded the Jews. For this reason the service was for a long time thereafter called a sacrifice. After that followed the communing or celebration of the sacrament, which they did not call sacrifice, but communing. But our private masses make a sacrifice out of the sacrament and let communing go.

*Luther's Works*, 34:22-3.



## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!



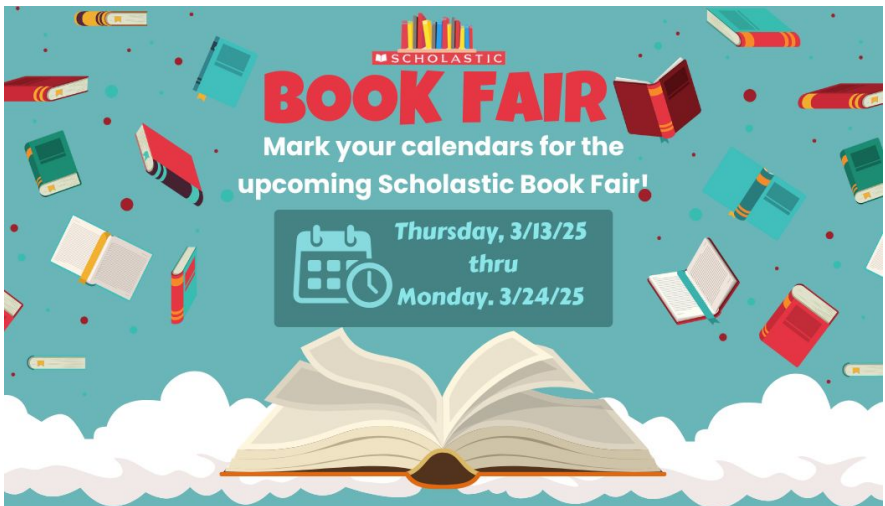
#### Please pray for these students/staff:

Thomas	Ja'veah
Ramya	Nate
Santino	Lilly
Summer	Jeremiah
Kiarrah	AJ
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This past week was Read Across America Week. This is an annual event created by the National Education Association that is celebrated in early March to promote the joy of reading and encourage children and young adults to develop a lifelong love for books. This week coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss, a beloved author whose works have shaped generations of readers. Here at LSUS we celebrated by participating in fun dress up days and reading activities. The aim is

to inspire students to explore new stories, develop literacy skills, and recognize the power of reading to foster imagination and learning. I encourage not only the students, but also the adults to get out there and READ!





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# OPEN ENROLLMENT

## 2025- 2026

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING  
FOR A GREAT SCHOOL?

LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL WOULD  
LOVE TO SHARE OUR CHRIST-CENTERED  
SCHOOL WITH YOU.

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HOW OUR SCHOOL CAN BENEFIT YOUR CHILD.

CONTACT BARB JOHNSON -- ADMISSIONS  
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260-744-0459

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT LSUS  
FAMILIES IS ON FAST DIRECT NOW.



### Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

—Isaiah 40: 30-31

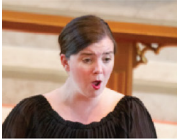


Koji Otsuki, Artistic Director

For tickets and more information visit  
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## 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.*

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## TO VOLUNTEER

Visit [lcms-1ert.org](http://lcms-1ert.org).

## TO GIVE

VISIT [lcms.org/givenow/](http://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).

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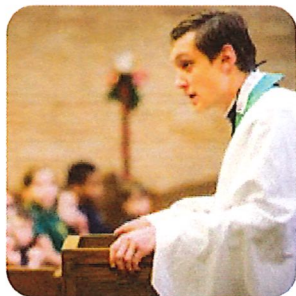
**THANKS**  
*be to*  
**God**  
for those  
who work in our  
congregations  
and schools!

**With this same gratitude**, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

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**For teachers especially** we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

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**For all church workers**, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

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*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](https://resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve) to learn more.

  
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