

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, October 12, 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!*

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

Entrance Hymn To Jordan Came the Christ . . . (LSB 406: st. 5 & 7)



- 1. To His dis - ci - ples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev' - ry na - tion,
- 2. All that the mor - tal eye be - holds Is wa - ter as we pour it.



And bring to them the liv - ing Word And this my in - vi - ta - tion:
Be - fore the eye of faith un - folds The pow'r of Je - sus' mer - it.



Let ev' - ry one a - ban - don sin And come in true con - tri - tion
For here it sees the crim - son flood To all our ills bring heal - ing;



To be bap - tized and there - by win Full par - don and re - mis - sion
The won - ders of His pre - cious blood The love of God re - veal - ing,



And heav'n - ly bliss in - her - it."
As - sur - ing his own par - don.

The Rite of Holy Baptism (The Lutheran Formula of 1526)

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Lutheran Formula of 1526

Izaiah James Scott

*Son of Japhen Jarren Lamont Scott
& Kaitlyn Nicole Eash
Born November 22, 2024*

*Reborn into Christ this Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025*

*Witnesses: Preanda Reese
and
Stephanie Reese*

LSB406 To Jordan Came the Christ

Martin Luther

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5. To His disciples spoke the Lord, “Go out to ev’ry nation,
And bring to them the Living Word And this My invitation:
Let ev’ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”
7. All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,
Assuring his own pardon.

MARTIN LUTHER'S ADMONITION TO THE BAPTISMAL PARTY AND THE CONGREGATION

"In all Christian earnestness I would ask all those who administer baptism, who hold the children, or witness it, to take this wonderful work to heart in all its seriousness. For here, in the words of these prayers, you hear how meekly and earnestly the Christian church concerns herself about the little child and how he confesses before God in plain undoubting words that he is possessed by the devil and is a child of sin and wrath, and prays very diligently for aid and grace through baptism that he becomes a child of God. Remember, therefore, that it is no joke to take sides against the devil and not only to drive him away from the little child, but to burden the child with such a mighty and lifelong enemy. Remember, too, that it is very necessary to aid the poor child with all your heart and strong faith, earnestly to intercede for him that God, in accordance with this prayer, would not only free him from the power of the devil, but also strengthen him, so that he may nobly resist the devil in life and death.

I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal. . . . See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God's Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, "Let us pray," he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God, . . . carrying the little child's need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper . . . to treat the matter with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil's tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God's own children, and brethren of Christ.

Ah, dear Christians, let us not value and administer this unspeakable gift so indolently and indifferently; for baptism is our only comfort and admits to every blessing of God and to the communion of all the saints. To this may God help us! Amen!"

+ THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

[*The baptismal party gathers at the baptismal font
during the Processional Hymn*]

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

+ THE EXORCISM +

[The Lutheran Church retained The Exorcism from the historic baptismal rite because of the Biblical doctrine of original sin. "It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God."]

[*To the candidate*]

*Depart O unclean spirit and make room for the Holy Spirit!
Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your mind ✠ and
upon your heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the
crucified. Amen!*

[To the congregation]

*Let us pray: O Almighty eternal God, who according to Your righteous judgment did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood; and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family; and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of your baptism; and who through the baptism of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away for sins: We pray through Your same boundless mercy that You will graciously behold this **Izaiah James Scott**, and bless him with true faith in his spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in him from Adam, and which he himself has added thereto, may be drowned in him and engulfed, and that he may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom, and serve Your name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers he may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!*

[To the candidate]

*I adjure you, O unclean spirit, by the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit ✠ that you come out of and depart from this servant of Jesus Christ, **Izaiah James Scott**. Amen!*

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

[God does bring blessings to those who are baptized, including infants: "It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him."]

The Holy Gospel of St. Mark Glory be to You, O Lord!

And they were bringing children to [Jesus] that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. [Mark 10:13-16].

This is the Gospel of the Lord!..... Praise be to You, O Christ!

+ THE OUR FATHER and THE BLESSING +

[In Holy Baptism, God is at work. It is a Sacrament, a divine activity, through which He gives His blessing: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."]

[We pray together for God's blessing on the candidates]

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen!

[To the candidate]

The Lord preserve your going out and coming in now and forevermore. Amen!

+ THE CONFESSION OF THE FAITH +

[Baptism is based on the command and promise of Christ, who causes Baptism to bring saving grace to the candidates by the power of the Word: "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."]

[*To the sponsors, the parents, and the congregation*]

Because this candidate cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with witnesses and parents, speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows upon this candidate in and through Baptism:

Do you renounce the devil? I do renounce him!
and all his works? I do renounce them!
and all his ways? I do renounce them!

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Do you desire to be a baptized and forgiven person? I do!

+ THE BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY TRINITY +

[Through Holy Baptism poor sinners are adopted into God's family in the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: "Without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."]

Izaiah James Scott, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

[*To the newly baptized and all the baptized here present*]

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth through water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting! Amen!

Peace be with you! Amen!

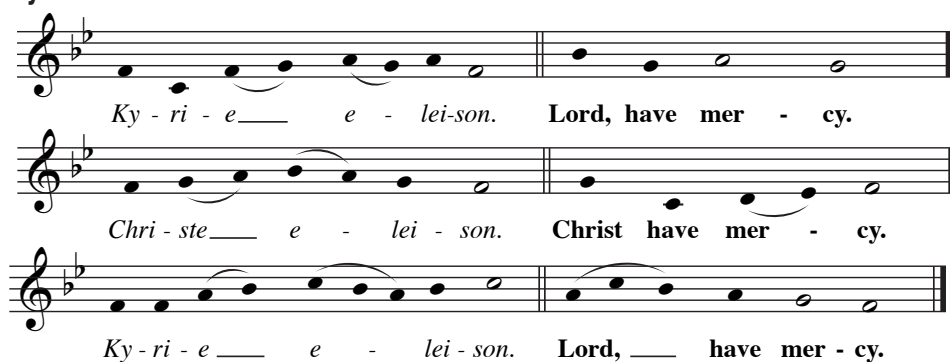
[*The baptismal party returns to the pews*]

+ A FINAL NOTE FOR BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS +

"What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

[Explanatory notes contain quotations from two primary statements of what Lutherans believe, teach and, confess: The Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.]

Kyrie

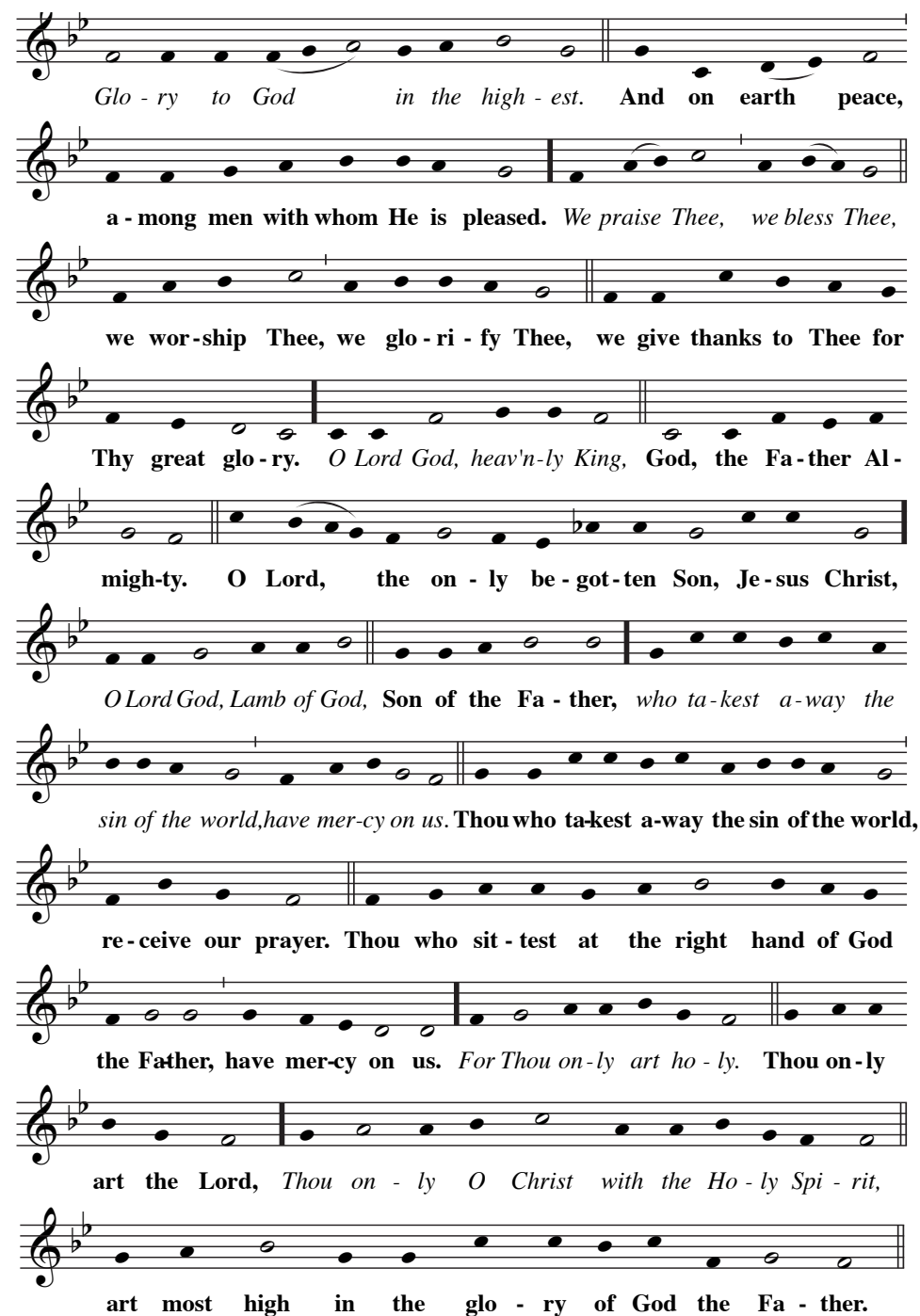


Ky - ri - e — e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chri - ste — e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.

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

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,

a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for

Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa - ther Al -

migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,

re - ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God

the Father, have mer - cy on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly. Thou on - ly

art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading..... Ruth 1:1-19a

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

Epistle of the Day 2 Timothy 2:1-13

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. Alleluia!*



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

Holy Gospel St. Luke 17:11-19

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day Your Hand, O Lord Burgundy Hymn 846

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** **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

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

+ **The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar** +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Common Preface, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:
 Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer**

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

Musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Musical notation for the Words of Institution. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: A - men.

Agnus Dei

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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 If God Himself Be for Me Burgundy Hymn 724

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanzas 3, 5, and 7; Men alone sing stanzas 4, 6, and 8; All sing stanzas 9 & 10.]

O Jesus, Blessed Lord Burgundy Hymn 632

[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

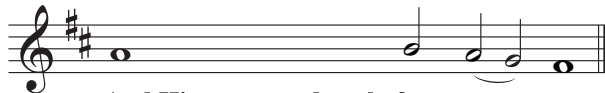
Musical notation for the Post-Communion Canticle. The melody is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word. 2. For mine__ eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people. 3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el. 4. Glo— ry__ be to the Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



A-men, A-men, A - men.

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

Recessional Hymn Thee Will I Love Burgundy Hymn 694

Postlude

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Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Ruth 1:1-19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but

death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

The Epistle is 2 Timothy 2:1-13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

The Gospel is Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Hymns for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

Edward H. Plumptre

1. Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death,
O'er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the mute,
The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery,
The sick with fevered frame.
2. Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain,
As by Gennes'ret's shore.
3. O be our great deliverer still,
O Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise You evermore.

LSB724 If God Himself Be for Me

Paul Gerhardt

1. If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, the head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?
2. I build on this foundation, That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.

- W 3. Christ Jesus is my splendor, My sun, my light, alone;
Were He not my defender Before God's judgment throne,
I never should find favor And mercy in His sight
But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.
- M 4. He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
- W 5. For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
- M 6. Who clings with resolution To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution; For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses Will be his daily bread.
- W 7. From me this is not hidden, Yet am I not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken And ev'rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken And cleave to You alone.
- M 8. No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.
9. No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.
10. My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing..

LSB632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

LSB694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

Johann Scheffler

1. Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;
Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
Thee will I love with all my power,
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine.
2. Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
Who art my best and truest friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever,
For never shall Thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart—Thou my Redeemer art!
3. I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips revealed.
4. O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!
5. Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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:

Nathaniel Demlow, Joshua Fuchs

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),

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

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

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

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our teachers as they start of another academic year, our fieldworkers Nate Demlow and Josh Fuchs
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall & Thaddeus Cody
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care or nearing death, especially Larry Myers, Bob Ockree, Chrys Caragounis
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Estella Ramirez, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Henry Williams Debra Busche, Sarah Hollman, Mike Carson, Frank Jackson, Richard Lammert, Nate Demlow, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Earl Marcel Sisson, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, including Lillian & Kaleb Carter
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially for pregnant mothers Jennifer Wessel, Marie Bahr, Hannah Fink, and Rachel Wiegman
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially Izaiah James Scott
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially the family of Willodean Bates
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Willodean Bates and Helen Pickett
- + 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Helen Pickett by her daughter Karen Coleman and family. The Altar Vases are given in **celebration of the wedding of Lillian & Kaleb Carter, yesterday, October 11, 2025, by Carl & Rosie Albersmeyer.** 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

October 12, 2025 thru October 18, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teen Class	Conference Room
MON.	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	5:30 PM	RLNI Fall Banquet	AC War Memorial Coliseum
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord	Conference Room
	6:00 PM	The Lutheran Foundation Delegate	Parkview Mirro Center
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

October 19, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	LWML Meeting	Office

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz continues today in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Fieldworker Nate Demlow is leading the alternate adult/teenage class, in the Conference Room.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 John 4:2—"By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God." Last week's verse was 1 Peter 3:15.

WELCOME: We welcome into our fellowship today through the waters of Holy Baptism Izaiah James Scott, son of Jay Scott and Kaitlyn Eash (grandson of Brent and Wendy). Another child of God is adopted into His family; another sinner is "sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom."

RLNI: the Fall Banquet is this Tuesday, October 14, at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum with keynote speaker Kirk Cameron! For last minute reservations, see Pastor Bahr. The cost is \$50 per person. If interested, see Pastor Bahr or make your check out to Zion and put RLNI in the memo line.

NEXT SUNDAY, we are privileged to host the Concordia Lutheran High School Orchestra and families at Zion. The orchestra, under the direction of Brandon Eiler, includes our own Magdalena and Katharina Bahr. We look forward to their musical addition to the Divine Service. Principal Patrick Frerking will be here also and will speak briefly during announcements.

CLHS IMPACT EVENTS Concordia Lutheran High School has broken ground for its Project 1 (academic wing) with hopes that Project 2 (auditorium) will also be funded. The public phase of Concordia's capital campaign is seeking \$12 million for that purpose. Concordia is now hosting public impact events in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come. Your attendance and participation will make the difference. Please come! To learn more, please visit cadetsboldstep.org. There you can find the date and location of a public impact event that you might attend by clicking on "Find An Impact Event." Pastor and Marge Punke have made a multi-year financial pledge to these projects for the sake of the continued focus on salvation in Christ Jesus and for the training up of Christ-centered leaders. Pastor encourages you to attend an impact meeting and prayerfully consider giving. You can give online, too, by clicking on "Give to A BOLD STEP."

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. During working years, financial plans are often focused on wealth accumulation. Sometimes estate plans are focused on wealth preservation. However, might it be wise, as Christian stewards of God's gifts, to shift that focus to blessing family and ministry with God's things? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider making this shift. Contact Mark Muehl at mark.muehl@lfn.org or 260-241-4845.

CTSF: October 14th is donation day at the seminary from 8:30AM-1:30PM For over 100 years, women from congregations near and far have collected donations of food and clothing for our students and their families and brought them to the Seminary. We invite you to spend a morning with us on campus. Drop off donations, worship in Kramer Chapel, learn more about how congregations and LWML groups are supporting the work.

RLNI: To equip and inspire new advocates, we hold monthly **Sidewalk Advocacy Trainings at Right to Life**, and our next session will be on: Tuesday, October 21st, 12 Noon until 3 PM. There is a sign up sheet on the round table in the Great Hall.

ST. PETER-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday November 1st from 4:00-7:00pm with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733. Cost is \$15.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, applesauce or homemade coleslaw, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards refurbishing the gym floor.

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 17:11-19

Matthew 12:22-37

Matthew 12:38-50

Matthew 13:1-23

Matthew 13:24-43

Matthew 13:44-58

Matthew 14:1-21

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Ruth 1:1-19a

Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12

Deuteronomy 12:13-32

Deuteronomy 13:1-18

Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22

Deuteronomy 17:1-20

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily] **The Our Father**

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-30

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Sharing in the Blessing Given to God's People

And Lot went with him.

Behold God's marvelous counsel! The promise pertained to Abraham only, not to Lot. Nevertheless, God attaches Lot ... to Abraham as his companion and moves his heart so that he wants to go into exile with his uncle rather than remain in his native country among the idolaters. This is because the promise given to Abraham stated not only that Abraham would be blessed with his descendants, but also that he himself would be a blessing, that is, that through him others would become partakers of the blessing, even though the promise did not properly pertain to them.

In the Holy Scriptures there are many historical accounts that show similar examples. The king of Egypt did not belong to the holy people; yet when he embraced the religion of Joseph, he was made a partaker of the promise, or the blessing. ... Not only was their success extraordinary — for the Lord blessed their rule because of their religion — but through faith they became partakers of the eternal blessing as well.

Today, too, it happens that those who do not have the Gospel, nevertheless share in our blessing and enjoy the peace that the Lord grants His churches because of the Word, because they share our life, that is, because they dwell together with us and we among them. For God is rich in mercy and wants most men to enjoy His gifts. Therefore He adds companions in blessing, just as Ruth, who was a daughter of Lot, says to her mother-in-law (Ruth 1:16): "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." That is: "Even though I am not of your people, your God will not cast me aside, He will take care of me and will grant that I shall not live as a widow."

Luther's Works, 2:275-6.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL BE
HOLDING IT'S ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT?

OCTOBER 25, 2025,

3:00 PM UNTIL 5 PM

Could you spare a couple hours? Can you to help
pass out candy? Can you help with pass out
snacks?

if so please contact Melvia

Lutheran South Unity School Benefit Dinner

November 1, 2025

5:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church

2313 S. Hanna St.

Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Cost: \$50 per person

Make checks payable to LSUS

5401 S. Calhoun St.

Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Theme: Rise Up & Soar

Isaiah 40:28-31

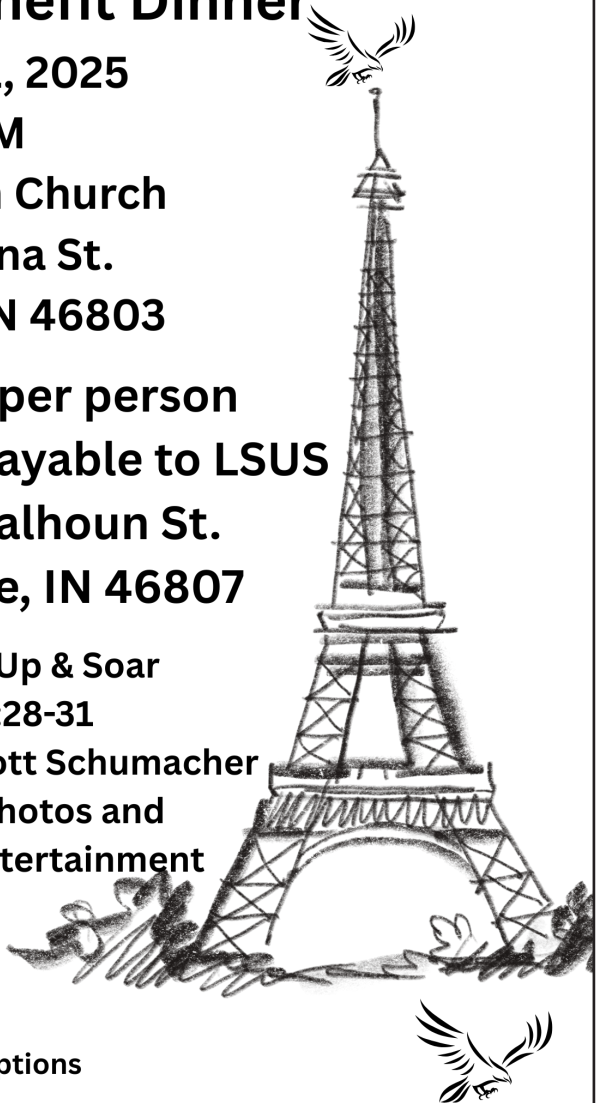
Guest Speaker: Scott Schumacher

Live music, Photos and

Eye-catching entertainment

Menu: Italian

gluten free and vegan options



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

A'Mara	Josue
Diana	Kali
Eliza	Kaylen
BillyBlessing	Lizzy
Anyla	Mr. Fink
Paislee	Nurse Beverly



LSUS Athletes Shine in FW Lutheran Football!

Lutheran football is full of excitement this fall, and our LSUS athletes—along with other area Lutheran school students—are making us proud! The 6th grade team is charging ahead with an impressive 4–1 record, while our JV team is bringing the energy at 2–1. Varsity has battled their way to 4–4, showing heart and determination every game. We're also excited that our very own Jovan Antoine is part of the coaching staff, helping lead and inspire these athletes. Way to go, Cadets—keep playing with pride!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

— Psalms 139:5-6



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LSUS Harvest Festival

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NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Lutheran South Unity
5401 South Calhoun St, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

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Email us at epearson@lsusfw.org or call us at 260-744-0459 more details.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Mark your calendars! Our Community Harvest Fest is coming up on November 15th, and we need your help to make it a success.

We are looking for:

- **Donations** of harvest/fall décor.
- **Volunteers** to help on event day.

If your family owns a business and would like to be an event sponsor, please reach out to Courtney or Erica Pearson for more details.



OCTOBER EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE | INSTAGRAM: THEBRIDGE2030

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OCT 2025

DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "PURSUING GOD DAILY"
WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES

7 PM THE GARDEN
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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OCT 2025

MEETUP - KEKIONGA CRAFT COMPANY

HANG OUT INSIDE OR ON THEIR LIT UP PATIO AND
SIP ON THEIR SEASONAL HARD CIDERS!

7-9 PM 7328 MAYSVILLE ROAD
FORT WAYNE

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OCT 2025

THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

7 PM HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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OCT 2025

COSTUME PARTY & PUMPKIN CARVING

COME IN COSTUME & BRING A PUMPKIN TO CARVE.

7 PM THE GARDEN
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