

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Sunday, March 23, 2025

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

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

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

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

✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

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

[Rise] **Invocation**

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

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

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

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

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

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *For the Lord knows the way | of the •righteous•, || but the way | of the •wicked• will | per- ish. || For you are not a God who delights in | wick- ed- ness; || evil | may not dwell with | you.*

Verse 1: **The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes; || you | hate all e- vil- | do- ers. || You destroy those | who speak lies; || the Lord abhors the blood- thirsty | and de- ceit- ful | man.**

Verse 2: *But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will | •enter• your house. || I will bow down toward your holy temple | in the fear of | you . || Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | e- ne- mies; || make your way | straight be- fore__ | me.*

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!**

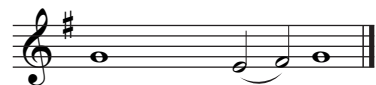
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Kyrie



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent: *O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your way and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

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.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading..... Ezekiel 33:7-20

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

[Rise] **Tract**



[Deacon] *The Lord is not slow to ful- | fill his •promise• || but is | pa- tient to- ward | you __, || not wishing that anyone should | per-__ ish, || but that all should | reach re- pen-__ | tance.*

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 13:1-9**

[*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..... May God Bestow Burgundy Hymn 823**

[*Rise for stanza 3.*]

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,



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

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns In the Very Midst of Life Burgundy Hymn 755 "As Surely As I Live" Burgundy Hymn 614

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6;
All sing stanzas 7 & 8; Rise for stanza 8.]

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.



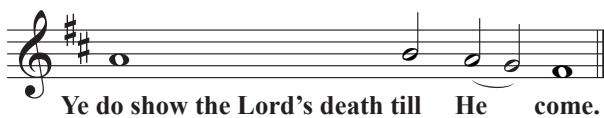
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

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.

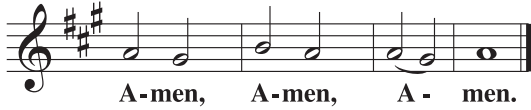
The Lord be with you.

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 Fruitful Trees Burgundy Hymn 691

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 Third Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 33:7-20

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses

in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 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.

The Gospel is Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Hymns for the Third Sunday in Lent

LSB823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Martin Luther

1. May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.
2. Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.
- △ 3. O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

LSB755 In the Very Midst of Life

Martin Luther

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1. In the very midst of life Snares of death surround us;
Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe confound us?
Thou only, Lord, Thou only!
We mourn that we have greatly erred
That our sins Thy wrath have stirred.
Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God!
Save us lest we perish In the bitter pangs of death.
Have mercy, O Lord!
2. In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'ertake us.
Who will help when they assail, Who secure will make us?
Thou only, Lord, Thou only!
Thy heart is moved with tenderness,
Pities us in our distress.
Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God!
Save us from the terror Of the fiery pit of hell..
Have mercy, O Lord!

3. In the midst of utter woe When our sins oppress us,
Where shall we for refuge go, Where for grace to bless us?
To Thee, Lord Jesus, only!
Thy precious blood was shed to win
Full atonement for our sin.
Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God!
Lord, preserve and keep us In the peace that faith can give.
Have mercy, O Lord!

LSB614 “As Surely as I Live,” God Said

George W. Briggs

1. “As surely as I live,” God said, “I would not see the sinner dead.
I want him turned from error’s ways, Repentant, living endless days.”
2. And so our Lord gave this command: “Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;
Bestow on all My pard’ning grace Who will repent and mend their ways.
3. “All those whose sins you thus remit I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you will retain Condemned and guilty shall remain.
4. “What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will loose, that shall be free;
To My dear Church the keys are giv’n To open, close the gates of heav’n.”
5. The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.
6. When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.
7. All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.
- △ 8. Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

LSB691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.
2. Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
3. Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

4. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

The Third 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)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),

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

Tiffany Scheurich (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Rachel Wiegman (K-A),

Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),

Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Gary Arrington (PE, AD)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care, especially Marq Rogers, Jerry Seifert
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Mike Carson, Melvia Culpher, Debra Busche, 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, including the families of Alice Padgett & Janice Grim
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Donald Ganaway
- + 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 Third Sunday in Lent. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Donald Ganaway's 82nd birthday by his wife Julie Ganaway and family. 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 23, 2025 thru March 29, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Bauer Hall
MON.	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.	12:00 PM	Administrative Council Meeting	
	2:00 PM	Alice Padgett Funeral (tentative)	Covington Rd McCombs
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Lenten Vespers	Bauer Hall
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SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Bauer Hall

March 30, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Bauer Hall
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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. Michael Bahr will be preaching on Commandments 4 & 5. 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: on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Zion will be taking part in getting an updated Church picture directory. More information will be forthcoming in April.

CLEAN UP: Warmer weather means it’s almost time for spring cleaning at Zion! So please consider helping between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, April 12. We’ll be spreading mulch and sprucing things up inside and out, so bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and anything else you need. Refreshments will be served! Call Kevin Leininger at 615-9896 for more information.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 John 3:16—“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” Last week’s verse was 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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.

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 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. Some of God’s saints hesitate to commit to creating an estate gift for ministry because they say, “What if I need those funds before I die?” As long as the funds remain in your name, you always have access to use them. Yet, your estate plan is in place for things that you don’t use during your earthly life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help explain this. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfind.org.

RLNI: 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.

THE LCMS FOUNDATION has the following opportunities available for employment: Vice President for Investment Services, Gift Processing Support Specialist, Gift Processing Specialist, and a Gift Planning Counselor for the Upper Midwest. Please visit www.lcmsfoundation.org/careers for more information.

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 13:1-9
Mark 9:14-32
Mark 9:33-50
Mark 10:1-12
Mark 10:13-31
Mark 10:32-52
Mark 11:1-19

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Third Sunday in Lent
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Ezekiel 33:7-20
Genesis 29:1-30
Genesis 35:1-29
Genesis 37:1-36
Genesis 39:1-23
Genesis 40:1-23
Genesis 41:1-27

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 12:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Killing Us, that We Might Be Made Alive

Before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. ...

[J]ust as civic confinement or prison is the affliction of the body by which the prisoner is deprived of the use of his body, so the theological prison is the trouble and anxiety of the spirit by which the prisoner is deprived of peace of conscience and quietness of heart. Yet this is not forever, as the reason supposes when it feels this prison, but “until faith should be revealed.” Therefore the heart that has been confined under the Law should be encouraged and comforted this way: “Brother, you have indeed been confined. But you should know that this is not being done so that you will be held in the confinement of this prison forever, for it is written that we are confined until faith should be revealed. Therefore you are being afflicted by this prison, not to do you harm but to re-create you through the Blessed Offspring. You are being killed by the Law in order to be made alive through Christ. Therefore do not despair, as Cain, Saul, and Judas did. They did not get beyond their confinement in this prison, but they remained in the confinement and therefore were driven to despair. You must act differently from them in these terrors of conscience. That is, you must know that it is a benefit to you to be confined and perplexed this way; but you must see to it that you use your confinement correctly, that is, for the sake of the faith to come. For God does not want to trouble you in such a way that you remain in trouble; He does not want to kill you in such a way that you remain in death. I have no pleasure,’ He says through the prophet, ‘in the death of the sinner’ (Ezek. 33:11). But He wants to trouble you so that you may be humbled and may acknowledge that you need the mercy of God and the blessing of Christ.”

Luther's Works, 26:336, 339.

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Lenten Evening Prayer Service

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Sunday, March 23
4:00 p.m.

**Service will be held in
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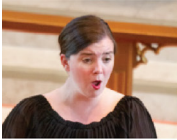
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Sun Nov 10 at 4 pm – Concert I Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne

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, *cornò da tirarsi*
Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*
Luke Conklin, *oboe/oboe d'amore/recorder*

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

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

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

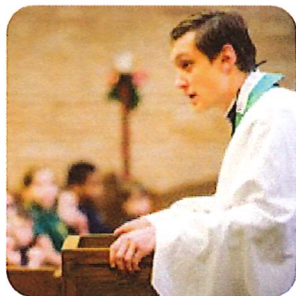


"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

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

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

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



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



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