

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR REMINISCERE, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, March 16, 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 ] *I have become a stranger | to my •brothers•, || an alien | to my moth- er's | sons\_\_ .  
|| For zeal for your house has con- | sumed\_\_ me, || and the reproaches of those  
who reproach you have | fall-\_\_ en on | me.*

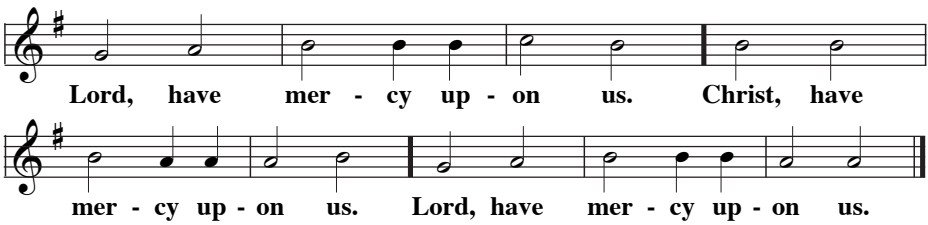
Verse 1: **O God, why do you cast us | off for- •ever•? || Why does your anger smoke  
against the | sheep\_\_ of your | pas- ture? || Remember your congregation,  
which you have | •purchased• of old, || which you have redeemed to be the  
tribe | of your her- i- | tage!**

Verse 2: *Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt. || Direct your steps | to the  
•perpe- •tual• | ru- ins; || the enemy has destroyed everything in the | sanc- tu-  
•ary•! || they burned all the meeting places of | God\_\_ in the | land.*

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 Second Sunday in Lent:** *O God, You see that of ourselves we have no  
strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and  
from all evil thoughts, that may assault and hurt the soul; 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..... Jeremiah 26:8-15**  
[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.*

**Epistle of the Day ..... Philippians 3:17-4:1**  
[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.*

[ Rise ] **Tract**



[ Deacon ] Behold, your house is for- | sak-\_\_ en. || And | I\_\_ tell\_\_ | you \_\_, || you will not see me un- | til you say, || 'Blessed is he who comes in the | name\_\_ of the | Lord!'"

**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 13:31-35**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

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

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

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

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

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

[ Be Seated ] **Hymn of the Day..... Lord, Thee I Love ..... RED Hymn 429**

**Sermon**

**Rite of Reception of New Members**

[ 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

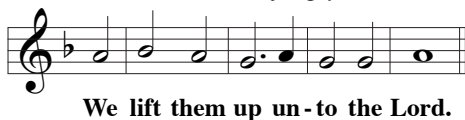
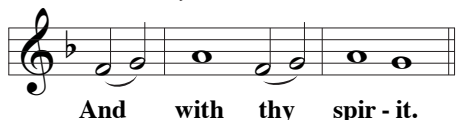


## + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

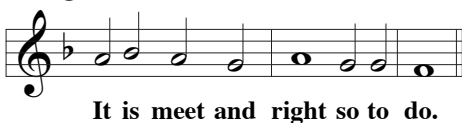
### Preface

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

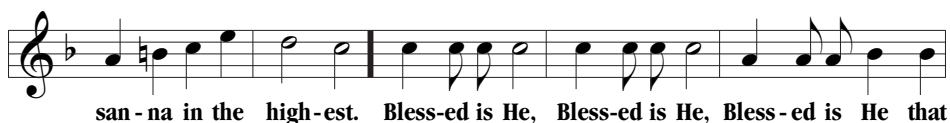


*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



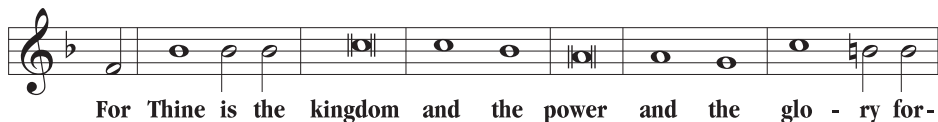
### Proper Preface for Lent, Sanctus

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



### Lord's Prayer

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



### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

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





Agnus Dei

Musical notation for Agnus Dei. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: 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!

Stanzas 1 and 2

Stanza 3

[ Be Seated ]

Distribution Hymns ..... O Little Flock ..... Burgundy Hym 666  
Jerusalem, O City Fair ..... Burgundy Hymn 674

[ 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

Musical notation for The Nunc Dimittis. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: 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

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

Musical notation for Post Communion Rite. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: Ye do show the Lord's death till He\_\_ come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.

Musical notation for Prayer of Thanksgiving. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



*Bless we the Lord.*



## **Benediction**

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



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

**Recessional Hymn ..... Rise, Shine, You People ..... Burgundy Hymn 825**

## **Postlude**

# **Holy Week Schedule**

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**Palm Sunday, April 13**

**Palm Sunday Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.**

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**The Triduum: The Three Day Vigil**

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**Part I: Holy Thursday, April 17**

**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**Part II: Good Friday, April 18**

**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**Part III: Holy Saturday, April 19**

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Sunday, April 20**

**Easter Sunrise Matins 7:00 a.m.**

*Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.*

**Festival Divine Service 9:00 a.m.**

*(No Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday)*

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## **Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Jeremiah 26:8-15**

When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

### **The Epistle is Philippians 3:17–4:1**

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

## **The Gospel is Luke 13:31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

## Hymns for the Second Sunday in Lent

### TLH429 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Martin Schalling

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share,  
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee no one could shake.  
Thou art the Portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And serve and help my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile,  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.
3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abram's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my Fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

## **LSB666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe**

**Jacob Fabricius**

1. O little flock, fear not the foe  
Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
And though your courage sometimes faints,  
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints  
Lasts but a little hour.
2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs  
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;  
Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,  
His Gideon shall for you arise,  
Uphold you and His Word.
3. As true as God's own Word is true,  
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
Against us shall prevail.  
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
God is with us and we with God—  
Our vict'ry cannot fail.
4. Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
Fight for us once again!  
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
Forevermore. Amen.

## **LSB674 Jerusalem, O City Fair and High**

**Johann Matthäus Meyfart**

1. Jerusalem, O city fair and high,  
Your tow'rs I yearn to see;  
My longing heart to you would gladly fly.  
It will not stay with me.  
Elijah's chariot take me Above the lower skies,  
To heaven's bliss awake me, Released from earthly ties.
2. O happy day, O yet far happier hour,  
When will you come at last,  
When by my gracious Father's love and pow'r  
I see that portal vast?

From heaven's shining regions To greet me gladly come  
Your blessed angel legions To bid me welcome home.

3. The patriarchs' and prophets' noble train  
With all Christ's foll'wers true,  
Who washed their robes and cleansed sin's guilty stain,  
Sing praises ever new!  
I see them shine forever, Resplendent as the sun,  
In light diminished never, Their glorious freedom won.
4. Unnumbered choirs before the shining throne  
Their joyful anthems raise  
Till heaven's arches echo with the tone  
Of that great hymn of praise.  
And all its host rejoices, And all its blessed throng  
Unite their myriad voices In one eternal song.

### **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.

# The Second Sunday in Lent



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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:  
Field Workers:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)  
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:  
Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM  
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, 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
- + 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 Second Sunday in Lent. 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 16, 2025 thru March 22, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	FW Tri-Circuit winkel	District Office
<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>	10:30 AM	Confessions study	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			LSUS
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall

### **March 23, 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.

**LENT SEASON:** Lenten Vespers are each Wednesday evening at 7 PM. We are doing a catechetical review of the Commandments. This Wednesday Rev. Art Litke will preach on the Second and Third Commandments. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Kevin is looking for people to help with the Annual Spring cleaning on Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 AM -12 NOON, inside and outside of the church. If you would like to help, please give him a call at 260-615-9896.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-15—“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.” Last week’s verse was 1 Corinthians 10:13

**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 plain mail to 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. Sometimes God’s people hesitate to plan because we don’t know what that future will look like. It is true that if the Lord wills for you to live thirty more years, your goals or needs might change. But that should not stop you from planning today. Your estate plan is a snapshot in time, guiding things as you currently know them. You may need to adjust your plan in the future, but that shouldn’t keep you from having a plan today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org).

**RLNI:** Right to Life of Northeast Indiana has begun its spring 40 Days for Life campaign, we don’t participate as a church, but you can as an individual. 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](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days) or call 260-471-1849. Also, the 4th Annual Spring Banquet of Right to Life of Northeast Indiana is Saturday, April 12th, hosted this year at Mirage Banquet Hall in Decatur. This is our 51st year of defending innocent human life. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the program begins at 6:30 pm. To purchase a table or tickets, visit [ichooselife.org/springbanquet](http://ichooselife.org/springbanquet).

## 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 13:31-35

Mark 6:14-34

Mark 6:35-56

Mark 7:1-23

Mark 7:24-37

Mark 8:1-21

Mark 8:22-38

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Second Sunday in Lent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Genesis 18:1-15

Genesis 21:1-21

Genesis 22:1-19

Genesis 24:1-31

Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67

Genesis 27:1-29

### 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 Third Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 33:7-20

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9



# What Doctor Luther Says:

Table Talk: To Be Glad to Die Is Unnatural  
December, 1532

No. 408

“I don’t like to see examples of joyful death. On the other hand, I like to see those who tremble and shake and grow pale when they face death and yet get through. It was so with the great saints; they were not glad to die. Fear is something natural because death is a punishment, and therefore something sad. According to the spirit one dies willingly, but according to the flesh the saying applies, ‘Another will carry you where you do not wish to go’ [John 21:18]. In the Psalms and other histories, as in Jeremiah, one sees how eager men were to escape death. ‘Beware,’ Jeremiah said, ‘or you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves’ [Jer. 26:15]. But when Christ said, ‘Let this cup pass from me’ [Matt. 26:39], the meaning was different, for this was the Same who said, ‘I have life and death in my hand’ [John 5:21, 24]. We are the ones who drew the bloody sweat from him.”

*Luther’s Works*, 54:65.

## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

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

Mary	Trinidee
Grayson	Forever
Artez	Paingthu
Jacielle	Camarion
Alonte	Mr. Morales and his daughter,
Leilani	Evelyn



### Phoenix Boys Basketball & Cheerleading



LSUS Phoenix boys' basketball teams has had an exciting and competitive 2024-2025 season. Throughout the season, the boys worked hard to improve their skills, build team chemistry, and represent LSUS.

The boys' varsity team achieved several notable victories, faced challenges in close games, and ended the season in 4th place overall in our LSAA division. In the LSAA tournament we placed 3rd.



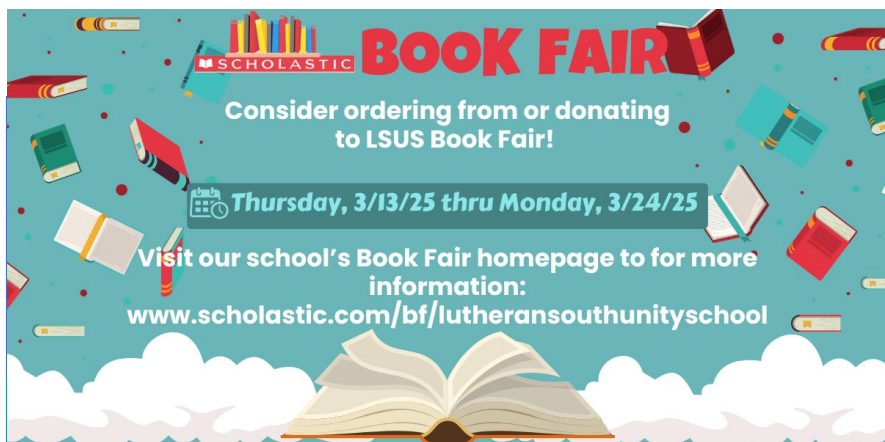
This season, the Phoenix participated in the Indiana Lutheran Schools Athletic Association State Basketball Tournament. The tournament featured boys' teams from various Lutheran

schools across Indiana, showcasing a high level of competition. Although we did not perform as well as we had hoped in the state tournament, the team played with heart and determination in every game.

The LSUS Phoenix cheerleaders played an essential role in supporting the team throughout the season. With their high energy, school spirit, and unwavering encouragement, they kept the crowd engaged and the players motivated. They took 3rd place in a tournament they competed in earlier this year.

As the season wraps up, we congratulate the players, coaches, and supporters who made this journey possible. The Phoenix are already looking ahead to next year, ready to continue to grow on and off the court.





### How can you help?

Visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/lutheransouthunityschool>

- 1) Contribute to Share the Fair, directly benefiting LSUS.
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Here is a wish list link from the Scholastic store:

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[BJOHNSON@LSUSFW.ORG](mailto:BJOHNSON@LSUSFW.ORG)  
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RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT LSUS  
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### Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

— John 3:16





# Lenten Evening Prayer Service

Lenten Evening Prayer led by the Kantorei of  
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

**Sunday, March 23**  
**4:00 p.m.**

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**Service will be held in  
Kramer Chapel**

Concordia Theological Seminary  
6600 N. Clinton Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
[ctsfw.edu](http://ctsfw.edu)

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The service will be livestreamed at  
[ctsfw.edu/Chapel](http://ctsfw.edu/Chapel).

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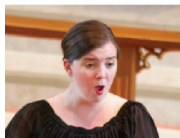


Koji Otsuki, Artistic Director

For tickets and more information visit  
[www.bachcollegium.org](http://www.bachcollegium.org)



## 2024-2025 Season



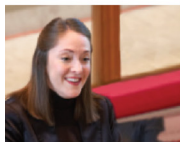
Sarah Shafer



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 denn*, BWV 157  
**J.S. Bach:** *Ich armer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht*, BWV 55  
**J. Brahms:** *Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen*, Op. 74, No. 1 [a cappella]  
**J.S. Bach:** *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*, BWV 125

### Sun Dec 1 at 2 pm – *Messiah* Sing-Along Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St., Fort Wayne

The joy of singing *Messiah* is open for everyone in our annual *Messiah* Sing-Along, with **Thomas Remenschneider** directing. Bring your own score or borrow a copy we will have available. Holiday cookies will be served.

### Sun February 16 at 4 pm – Concert II Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*  
 Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*  
 Jonathan Busarow, *tenor*  
 Keith Brautigam, *baritone*  
 Brad Tatum, *corni da tirarsi*  
 Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*  
 Luke Conklin, *oboe/oboe d'amore/recorder*

**J.S. Bach:** *Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir*, BWV 73  
**J.S. Bach:** *Komm, du süße Todesstunde*, BWV 161  
**A. Bruckner:** *Motets; selection* [a cappella]  
*Zwei Totenlieder*, No. 1, WAB 47  
*Vexilla regis*, WAB 51  
*Zwei Totenlieder*, No. 2, WAB 48  
**J.S. Bach:** *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, BWV 95

### Sun April 27 at 4 pm – Concert III Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Ft. Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*  
 Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*  
 Mark Vogel, *tenor*  
 Edward Vogel, *baritone*

Esteban Hernandez Parra, *viola*  
 Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*  
 Jenni Kirby, *oboe/oboe d'amore*  
**J.S. Bach:** *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird*, BWV 37  
**J.S. Bach:** *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen*, BWV 72  
**U.W.v. Wassenauer:** *Concerto armonico III in A major* [instrumental]  
**M. Duruflé:** *Tantum ergo*, Op. 10, No. 4 [a cappella]  
**T. Kverno:** *Corpus Christi Carol* [a cappella]  
**J.S. Bach:** *Mein liebster Jesu ist verloren*, BWV 154

# 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

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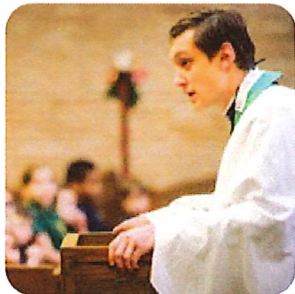
**THANKS**  
*be to*  
**God**  
for those  
who work in our  
congregations  
and schools!

**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.

